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Free File Now Available to Majority of Taxpayers

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, March 7, 2010 - The Federation of American Consumers and Travelers (FACT) has reported to its members that a service called "Free File" is now available from the Internal Revenue Service and its private-sector partners.

FACT says that taxpayers must go through www.IRS.gov homepage or www.IRS.gov/freefile to access the program.

Free File provides free federal income tax preparation and electronic filing for eligible taxpayers through a partnership between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Free File Alliance LLC, a group of approximately 20 private sector tax software companies.

Free File comes in two formats: (1) Traditional Free File, which is available to taxpayers who meet specific criteria, and (2) Free File Fillable Forms, which is available to almost all taxpayers.

Traditional Free File can help taxpayers identify new tax credits or deductions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for which they may be eligible.

Eligibility criteria vary from one private-sector company to another, and generally are based on state residency, age, income and/or military service.

Taxpayers either can read company offers by clicking "I Will Choose a Company" or get assistance in making the selection by clicking "Help Me Find a Company." With a little information, the tool will display those company offers for which taxpayers may be eligible.

Free File is available 24-hours a day through April 15. For taxpayers who request an extension to file their federal returns, Free File will be available through October 15.

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