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TRIP News

Tax Refund Interception Program

Maximize your collection efforts
through TRIP

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Implementation Date is Set

On August 14, 2006, the new TRIP system will be live and the old system will be inactivated. The new system's user guide is available on our internet page so that you can become familiar with the layout and file formats that are available in the new system.

For a refresher about application features and access rights refer to the January 1, 2006 issue of TRIP News. All back copies of this news letter are available on the TRIP webpage.

Let us know your WAMS ID

Many of our partners in the TRIP program have already passed on their WAMS ID to Fred Bahr; however there are still some who have not. Failure to provide this information will result in delays in accessing the new system.

Once you obtain your WAMS ID, please send your current Z logon ID and your new WAMS ID to Fred Bahr via e-mail at fbahr@dor.state.wi.us. This will enable

a smooth conversion from your current access privileges to the new system prior to implementation and allow you uninterrupted access to TRIP.

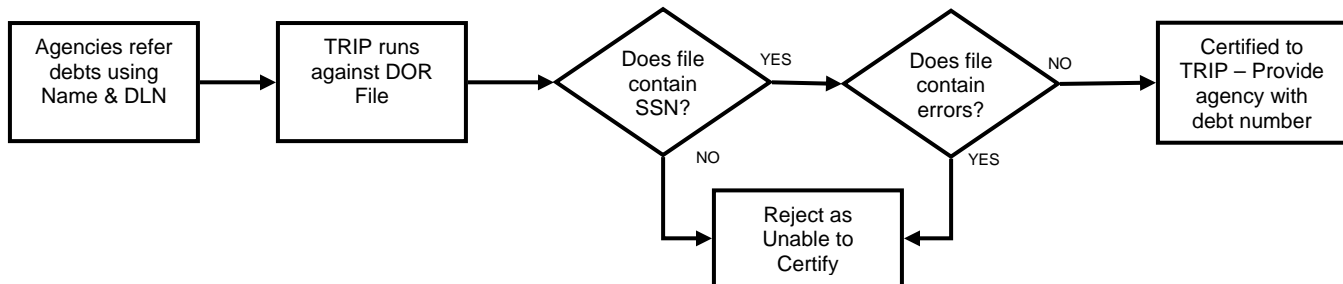
Have you obtained your WAMS ID?

The DOR TRIP webpage is featuring a short video explaining how to register for your WAMS ID.

Use of Driver's License Numbers

You will have the option of identifying debtors by name and driver's license number (DLN) in the new TRIP system. The Department of Transportation will provide a file to DOR for matching purposes.

DLN Certification Process



Use either the new "File Maintenance" worksheet found in the new TRIP system, or use the expanded file format when sending text files through the "Send File" page. The new User Guide has detailed process information and is available on DOR's TRIP page: www.dor.state.wi.us/ise/trip/index.html

Confidentiality provisions do not allow us to share Social Security Numbers obtained through this process. All files exchanged between DOR and your agency for these records will contain the DLN as the primary identifier.

Administrative Fee Refunds

As reported earlier, 2005 Act 59 shifted the program's administrative fee from you, the agencies, to the debtor effective April 1, 2006. DOR currently charges a flat \$5.00 fee for each debt that is setoff by a refund.

In situations where your agency entered erroneous identification information to the system or your agency refunded the entire amount of the setoff as an overpayment, you are also responsible for refunding DOR's administrative fees to the debtor.

Coming Soon...Certifying a Business Debt

The new TRIP system is designed to accept business-related debts where the debtor is identified by the legal business name and their Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). DOR is working on developing an interface with our Corporation Tax System to capture corporate tax refunds. Although you will see this feature in the new TRIP system, we are asking that you refrain from using it until further notice.

The target implementation time frame is mid November 2006.

Safeguarding Taxpayer Information

This program requires that state agencies and local governments exchange sensitive taxpayer information in order to achieve a debt match with Department of Revenue tax records.

We would like to remind our partners of the importance of keeping this information confidential. Make sure safeguards are in place to ensure that personal and financial information is kept confidential. Unauthorized disclosure or inspection of taxpayer information is a crime.

The TRIP Web-page - The TRIP web-page has a new look, placing all information pertaining to the TRIP program in one place for easier navigation. Make sure to save this page to your favorites:
www.dor.state.wi.us/ise/trip/index.html

The TRIP Listserv - Be among the first to receive TRIP News! Sign up to receive electronic notifications at www.dor.state.wi.us/html/lists.html. We will be sending reminders to check out the latest edition of the TRIP News as well as program specific information.

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Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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Past issues of TRIP News are available on the DOR Internet at:
www.dor.state.wi.us/ise/trip/index.html

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<i>April 2005</i>	WAMS logon protocol
<i>July 2005</i>	New reports and access information
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