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Legislative Update

Tribal Setoff: The newest partners authorized to submit debts for setoff are federally recognized tribes located in Wisconsin. Tribes will be able to submit individual debts owed to the tribe for the interception of individual income tax credits certified for refund. The legislation was included in the recently passed budget bill. We are updating the agency setoff system to accept debts from tribes, and will be working with the tribes to establish memorandums of understanding in the near future.

Lottery Fee: Lottery prize winnings are eligible for interception to debts certified for setoff by State Agencies. The fee for lottery interception is billed back to the State Agencies. A recent law change has authorized the Department of Revenue to pass the administrative fee to the debtor. This change will be implemented in January 2008.

Business Related Debts

The ability to refer business-related debts by submitting the FEIN and Organization Name will soon be available in the Agency Setoff program. The FEIN feature will allow a debt to be submitted for setoff using one of the approved file formats.

FEIN stands for Federal Employer Identification Number. A FEIN number is assigned to sole proprietors, corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, estates, trusts and other entities for tax filing and reporting purposes. Business tax credits that are certified for refund will be available for setoff to debts owed to state agencies, counties and municipalities.

- TRIP users should refer to the User Manual for the expanded file format found at: http://www.revenue.wi.gov/ise/trip/index.html.

- Mainframe Users should contact Matt Yeakey at trip@revenue.wi.gov for the expanded file format.

- CCAP Users should contact their CCAP support at 1-800-422-7137 for more information.

The file layouts use different fields for the FEIN number and the SSN number with the intention of keeping these two fields separate. An SSN is submitted using the last and first name fields, whereas a FEIN will only be accepted with an organization or business name (ORG Name) field. If an individual is operating a business and has an SSN and a FEIN, then you would submit two records in your file as follows:

Record #1: FEIN #: ** - *******   ORG Name: **John Q Business**

Record #2: SSN #: *** - ** - ****   First Name: **John**   Last Name: **Business**

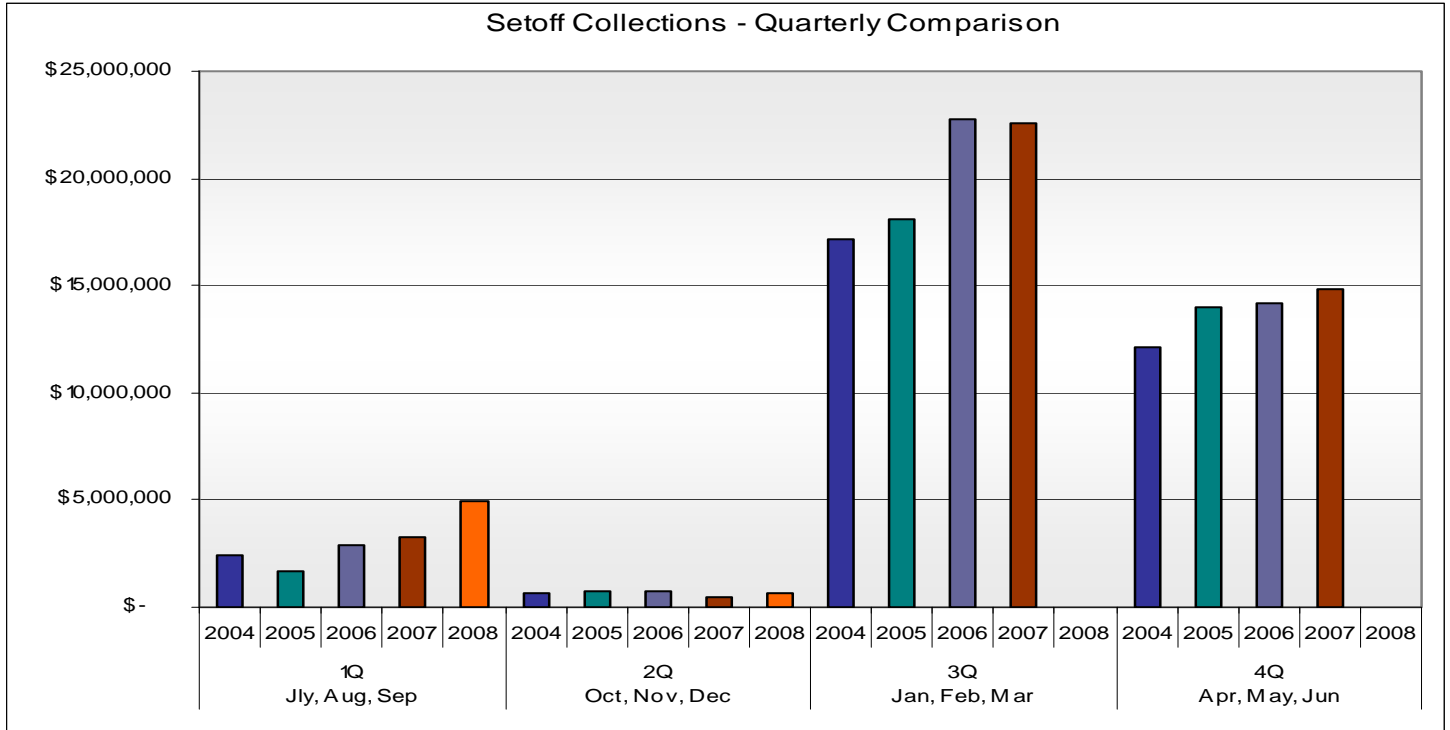## Business Related Debts – FEIN Matching Process

Matching rules will be different for business debts that are referred by FEIN. Businesses operate under legal names, trade names and often abbreviated names. For this reason we have added some flexibility to the matching process. In some cases, we will pass organization name information from our integrated tax processing system (WINPAS) to your agency. Refer to the table below for matching rules:

NOTE: Since we are matching on FEIN alone, in some of these scenarios you will have to verify the names to make sure that the match is the same entity that holds the debt with your agency.	

Matching Process	Processing Description
	Definitions: Agency ORG Name – the name you submit with file maintenance. **WINPAS ORG Name –** the legal name as it appears on tax returns. **Setoff System Name –** the official name of record used by the agency setoff system.
The FEIN does NOT match either WINPAS or the Setoff System	The FEIN is unknown to DOR; the debt will be set up with the Agency ORG Name as the Setoff System Name.
	An accepted record is returned with the Agency ORG Name in the Organization Name field located in position 100 of the expanded format.
The FEIN matches a FEIN on the WINPAS system and does not match a FEIN in the Setoff System.	The debt will be set up using the WINPAS ORG Name as the Setoff System Name.
	If there is an exact match on the name between the WINPAS ORG Name and the Agency ORG Name, then an accepted record will be returned with the Agency ORG Name in the Organization Name field (position 100 of the expanded format).
	If there is NOT an exact match on the name between the WINPAS ORG Name and the Agency ORG Name, then an accepted record will be returned with the WINPAS ORG Name in the position 130 of the expanded format. This data occupies the Second Last Name, Space and Second First Name fields which total 30 characters. When data is returned in positions 130 through 159, agencies are responsible for checking and resolving the name discrepancy within their own systems.
The FEIN matches a FEIN on both the WINPAS system and the Setoff System	The debt will be set up as follows:
	If there is an exact match on the name between the Setoff System Name and the Agency ORG Name, then an accepted record will be returned with the Agency ORG Name in the Organization Name field (position 100 of the expanded format).
	If there is NOT an exact match on the name between the Setoff System Name and the Agency ORG Name, then an accepted record will be returned with the Setoff System Name in the position 130 of the expanded format. This data occupies the Second Last Name, Space and Second First Name fields which total 30 characters. When data is returned in positions 130 through 159, agencies are responsible for checking and resolving the name discrepancy within their own systems.
The FEIN does not match a FEIN on the WINPAS system but does match a FEIN on the Setoff System.	The debt will be set up under the existing Setoff System Name.
	If there is an exact match on the name between the Agency Org Name and the Setoff System Name, then an accepted record will be returned with the Agency ORG Name in the Organization Name field (position 100 of the expanded format).
	If there is NOT an exact match on the name between the Agency Org Name and the Setoff System Name, then an accepted record will be returned with the Setoff System Name in the position 130 of the expanded format. This data occupies the Second Last Name, Space and Second First Name fields which total 30 characters. When data is returned in positions 130 through 159, agencies are responsible for checking and resolving the name discrepancy within their own systems.

Collections by Quarter

We are off to a good start with 2008 collections. The chart below represents collections through 10/31/07.

Setoff Collections - Quarterly Comparison

Spring 2008 Training

Are you interested in learning more about the agency setoff program? We have had some of our users request a training session. Suggested topics include: Evolution of the Interception Program, Setoff System Processing, Matching Rules for Individual and Business, and TRIP Application Training. Please send an email to Susan Dukes at susan.dukes@revenue.wi.gov if you are interested in attending a spring session with any ideas for topics you feel would be of interest.

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