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New Jersey Taxpayers are E-Filing at a Record Pace

TRENTON – New Jerseyans are enjoying the speed and convenience of electronic filing in record numbers this tax season, submitting 200,000 more E-Filed returns for the 2013 tax year through April 16 than they did a year ago.

The State received 3.3 million electronic filings for 2013, up about 6.5 percent, compared with 3.1 million during the same period in 2012. The number of paper filings was down by a corresponding 200,000 returns.

The Treasury Department made a concerted effort to encourage more E-Filings by taxpayers this year, using public service announcements and online videos to explain the merits of filing and paying taxes electronically.

As a result, 83 percent of New Jersey taxpayers through April 16 filed electronically, up from 75 percent a year ago.

Throughout the filing season, State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff and Division of Taxation Director Mike Bryan urged New Jersey taxpayers to switch from paper to file their returns electronically.

“We are pleased that 2014 has been the year that taxpayers kicked the paper habit in a meaningful way,” the Treasurer said. “You help us serve you better by preparing and filing your federal and State income tax returns electronically instead of handwriting and mailing in paper forms.”

The Treasurer noted that e-filed returns can be processed faster than paper returns and with fewer chances of error, which means any refunds a taxpayer is due can be delivered faster as well. He also pointed out that returns prepared using tax software are less likely to have errors because of built-in checks and filters, and when returns are e-filed, taxpayers get an immediate receipt acknowledging they have been delivered.

For those who have requested an extension on filing their 2013 returns, "E-Filing is easier, more reliable and faster," Sidamon-Eristoff said. "Those are a lot of good reasons to make the switch and e-file in 2014."

Taxation Director Bryan said taxpayers have been using NJ WebFile, a free option, to prepare and file their state tax returns electronically. NJ WebFile can be accessed through a link on the Division's webpage:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/>

"If you have a fairly standard return, without multiple deductions or sources of income, NJ WebFile should work fine for you," Bryan said.

The Treasurer and Director Bryan's tax season video messages can be viewed on the Division's YouTube channel at the links below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BRw1ERq97s&feature=youtu.be>

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