

Electronic Commerce Subcommittee

The Electronic Commerce Subcommittee promotes point 6 of the 11 Point Plan.

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Working Groups

The working groups have successfully focused efforts on ongoing issues. Many of the groups are challenged with obtaining and maintaining active participants. But the groups continue to provide the output needed to support the full subcommittee.

The current working groups and their team leaders are:

- XML Schema for Motor Fuel – Stan Whaley, Florida
- EC Survey (Planning, Implementation and Evaluation) – Ray Rhoads, Kansas
- EDI/EC Implementation Review – Traci Bullock, South Carolina
 - Maintains the FTA EDI Guide
 - Reviews and approves state EDI implementation guides

More participation is needed in each of the working groups. Contact any team leader to join a working group.

ExSTARS Data

The EC Subcommittee continues working to ensure that the FTA and IRS - ExSTARS EDI guides are in sync. The September 2011 EDI Guide deviates from the current ExSTARS guide by the reporting of County information. States interested in implementing the ExSTARS fully compliant version should implement the September 2003 map. The ExSTARS guide will incorporate the county reporting information with the next revision.

State's use of ExSTARS data

States are encouraged to review terminal reports through the ExSTARS database. The EC Subcommittee formed an ExSTARS user group to determine the most efficient use of the detail provided through ExSTARS reporting. State participants represent Kansas, Colorado, and Mississippi. The IRS and Industry will work with the participating states to review the 4030 data coming from ExSTARS as questions or issues arise. We anticipate an interactive review and updates at future meetings. The last update on ExSTARS data still indicates the majority of the reported terminal data to the IRS is stored under the 826 Files (marked IRS Confidential) rather than 813 Files (state confidential disclosure rules) for our sample states. Due to a majority of the files continuing to be 826, the review is now limited to a 'count' of files by type for statistical tracking purposes.

Annual Electronic Commerce Survey

Each year the Electronic Commerce Survey provides beneficial information on each state's point of taxation, electronic filing implementation processes, training needs and much more. The survey results include maps and detailed responses, and are available by contacting Doug Arndt of the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner's office at (701) 328-2050 or darndt@nd.gov.

XML Standards

The XML committee continues to work closely with TIGERS to ensure compliance to the national standards and also to create a XML Implementation Guide. Several states submitted their XML schema's for review and approval this fiscal year. We have approved the State of Georgia and Florida for XML this year.

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements throughout the states. Several states submitted their e-file guides for review and comment and we were able to approve two states guides in the last year. States that do not meet the FTA requirements are asked to include a footnote at the beginning of their guide to indicate the differences.

Motor Fuel E-filing guide

Minor revisions were made this year to the guide. In 2013 we completely revised the guide to include an XML section and made other updates to all other sections of this guide. This year there has not been any major revisions to the guide.

Joint Efforts

The EC and Forms Subcommittees continued holding joint meetings to ensure states can efficiently implement uniform forms and electronic filing. The two subcommittees have worked diligently with states as they implement uniform forms and uniform electronic filing.

For further information regarding committee activities or for further assistance, contact the co-chairs of the Electronic Commerce Subcommittee:

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