

Informed Consent

As part of a research study for the IRS Estate & Gift Tax Program, Macro International is conducting this focus group to obtain your feedback on the examination process in order to make improvements.

If you decide to participate in the focus group, here are some things you should know:

- Your participation is totally voluntary.
- Participation in the focus group poses minimal risks to you. You may feel uncomfortable expressing your opinions and ideas during the focus group. You can choose to not to answer any questions you do not want to answer. If you would like more information or would like to talk to someone about the topics, please let us know.
- Your name will not be used in any reports about this focus group. We will be taking notes during the focus group about what was said so that we can report back to our client.
- You will receive a monetary stipend to compensate you for your time.
- You may discontinue participation at any time, either by leaving the focus group or not answering a question, without penalty or loss of benefits.
- Any questions you have about this focus group and the study will be answered before we begin our discussion. Contact information is provided below for any questions that arise after your participation.
- The focus group will last approximately 1 ½ hours.

Contact information: If you have any questions or concerns about your participation in this focus group or have any questions about the study, please contact the project manager, Sherri Settle, at 301-572-0342.

By signing this document you understand the above and agree to participate in this group.

Print your name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

