

2009 1120/1120S e-file Customer Satisfaction Survey

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INTRO, SCREENING & CORRECT RESPONDENT

INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THIS ORGANIZATION WITH:

Hello, my name is_______of Russell Research in New York, an independent national survey research firm. The Internal Revenue Service has asked us to contact senior executives for their opinions about filing of Federal business taxes and tax forms. May I speak with the senior-most person responsible for deciding how this organization's Federal tax forms are filed? This survey is voluntary and will take about 15 minutes to complete. (AFTER REACHING THIS PERSON, CONTINUE WITH...)

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS FROM AN 1120 LIST OR MARKED AS 1120, READ "1120" WORDING. IF FROM A LIST OR MARKED AS 1120S, THEN READ "1120S" WORDING.

A. The IRS has asked us to get your organization's opinions about Federal Tax Form (1120, the U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return) (1120S, the U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation). First, <u>who decides how</u> your organization's (Form 1120)(Form 1120S) is filed? Is it... (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

В.	And <u>who actually prepares</u> your organiza Is it (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)		
	You personally (ASK Q's C-D-E-F-G AND THEN SKIP TO Q")	")	.124
	Other executives/personnel within organization (ASK	C-D-E-F, THEN SKIP TO Q.H FOR REFERRAL TO PREPAR	ER) 2
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D.	What is the primary type of industry in (RECORD BELOW.)	which your organization operates?	28 zip 20-27
	(USE CENSUS NAICS CODES FOR CLASSIFICATION)		29
Ε.	Which of the following best describes yo 2008? (READ & CIRCLE ONE.)	our <u>organization's total revenues</u> for	30
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F. And what is your title? (RECORD ANSWER VERBATIM.)

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IF CURRENT RESPONDENT IS ALSO THE ACTUAL PREPARER OF FORM 1120/1120S (IN Q. "B"), READ "G" NEXT. G. You mentioned that you personally prepare your organization's Form (1120) (1120S). I'd like to get your opinions on the preparation and filing of this form. This survey is voluntary and should take only about 15 minutes. Would you be willing to participate in the survey? (IF "YES", CONTINUE WITH Q "J". IF "NO", TERM, TALLY & SEE SUPERVISOR.)

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Refused.....7

IF THE PREPARER IS SOMEONE ELSE IN THE ORGANIZATION (IN Q. "B"), SECURE REFERRAL AS FOLLOWS...

н. You mentioned earlier that someone else in your organization actually prepares Federal Tax Form (1120, the U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return) (1120S, the U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation). The IRS would like to know what the actual experience of preparing and filing Form (1120) (1120S) is like. Would you kindly refer me to the person in this organization who prepares the return so that I can speak with them about that experience? (GET REFERRAL, CALL THAT PERSON AND CONSIDER THEM TO BE YOUR FINAL RESPONDENT FOR THIS ORGANIZATION, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND CONTINUE WITH...) Hello, I'm (INTERVIEWER NAME) of Russell Research in New York, an independent national survey research firm. The Internal Revenue Service has asked us to conduct a survey about the preparation and filing of Federal Tax Form (1120, the U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return) (1120S, the U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Mr./Ms. (NAME OF FIRST RESPONDENT) told me that you're the person who Corporation). actually prepares your corporation's return. Would you be willing to take 15 minutes to participate in this voluntary survey? (IF "YES", GO TO Q. "J" & CONTINUE. IF "NO", TERM, TALLY & SEE SUPERVISOR.)

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IF THE PREPARER IS AN OUTSIDE TAX PRO, ACCOUNTANT, OR CPA (Q. "B"), SECURE REFERRAL AS FOLLOWS... You mentioned earlier that an outside tax professional, accountant, or CPA I. actually prepares your organization's Federal Tax Form (1120, the U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return) (1120S, the U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation). The IRS would like to know what the actual experience of preparing and filing this form is like. Would you kindly refer me to that outside person who prepares the form so that I can speak with them about that experience? (GET REFERRAL. THEN CALL THAT PERSON AND CONSIDER THEM TO BE YOUR FINAL RESPONDENT FOR THIS ORGANIZATION, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND CONTINUE WITH ...) Hello, I'm (INTERVIEWER NAME) of Russell Research in New York, an independent national survey research firm. The Internal Revenue Service has asked us to conduct a survey about the preparation and filing of Federal Tax Form (1120, the U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return) (1120S, the U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Mr./Ms. (NAME OF FIRST RESPONDENT) of (NAME OF REFERRING ORGANIZATION) told Corporation). me that you're the person who actually prepares this form for that organization. Would you be willing to take 15 minutes to participate in this voluntary survey? (IF "YES", GO TO Q. "J" & CONTINUE. IF "NO", THANK, TERM, TALLY & SEE SUPERVISOR.)

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INTERVIEWER: THE LISTS ALONG WITH Q "J" BELOW WILL DETERMINE WHICH SECTIONS OF SURVEY ARE ASKED OF RESPONDENTS. IF COMPANY IN QUESTION CAME FROM "1120 *e-file* USERS" LIST or "1120S *e-file* USERS LIST, THEN RESPONDENT <u>MUST BE ASKED</u> THE APPROPRIATE "USER" SECTION – "NON-MANDATED USERS" OR "MANDATED USERS" (DEPENDING ON RESPONSE TO Q "J").

IF COMPANY IN QUESTION CAME FROM A "1120 NON-USERS" or "1120S NON-USERS" LISTS, RESPONDENT MUST BE ASKED Q "J" FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES – BUT THEN CONTINUED INTO THE "NON-USER" SECTION.

NOTE THAT THE LAST SECTION OF THE SURVEY IS ASKED OF BOTH "USERS" AND "NON-USERS".

NOTE: FOR REMAINDER OF INTERVIEW, THE TERM "ORGANIZATION NAME" AND "YOUR CLIENT" REFERS TO THE NAME OF THE TAXPAYER COMPANY ON THE LIST - THE COMPANY YOU CALLED INITIALLY. IF YOU ARE SPEAKING WITH AN OUTSIDE PREPARER, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO CONFUSE THE NAME OF THE OUTSIDE FIRM WITH THE NAME OF THE COMPANY YOU CALLED INITIALLY.

J. As you may know, IRS regulations require certain corporations to electronically file their Forms 1120 or 1120S - if they <u>file 250 returns per year</u> (including employment returns and employee information returns) <u>and</u> have <u>total assets of</u> <u>\$10 million or more</u>. Is your company (IF OUTSIDE PREPARER: Is your client's company) one that falls under the legislative requirement to *e-file* (Form 1120) (Form 1120S)? (CIRCLE RESPONSE & FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.)

IF Yes...AND...

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IMPORTANT NOTE: THE LIST USED IN AUGMENTING MANDATED USERS (WE'RE NOT AUGMENTING MANDATED NON-USERS, SINCE THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE FEW IN NUMBER) WILL CONTAIN ONLY FIRMS THAT <u>MAY BE MANDATED</u>, BUT WE WON'T KNOW IF THEY ACTUALLY ARE MANDATED. Q "J" WILL DETERMINE IF THEY ARE, BUT WE WILL STILL NOT KNOW IF THEY ARE "MANDATED <u>USERS</u>" OR "MANDATED <u>NON-USERS</u>" - <u>UNLESS THE IRS LIST FOR THE AUGMENT</u> CAN BE CROSS-MATCHED AGAINST THE USER AND NON-USER LISTS, AND THEN FILTERED TO INCLUDE O-N-L-Y POTENTIALLY MANDATED "USERS" OF 1120/1120s e-file. <u>IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE</u>, THEN WE WILL HAVE TO <u>ADD THE FOLLOWING</u>

J-1. You say your company (IF OUTSIDE PREPARER: your client's company) is one that falls under the legislative requirement to e-file (Form 1120) (Form 1120S). Did the company <u>electronically</u> file its (Form 1120) (Form 1120S) for the tax year ending on or after <u>December 31, 2007</u> - in other words, the Form you filed <u>during 2008</u>? (CIRCLE RESPONSE & FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.)

> Yes (CONTINUE WITH THE "MANDATED USER" SECTION AND COUNT TOWARD YOUR AUGMENT TOTAL) 139

No (THANK RESPONDENT FOR THEIR TIME, **TERMINATE INTERVIEW AND TALLY CAREFULLY**)......2

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MANDATED USER SECTION

- READ: From our previous questions and records, we see your company (your client's company) is classified as one that is subject to the electronic filing requirement and that the company did indeed e-file or electronically file its Form (1120) (1120S) for the tax year ending on or after December 31, 2007. The IRS is trying to improve the process of electronically filing a number of its business tax filing products and services and your input on electronic filing of Form (1120) (1120S) will help them focus their efforts on these Federal business tax forms. Let me ask you a few questions about e-filing Form (1120) (1120S) for (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME). And for the purposes of this survey, we'd like you to think only of the (1120) (1120S) that your (your client's) company e-filed for the tax year ending on or after December 31, 2007 again, that's the Form you filed during 2008.
- M-1. <u>Which form did the company file for that tax year</u>? Was it 1120 or 1120S? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

THIS QUESTION NOT ASKED OF MANDATED USERS. WE WILL	11201 112052	00
KNOW WHICH FORM THEY USED FROM THE LIST TYPE. ASKING THE QUESTION MAY CONFUSE	(IF "DON'T KNOW", ASK:) Is the company an S Corporation or not? IF "YES, AN S CORPORATION", CIRCLE "1120S" ABOVE. IF NO, NOT AN S CORPORATION, CIRCLE "1120" ABOVE.)	
M-2. Was this the <u>first time</u> t (1120) (1120S)? (CIRCLE ANSW		
	Yes1	00
	No2	
	(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refusedy	
ANSWER.)	the return to the IRS? Did you(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE	
	eturn Directly To The IRS1	00
	rty Online Provider To Transmit The Return2	
Use A Third-Pa	rty Transmitter Such As A Software Vendor	
Or Use A Third	Party ERO/Electronic Return Originator To Transmit The Return4	
(DON'T READ, BI	JT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refusedy	
IF "TRANSMIT(TED) THE RETURN DIRECTLY	TO THE IRS" IN M-3, ASK:	
M-4. Where did you get inform	nation concerning how to transmit directly to the IRS?	

Did you get this information from...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWER.)

The IRS's Website, irs.gov	100
Vendor Webcasts Or Webinars	2
IRS Publications	3
Or From Some Other Source (SPECIFY)	4
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	у

ASK ALL:

M-5. Overall, <u>how satisfied are you with e-file</u> as a method of filing your (your client's) corporate return? Would you say you are... (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Satisfied	.4	00
Somewhat Satisfied	. 3	
Somewhat Dissatisfied	.2	
Or Very Dissatisfied	.1	
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	.у	

M-6. What <u>specifically makes you say that</u>? (ENTER RESPONSES <u>VERBATIM</u> BELOW & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

WHEN PROBING, ASK RESPONDENT TO BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT STOP AT GENERAL ANSWERS.

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M-7. In your opinion, can *e-file* be <u>improved</u> as a method of filing Form (1120) (1120S)? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

M-8. (IF "YES" TO M-7, ASK...) In what <u>specific ways</u> <u>can it be improved</u>? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

ASK ALL:

M-9. <u>Would you recommend e-filing</u> as a method of filing Form (1120) (1120S)? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

ASK ALL:

M-10. Please rate <u>how satisfied you are with</u> Form (1120) (11205) e-file <u>in terms of</u> <u>each of the following characteristics</u>. For each characteristic, please tell me if you were "very satisfied", "somewhat satisfied", "somewhat dissatisfied", or "very dissatisfied". Let's start with...(START AT PRE-CHECK, READ CHARACTERISTIC, CIRCLE RATING AND THEN CONTINUE UNTIL THIS METHOD HAS BEEN RATED ON ALL CHARACTERISTICS.) (NOTE: DO NOT OFFER "DON'T KNOW"/"CAN'T SAY" AS A CHOICE BUT CIRCLE IT IF RESPONDENT CANNOT RATE THE CHARACTERISTIC.)

Very Satisfied	Some- what <u>Satisfied</u>	Some- what <u>Dissatisfied</u>	Very Dissatisfied	DK/ <u>Can't Say</u>	
Compared to paper filing of Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being a time-saver for you4	3	2	1	У	00
Being a more accurate way to file Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being a private and secure way to file Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being an inexpensive method of filing Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being easy to use, with little hassle4	3	2	1	У	00
Being paperless4	3	2	1	У	00
Being easy to learn4	3	2	1	У	00
Reducing filing and transcription errors4	3	2	1	У	00
Allowing the necessary schedules and attachments4	3	2	1	У	00
Providing fast acknowledgment of receipt of Form (1120) (1120S)	4	3	2	1	У
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Providing easy-to-use signature options – either scanning a signature into a PDF file or a PIN Number4	3	2	1	У	00
Paying the balance due electronically with the return4	3	2	1	У	00
Taking away the worry you have about filing this Form4	3	2	1	У	00
Making tax filing easier4	3	2	1	У	00
Being the most convenient way to file this Form4	3	2	1	У	00
Being easy to understand what caused a rejected return4	3	2	1	У	00
Having a clear, understandable process for correcting rejected returns4	3	2	1	У	00

PAGE 6 MANDATED USERS

IF "YES" TO M-2, ASK M-11. OTHERWISE, SKIP TO M-12. M-11. You mentioned earlier that this was your (your client's) corporation's first year for electronic filing of Form (1120) (1120S). What, if anything, did you have to do differently this year in order to e-file this return? (ENTER VERBATIM & PROBE.) (PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____ ASK ALL: M-12. Did you accelerate the planned filing date due to the requirement to electronically file? (CIRCLE ANSWER.) Yes......1 ...00 No...... 2 (DON'T READ...) Don't Recall/Refused......y M-13. Do you plan to e-file your (your client's) Form (1120) (1120S) earlier the next time you file it? (CIRCLE ANSWER.) Yes.....1 ...00 No..... 2 (DON'T READ...) Don't Recall/Refused......y M-14. How did you first learn about the Treasury Directive that required certain corporations to e-file? Was it through...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.) A Software Company.....1 ...00 At A Trade Show...... 2 At An IRS Trade Show.....7 A Commissioner's Letter to Tax Managers......9 Or. From Some Other Source (SPECIFY)_______x (DON'T READ...) Don't Know/Refused......y M-15. Did IRS provide adequate directions and information to guide you in the procedures for e-filing this return? (CIRCLE ANSWER AND THEN PROBE IF "NO".) Yes (GO TO M-16)......1 ...00 PROBE IF NO ABOVE: What specific directions or information would have helped guide you in the procedures for e-filing?

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

M-16. Since learning about the requirement to e-file (1120) (1120S), have you seen any information related specifically to Form (1120)(1120S) e-file? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.)

No (SKIP TO M-21 NEXT)		00
IRS Publications IRS Instructions IRS Marketing Brochures Newspaper Or Magazine Ads Information at the IRS's website Information From Other Internet Information From Software Com Information From An IRS Tax Sp	1 2 3 4 5 - irs.gov	00
(DON'T READ) Can't Recall Type	X	

(DON'T READ...) Can't Recall Type......y

M-18. Overall, how helpful to you in using Form (1120)(11205) e-file was this information that you just mentioned? Was it...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Helpful	.1	00
Somewhat Helpful	.2	
Not Very Helpful		
Or, Not At All Helpful		
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	.y	

M-19. In what ways was the information <u>helpful (not helpful)</u>? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

M-20. How did you receive the types of information about Form (1120)(11205) e-file that you just mentioned? Was it...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWER)

In The Mail	
Pick(ed) Up At Post Office/Library	
Pick(ed) Up At An IRS Office	
From Contact With An IRS Tax Specialist/IRS Employee	
From The IRS's Website – irs.gov	
From Other Internet Websites (SPECIFY)	6
Via e-mail	6
Via Electronic Bulletin Board	7
From Advertising	8
From News Articles	9
From Software Companies	0
Other (SPECIFY)	X
(DON'T READ) Don't Know/Refused	у

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ASK ALL:

- M-21. In order for a Form (1120)(1120S) to be filed electronically, the taxpayer must sign the return by <u>either completing and submitting Form (1120=8453-C) (1120S</u> = 8453-S), which can be scanned and submitted in PDF file form, or the taxpayer may use the Practitioner PIN option to sign their return by completing Form (1120=8879C) (1120S = 8879S). The taxpayer can select to enter their own PIN or they can authorize the ERO to enter the PIN they select. Which of these methods do you use in signing electronic Form (1120)(1120S) for (ORGANIZATION)? Do you...(CIRCLE)

IF EITHER "SCAN & SUBMIT 8453" OR "USE A PRACTITIONER'S PIN NUMBER" IN M-21, ASK:

M-22. <u>Overall, how satisfied are you with this method of signing</u> this organization's Form (1120) (1120S) e-file? Would you say you are... (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Satisfied	4
Somewhat Satisfied	3
Somewhat Dissatisfied	2
Or Very Dissatisfied	1
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	

IF "PIN Number" THE ANSWER TO M-21, ASK:

M-23. What made you choose the PIN Number option for your signature instead of scanning signature Form (8453C)(8453S) into a PDF file? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

ASK ALL:

M-24. What other signature alternatives, if any, would you like to see for Form (1120) (1120S)? (ENTER)

ASK ALL:

M-25. When an organization files a Form (1120) (1120S) electronically, the organization can pay the balance due using paper and electronic payment methods. One option is to make a paper payment (check, money order, or coupon), another is to pay by authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal, and a third option is to pay electronically using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or EFTPS. Which of those payment methods does (NAME OF ORGANIZATION) use when making Form (1120)(1120S) payments? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

A Paper Payment (ASK M26-30 NEXT)1	
An Electronic Funds Withdrawal (ASK M26-29 NEXT)2	
The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or EFTPS (ASK M26-29 NEXT)	
(DON'T READ) Don't Recall/Refused (SKIP TO M-28 NEXT)y	

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IF "PAPER PAYMENT/ELECTRONIC FUNDS WITHDRAWAL/EFTPS" IN M-25, ASK:

M-26. <u>Overall, how satisfied are you with the use of</u> (READ BACK ANSWER TO Q25) as a way to make Form (1120) (1120S) e-file payments for this organization? Would you say you are... (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Satisfied	4
Somewhat Satisfied	3
Somewhat Dissatisfied	2
Or Very Dissatisfied	1
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	у

M-27. What makes you say that? (ENTER VERBATIM BELOW & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?

M-28. NO Q M-28 IN THIS YEAR'S SURVEY. M-29. NO Q M-29 IN THIS YEAR'S SURVEY.

IF RESPONSE TO M-25 WAS "PAPER PAYMENT, ASK:

M-30. <u>What can the IRS do to increase the likelihood</u> that you will <u>pay any future</u> <u>balance due electronically</u>? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> BELOW & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?	

ASK ALL:

M-31. When you file a Form (1120) (1120S) electronically, you are participating in the IRS's Modernized e-file Program. Were you aware that you're participating in the IRS's Modernized e-file Program? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

Yes1	00
No2	

NON-MANDATED USER SECTION

READ: From previous questions and records, we see your company (your client's company) is NOT classified as one that is subject to the electronic filing requirement and yet the company still e-filed or electronically filed its Form (1120) (1120S) for the tax year ending on or after December 31, 2007. The IRS is trying to improve the process of electronically filing a number of its business tax filing products and services and your input on electronic filing of Form (1120) (1120S) will help them focus their efforts on these Federal business tax forms. Let me first ask you a few questions about e-filing Form (1120) (1120S) for (INSERT ORGANIZATION). And for the purposes of this survey, we'd like you to think only of the (1120) (1120S) that your (your client's) company e-filed for the tax year ending on or after December 31, 2007 - again, that's the Form you filed <u>during 2008.</u>

U-1. Q U-1 DELETED FROM THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.

	Yes1
	No2 (DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refusedy
	How did you <u>transmit</u> the return to the IRS? Did you(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWER.)
	Transmit The Return Directly To The IRS
	NSMIT(TED) THE RETURN DIRECTLY TO THE IRS" IN U-3, ASK:
ι.	Where did you get <u>information concerning how to transmit directly to the IRS</u> ? Did you get this information from(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWER.)
	The IRS's Website, irs.gov1
	Vendor Webcasts Or Webinars
	IRS Publications
	(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused
<u>(All</u> 5.	<u>:</u> Overall, <u>how satisfied are you with e-file</u> as a method of filing your (your client's) corporate return? Would you say you are (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE
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(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) **Anything else?** WHEN PROBING, ASK RESPONDENT TO BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT STOP AT GENERAL ANSWERS.

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U-8. (IF "YES" TO U-7, ASK...) In what <u>specific ways</u> <u>can it be improved</u>? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

ASK ALL:

U-9. <u>Would you recommend e-filing</u> as a method of filing Form (1120) (1120S)? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

ASK ALL:

U-10. Please rate <u>how satisfied you are with</u> Form (1120) (11205) e-file <u>in terms of</u> <u>each of the following characteristics</u>. For each characteristic, please tell me if you were "very satisfied", "somewhat satisfied", "somewhat dissatisfied", or "very dissatisfied". Let's start with...(START AT PRE-CHECK, READ CHARACTERISTIC, CIRCLE RATING AND THEN CONTINUE UNTIL THIS METHOD HAS BEEN RATED ON ALL CHARACTERISTICS.) (NOTE: DO NOT OFFER "DON'T KNOW"/"CAN'T SAY" AS A CHOICE BUT CIRCLE IT IF RESPONDENT CANNOT RATE THE CHARACTERISTIC.)

Very Satisfied	Some- what <u>Satisfied</u>	Some- what <u>Dissatisfied</u>	Very Dissatisfied	DK/ I <u>Can't Say</u>	
Compared to paper filing of Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being a time-saver for you4	3	2	1	У	00
Being a more accurate way to file Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being a private and secure way to file Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being an inexpensive method of filing Form (1120) (1120S)4	3	2	1	У	00
Being easy to use, with little hassle4	3	2	1	У	00
Being paperless4	3	2	1	У	00
Being easy to learn4	3	2	1	У	00
Reducing filing and transcription errors4	3	2	1	У	00
Allowing the necessary schedules and attachments4	3	2	1	У	00
Providing fast acknowledgment of receipt of Form (1120) (1120S) 4	3	2	1	У
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Providing easy-to-use signature options – either scanning a signature into a PDF file or a PIN Number4	3	2	1	У	00
Paying the balance due electronically with the return4	3	2	1	У	00
Taking away the worry you have about filing this Form4	3	2	1	У	00
Making tax filing easier4	3	2	1	У	00
Being the most convenient way to file this Form4	3	2	1	У	00
Being easy to understand what caused a rejected return4	3	2	1	У	00
Having a clear, understandable process for correcting rejected returns4	3	2	1	У	00

IF "YES" TO U-2, ASK U-11. OTHERWISE, SKIP TO U-14.

U-11. You mentioned earlier that this was your (your client's) corporation's first year for electronic filing of Form (1120) (1120S). What, if anything, did you have to do differently this year in order to e-file this return? (ENTER VERBATIM & PROBE.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

ASK ALL: U-12. Q U-12 DELETED FROM THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.

U-13. Q U-13 DELETED FROM THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.

THIS QUESTION MODIFIED FOR NON-MANDATED

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At A Trade Show...... 2

<u>O14 PROBE</u>: <u>What specifically did you learn</u> about Form (1120) (1120S) e-file that made you consider using it?

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

U-15. Did <u>IRS provide adequate directions and information</u> to guide you in the procedures for e-filing this return? (CIRCLE ANSWER AND THEN PROBE IF "NO".)

<u>PROBE IF NO ABOVE</u>: What specific <u>directions or information would have helped</u> <u>guide you</u> in the procedures for e-filing?

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

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THIS QUESTION MODIFIED FOR NON-MANDATED

U-16. Since learning about Form (1120) (1120S) e-file, have you seen any information related <u>specifically to Form (1120)(1120S) e-file</u>? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.)

Yes (ASK U17-20 NEXT)1	00
No (SKIP TO U-21 NEXT) 2	
Don't Know/Refused (SKIP TO U-21 NEXT)y	

IF YES TO U-16, ASK U--17-20 NEXT.

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U-17. Which if any of the following types of information relating specifically to Form (1120) (1120S) e-file do you recall seeing? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.)

	IRS Forms.1IRS Publications.2IRS Instructions.3IRS Marketing Brochures.4Newspaper Or Magazine Ads.5Information at the IRS's website – irs.gov.6Information From Other Internet Websites.7	00
LEAVING COMMISSIONER'S LETTER IN SINCE EXTERNAL PREPARERS MAY AVE HEARD ABOUT IT THIS WAY	 Information From Other Internet Websites	

U-18. <u>Overall, how helpful</u> to you in using Form (1120) (1120S) e-file was this information that you just mentioned? Was it...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Helpful	100
Somewhat Helpful	2
Not Very Helpful	3
Or, Not At All Helpful	
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	у

U-19. In what ways was the information <u>helpful (not helpful)</u>? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?

U-20. <u>How did you receive</u> the types of information about Form (1120) (1120S) e-file that you just mentioned? Was it...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWER)

In The Mail	1
Pick(ed) Up At Post Office/Library	2
Pick(ed) Up At An IRS Office	3
From Contact With An IRS Tax Specialist/IRS Employee	
From The IRS's Website – irs.gov	5
From Other Internet Websites (SPECIFY)	6
Via e-mail	6
Via Electronic Bulletin Board	7
From Advertising	8
From News Articles	9
From Software Companies	0
Other (SPECIFY)	X
(DON'T READ) Don't Know/Refused	у

ASK ALL:

U-21. In order for a Form (1120) (1120S) to be filed electronically, the taxpayer must sign the return by <u>either completing and submitting Form (1120=8453-C)</u> (1120S = 8453-S), which can be scanned and submitted in PDF file form, or the taxpayer may use the Practitioner PIN option to sign their return by completing Form (1120=8879C) (1120S = 8879S). The taxpayer can select to enter their own PIN or they can authorize the ERO to enter the PIN they select. Which of these methods do you use in signing electronic Form (1120)(1120S) for (ORGANIZATION)? Do you...(CIRCLE)

IF EITHER "SCAN & SUBMIT 8453" OR "USE A PRACTITIONER'S PIN NUMBER" IN U-21, ASK:

U-22. <u>Overall, how satisfied are you with this method of signing</u> this organization's Form (1120) (1120S) e-file? Would you say you are... (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Satisfied	4
Somewhat Satisfied	3
Somewhat Dissatisfied	2
Or Very Dissatisfied	1
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	y

IF "PIN Number" THE ANSWER TO U-21, ASK:

U-23. What made you choose the PIN Number option for your signature instead of scanning signature Form (8453C) (8453S) into a PDF file? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

ASK ALL:

U-24. What other signature alternatives, if any, would you like to see for Form (1120) (1120S)? (ENTER)

ASK ALL:

U-25. When an organization files a Form (1120) (1120S) electronically, the organization can pay the balance due using paper and electronic payment methods. One option is to make a paper payment (check, money order, or coupon), another is to pay by authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal, and a third option is to pay electronically using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or EFTPS. Which of those payment methods does (NAME OF ORGANIZATION) use when making Form (1120) (1120S) payments? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

A Paper Payment (ASK U26-30 NEXT)	1
An Electronic Funds Withdrawal (ASK U26-29 NEXT)	2
The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or EFTPS (ASK U26-29 NEXT)	3
(DON'T READ) Don't Recall/Refused (SKIP TO U-28 NEXT)	У

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IF "PAPER PAYMENT/ELECTRONIC FUNDS WITHDRAWAL/EFTPS" IN U-25, ASK:

U-26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the use of (READ BACK ANSWER TO Q25) as a way to make Form (1120) (1120S) e-file payments for this organization? Would you say you are... (READ CHOICES & CIRCLE JUST ONE ANSWER BELOW.)

Very Satisfied	.4
Somewhat Satisfied	.3
Somewhat Dissatisfied	.2
Or Very Dissatisfied	.1
(DON'T READ, BUT CIRCLE IF) Don't Know/Refused	у

U-27. What makes you say that? (ENTER VERBATIM BELOW & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

U-28. Q U-28 DELETED FROM THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY

U-29. Q U-29 DELETED FROM THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.

IF RESPONSE TO U-25 WAS "PAPER PAYMENT, ASK:

U-30. <u>What can the IRS do to increase the likelihood</u> that you will <u>pay any future</u> <u>balance due electronically</u>? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> BELOW & PROBE UNTIL RESPONSE IS EXHAUSTED.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?_____

<u>ASK ALL</u>:

U-31. When you file a Form (1120) (1120S) electronically, you are participating in the IRS's Modernized e-file Program. Were you aware that you're participating in the IRS's Modernized e-file Program? (CIRCLE ANSWER.)

Yes.....1 ...00 No.....2

NON-USER SECTION

NU-1. In this survey, we'd like to focus only on the (1120) (1120S) return that you filed for your (your client's) company for the tax year *ending* on or after December 31, 2007 - again, that's the Form you filed during 2008. Our records show that (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME) was eligible to file Form (1120) (1120S) electronically for that tax period, but that you used the paper filing method instead. Were you aware that you could have filed Form (1120) (1120S) using e-file? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.) Yes.....1 ...00 NU-2. Do you use a software package to prepare Form (1120) (1120S) for (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME)? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.) ...00 Yes (ASK NU-3).....1 No (SKIP TO "READ" ABOVE CONCEPT BELOW)...... 2 IF "YES" TO Q2, ASK: NU-3. Does your return preparation software package for Form (1120) (1120S) offer an e-file option? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.) Yes (SKIP TO "READ" ABOVE CONCEPT BELOW)......1 ...00 No (ASK NU-4)..... 2 IF "NO" TO Q3, ASK: NU-4. You say your return preparation software package for Form (1120) (11205) does not offer an e-file option. Would you like it to? (CIRCLE ANSWER BELOW.) Yes (ASK NU-5 & THEN GO TO "READ" ABOVE CONCEPT BELOW)......1 ...00 No (ASK NU-5 & THEN GO TO "READ" ABOVE CONCEPT BELOW)...... 2 NU-5. What software package are you using to prepare Form (1120) (1120S)? (ENTER VERBATIM BELOW.)

READ Please listen carefully as I describe Form (1120) (1120S) e-file. I'll read the description twice just to make sure it's clear. (READ THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION SLOWLY AND THEN READ IT A SECOND TIME, PAUSING BETWEEN TO SAY "Let me read this again.")

The Form (1120) (11205) e-file program provides business taxpayers or their tax professional an option to prepare and transmit electronic Form (1120, the U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return) (1120S, the U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation). Form (1120) (1120S) e-file is convenient, fast, accurate, and safe. It allows business taxpayers or their tax professional to file the return and all required attachments electronically and be assured of a secure transmission and fast acknowledgment of IRS receipt of the electronic return. In addition, payments may be made electronically using an electronic funds withdrawal, or using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). The taxpayer may sign the electronic return by using a Practitioner PIN or by signing a paper signature document, which is scanned into a PDF file and transmitted to IRS.

NU-6. Based upon everything you now know about it, and assuming you were eligible to use this method, <u>how likely are you to file Form (1120) (1120S) using e-file</u> in the future? Are you... (READ CHOICES AND CIRCLE ONE ANSWER.)

Very Likely	400
Somewhat Likely	
Not Very Likely.	
Or Not At all Likely to use this method of filing the Form?	L

NU-7. Based upon what you now know, please tell me whether you "agree completely", "agree somewhat", "disagree somewhat", or "disagree completely" with each of the following <u>statements about Form (1120) (1120S) e-file</u>. Let's start with... (START AT PRE-CHECK, READ STATEMENT, CIRCLE RATING AND THEN CONTINUE UNTIL THIS METHOD HAS BEEN RATED ON ALL STATEMENTS,) (DO NOT OFFER "DK"/"CAN'T SAY" AS A CHOICE BUT CIRCLE IT IF RESPONDENT CANNOT RATE STATEMENT.)

	Agree Completely	Agree <u>Somewhat</u>	Disagree <u>Somewhat</u>	Disagree <u>Completely</u>	DK/ <u>Can't Say</u>	
Would be better than other methods of filing Form (1120)	(1120S)	4	3	2	1	У
00						
Would be a time-saver for you	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would be a more accurate way to file Form (1120) (11205	5)4	3	2	1	У	00
Would be a private and secure way to file Form (1120) (1	120S)	4	3	2	1	У
00						
Would be an inexpensive method of filing Form (1120) (1	120S)	4	3	2	1	У
00						
Would be easy to use, with little hassle	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would be paper-less	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would be easy to learn	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would reduce filing and transcription errors	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would allow the necessary schedules and attachments	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would provide fast acknowledgment of receipt of Form (1120) (1120S)	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would provide easy-to-use signature options – either scanning a signature into a PDF file or a PIN Num	nber4	3	2	1	У	00
Would allow for paying a balance due electronically with t		n 4	3	2	1	У
Would take away the worry you have about filing this For	m4	3	2	1	У	00
Would make tax filing easier	4	3	2	1	У	00
Would be the most convenient way Form (1120) (1120S).	4	3	2	1	У	00

Would be easy to understand what caused a re	ected return. 4 3	2	1	У	00
Would have a clear, understandable process for correcting rejected returns	4 3	2	1	У	00

NU-8. Thinking of the Form (1120) (11205) return that you filed for your (your client's) company for the tax year *ending* on or after December 31, 2007 - in other words, the Form you filed in 2008, <u>what reservations did you have about filing</u> <u>electronically</u> that caused you to choose to file via paper? (DO NOT READ CHOICES. CIRCLE ANSWERS IF PRE-LISTED UNDER COLUMN 8. IF RESPONSE IS NOT PRE-LISTED, THEN ENTER IT VERBATIM IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.)

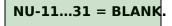
NU-9. Next, I am going to read some possible reasons why you may not have filed Form (1120) (1120S) electronically for (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME). Please tell me if you agree with any of <u>these reasons for not e-filing Form (1120) (1120S)</u>. (READ CHOICES <u>NOT</u> CIRCLED UNDER COL. 8 & CIRCLE ANSWERS UNDER COL. 9.) (NOTE: * = READ ONLY IF REFERRAL IS AN OUTSIDE TAX PREPARER/ ACCOUNTANT/CPA IN Q "B" ON PAGE 2.)

(8) <u>Unaided</u>	(9) Aided	
The computer <u>software is too difficult</u> 1 (00)	1	00-00
l can't e-file Form (1120)(1120S) using my software / my software doesn't support it	2	2
The <u>software costs money</u>	3	
Don't have the necessary computer hardware4	4	
The <u>cost of transmission is too high</u> 5	5	
I hear it <u>takes more time</u> 6	6	
The <u>application process</u> is too difficult/tricky7	7	
(*) Am <u>not registered</u> /not an ERO8	8	
Lack of confidence in the <u>security</u> of the system/the technology9	9	
Lack of confidence in <u>reliability</u> of the system/the technology (Too much can go wrong)	0	
I hear that returns get rejected/too many rejections1 (00)	1	00
<u>No interest</u> in trying it2	2	
(*) My <u>clients don't ask for it</u> or want it3	3	
Just don't know enough about it yet4	4	
lt's <u>too much work</u> - have enough to do5	5	
It's just something else I'd have to learn6	6	
I'm <u>cautious about it</u> , I'll wait to see how it works out for the rest7	7	
(*) Don't like being responsible for getting returns to the IRS8	8	
Don't like <u>doing the IRS's work for them</u> 9	9	
Requirements for e-filing this Form are different from other forms and too much trouble	1	(00)
I want a bundled suite of standardized software products2	2	
My return preparation software package does not offer an e-file option	3	
I have too many other forms and attachments associated with this return4	4	
Others (ENTER VERBATIM)x		

NU-10. Do you feel there is <u>anything the IRS can do to increase the likelihood</u> that you will use Form (1120) (1120S) e-file for (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME) in the future? (ENTER <u>VERBATIM</u> & PROBE.)

(PROBE FURTHER WITH:) Anything else?____

INTERVIEWER: WHEN PROBING, ASK RESPONDENT TO BE SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE.



ALL REMAINING QUESTIONS ASKED OF BOTH USERS AND NON-

32. Next, please think of how you would most like to receive information or updates about Form (1120) (1120S) e-file in the future. Should this information come to you...(READ CHOICES & CIRCLE ANSWERS.)

In The Mail1 Pick(ed) Up At Post Office/Library	00
Pick(ed) Up At An IRS Office	
From Contact With An IRS Tax Specialist/IRS Employee4	
From The IRS's Website – irs.gov5	
From Other Internet Websites (SPECIFY)6	
Via e-mail6	
Via Electronic Bulletin Board7	
From Advertising	
From News Articles9	
From Software Companies0	
Other (SPECIFY)x	
(DON'T READ) Don't Know/Refusedy	

33. As you may know, all (1120) (1120S) e-file publications have to be accessed on the Internet at irs.gov. They are not a part of any annual tax package. Have you ever tried to access any of the (1120) (1120S) publications or forms at irs.gov? (CIRCLE ANSWER)

Yes (ASK Q34 NEXT)1	00
No (SKIP TO Q35 NEXT)	

IF "YES" TO Q33, ASK:

34. About the (1120) (1120S) e-file publications or forms at irs.gov - would you say that they...(READ CHOICES AND CIRCLE YES/NO TO EACH.)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
Provide enough information	1	2	00
Are appropriate in their detail	1	2	00
Are easy to find	1	2	00
Are easy to understand		2	00

ASK ALL: 35. Do you (or your client's firm) have an Internet connection? (CIRCLE...)

- - (1120S) for this organization. What is <u>your title</u> within your organization?
 - TITLE_____
- **38.** In your own organization or practice, how many <u>total Form 1120 or 1120S are</u> <u>filed each year</u>? (ENTER #.)

1120/1120S FILED EACH YEAR_

FOR ALL - CLOSING COMMENTS

That completes the survey. We are required by law to provide you with the OMB (Office Of Management and Budget) Control Number for this public information request. That number is 1545-1432. In addition, if you have any comments about the time estimate to complete the survey or ways to improve the survey, you may write to the IRS. Would you like the address? (IF YES, ADDRESS IS...) Internal Revenue Service, Tax

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