

2009 TIGTA TAX PREPARER SURVEY

1. Where do you get news and information about tax issues? Please check all that apply.

- www.IRS.gov
- IRS publications
- Professional organization
- Internet
- Media
- Tax Forum
- Other: _____

2. What Internet sites do you visit for information about tax issues? Please check all that apply.

- Web CPA.com
- Accounting Web.com
- SmartPros.com
- Marketwatch.com
- Other: _____

3. From what news outlets do you obtain tax-related information? Please check all that apply.

- Tax Notes
- CCH
- BNA Daily Tax Report
- Wall Street Journal
- New York Times
- USA Today
- Local newspaper
- Other: _____

4. How knowledgeable are you of TIGTA's mission and activities?

- Very knowledgeable
- Knowledgeable
- Somewhat knowledgeable
- Not very knowledgeable
- Not knowledgeable at all

5. Are you aware of the following TIGTA activities? Please answer yes or no to each item:

Conducting oversight audits of IRS programs and operations

___ Yes ___ No

Investigating wrongdoing by IRS employees

___ Yes ___ No

Investigating complaints against tax preparers

___ Yes ___ NO

6. How frequently have you read a TIGTA audit report?

- Very frequently
- Frequently
- Not very frequently
- Rarely
- Never read a TIGTA audit report.

7. Where have you read or heard information about TIGTA? Please check all that apply

- TIGTA.gov
- IRS
- Professional organization: _____
- Internet
- News
- Tax Forum
- Other: _____

8. If you have visited TIGTA's website, how useful did you find it?

- Very useful
- Useful
- Somewhat useful
- Not very useful
- Never visited www.tigta.gov

Comments: _____

9. What information have you viewed on www.tigta.gov? Please check all that apply

- How to file a complaint
- Audit reports
- Audit highlights
- Investigations highlights
- Justice Department Press Releases
- Other: _____

10. Which of the following would you be interested in? Please rank in order of preference, with 1 signifying the greatest level of interest.

- ___ Email/Twitter updates providing the results of audits of IRS programs and operations
- ___ Email/Twitter updates providing the results of investigations of tax preparers
- ___ Emails/Twitter updates providing the results of investigations involving IRS employees
- ___ RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feed
- ___ Audio or video files about TIGTA
- ___ A blog by TIGTA leadership

11. Choose the occupation that best describes you.

Full-time tax professional

___ Yes ___ No

Seasonal tax professional

___ Yes ___ No

CPA

___ Yes ___ No

Enrolled Agent

___ Yes ___ No

Accountant (not CPA)

___ Yes ___ No

Attorney

___ Yes ___ No

Other (Please

elaborate) _____

All information in this survey will be kept anonymous

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