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Illinois Department of Revenue celebrates success of federal/state online payment system

After one year, fastest growing voluntary electronic payment program in IDOR history collects over \$400 M

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Revenue today celebrated the one-year anniversary of a Federal-State partnership that allows people to electronically pay both their federal and state withholding taxes using the U.S. Treasury’s free, easy-to-use payment portal.

The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) pilot program is the fastest growing voluntary electronic payment program in the department’s history, collecting more than 200,000 state withholding tax payments for more than \$410 million in the first year.

“The success of EFTPS reaffirms that one-stop electronic filing is the best way to help business taxpayers conveniently handle their tax obligations,” said Illinois Department of Revenue Director Brian Hamer. “I am pleased that our partnership with the U.S. Treasury has been such a success, and I look forward to bringing insight from our experience to other states.”

Illinois taxpayers are the only taxpayers in the nation to be able to use the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to make both federal and state payments under the pilot program initiated by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The department has received positive feedback from the tax community about the ease of electronically paying Federal taxes and Illinois withholding taxes at the same time. Over 30,000 business taxpayers have enrolled in the program.

The benefits of the free EFTPS program to Illinois taxpayers include:

- **Confidence** – Taxpayers receive immediate confirmation that instruction for a payment was received.
- **Accuracy** – EFTPS users are less likely to be assessed a penalty for errors or late payments than non-EFTPS users.
- **Convenience** – EFTPS is free and available 24 hours a day, year-round, and live customer representatives are available to answer questions. There is no software to download.
- **Control** - EFTPS allows taxpayers to plan ahead and schedule the exact time they wish to make payments.

For more information or to enroll in EFTPS, please visit www.eftps.gov or call the Department of Revenue at 217.785.1514.