

This message is being sent on behalf of Commissioner Doug Shulman

I am pleased to announce today that we are creating a Return Preparer Office inside of the IRS. It will be led by David R. Williams who, prior to this appointment, served as Director of Electronic Tax Administration and Refundable Credits. In his new role, David will report to Steve Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

This new office will have broad responsibility for the return preparer initiative. It will manage all of our activities related to continuing education and testing of all professionals under IRS jurisdiction. It will also manage the registration system and process, as well as coordinate resource planning for IRS efforts across the organization related to return preparers.

David's leadership on the return preparer initiative will complement the excellent work Karen Hawkins is carrying out as Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility. This critical organization will remain a separate entity within the IRS, and I see its impact being enhanced in the future to ensure that tax professionals meet the high ethical standards that taxpayers expect, need and deserve.