

## **Online Tax Center Offers Tools and Resources for Small Businesses and Self-Employed**

### **IRS TAX TIP 2012-17**

If you're a small business or a self-employed individual who needs answers to tax questions, educational materials or tools to help you run your business, check out the IRS's Small Business and Self-Employed Tax Center at [www.irs.gov/smallbiz](http://www.irs.gov/smallbiz).

This one-stop shop offers extensive resources and online tools to help small businesses and self-employed persons by providing resources such as:

- Small business forms and publications
- Online applications for an Employer Identification Number
- Employment tax information – federal income tax, Social Security and Medicare taxes, FUTA and self-employment tax
- Tax-related news that could affect your business
- Small business educational events
- IRS videos for small businesses
- A-Z Index for Business, a fast way to find information

The site provides important federal tax information for all stages of owning a business, whether you're starting, operating or closing a business.

Other resources available on the IRS website include:

#### **The IRS Video Portal:**

Tax questions? Learn about tax topics through video and audio presentations on the IRS Video Portal. The video portal contains archived video of live panel discussions and audio from national phone forums, as well as other webinars and video clips.

#### **IRS Audits Video Series:**

"Your Guide to an IRS Audit" takes the viewer through the steps of an audit from notification to closing. The video series is composed of scenarios that demonstrate the stages of each type of audit: correspondence, office and field. The scenarios address issues that are common to audits of small businesses.

#### **Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop:**

The IRS Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop is an interactive resource to help small business owners learn about their federal tax rights and responsibilities. The workshop contains nine stand-alone lessons that can be selected and viewed in any sequence. The workshop is available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week from any computer. It can also be ordered on CD.

#### **Tax Calendar for Small Business Taxpayers:**

The Tax Calendar for Small Businesses and Self-Employed – Publication 1518 – is available online or as a printable PDF file. This 12-month calendar is filled with information on general business taxes, IRS and Social Security Administration customer assistance, electronic filing and paying options, retirement plans, business publications and forms, and common tax filing dates. Each page highlights different tax issues and tips that may be relevant to small-business owners, with room on each month to add notes, state tax dates or business appointments. You can also download the tax events into your calendar or subscribe to the tax calendar events. The calendar provides the small business owner with a ready resource for meeting their tax obligations.