# ELECTRONIC INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER

# e-IWO A Paperless Solution

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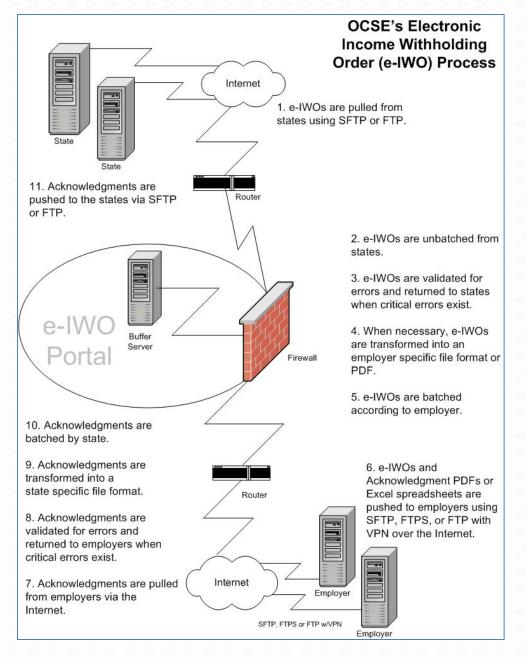
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#### What Is e-IWO?

- States electronically send IWOs to employers.
- Employers send acknowledgements to states.
- A single interface for all exchange partners.
- Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is the key to passing data between the state and employer.
- Notification of terminations and lump sums by employer can be handled through the e-IWO portal.
- Three implementation options are available Systemto-System, PDF and Spreadsheet.

# What Is the e-IWO Process Flow?



#### What Are the Transmission Options?

- e-IWO uses Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) or File Transfer Protocol Secure (FTPS) for retrieving and dropping off files on your server.
- Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) can be used to encrypt files that are sitting in front of your firewall.
- File Transfer Protocol with Virtual Private Network (VPN) is also an option if you do not have SFTP or FTPS.
- Portal does all the pulling of files from your server and pushing files to your server daily.
- E-mail as a transmission option is not available.

## What Are the Implementation Options?

- If you receive a significant number of IWOs per week or month and have available information technology (IT) resources for a three to five month programming effort, "System-to-System" may be the option for you.
- If you do not have the IT resources, the fillable PDF or XLS spreadsheet are your best options.
- Factors contributing to what option to choose:
  - IT resources available
  - Number of IWOs received in a week
  - Available time to implement

#### Is System-to-System Your Option?

- Files are dropped off at your organization in either flat file or XML format. You choose.
- A PDF version of the IWO can be provided for each record in the file.
- Each IWO Detail record is "accepted" or "rejected" and returned in an Acknowledgement file.
- Acknowledgements with errors are returned to employer for fixing and resending.
- Software Interface Specification documentation help available.

#### Want a Fast Easy Start Up?

- The No-Programming option is for you.
- Two options are available
  - PDF it's best known as the "Pretty Darn Fast" option
  - XLS it's the "Xtreme Lightning Speed" option
- You simply check "Accept" or "Reject" in a PDF, or enter "A" or "R" on a row in the XLS.
- Connectivity setup is required for both options.
- Both options require a minimal amount of testing.
- You can be up and running in less than 3 weeks.

### Is the PDF Option Your Ticket to Paperless?

- For each IWO being sent by a state, a PDF document for each order and a pre-filled acknowledgement PDF.
- Files names are coupled, so it is easy to match order to acknowledgement.
- Check "Accept" or "Reject".
- Supply a reason code if rejecting.
- Save PDF.
- Move to your outbound directory.
- You are done.

# PDF Acknowledgement Sample

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#### Want a Single Acknowledgement Entry Form?

- XLS is for you.
- You receive an IWO PDF for each Income Withholding Order being sent to you by a state and a single spreadsheet for acknowledging IWOs.
- Enter "Accept" or "Reject" for each row.
- Supply a reason code if rejecting.
- Save XLS.
- Move to your outbound directory.
- You are done.

#### **XLS Acknowledgement Sample**

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### **Employer Initiated Acknowledgement**

All options allow for the employer to notify a state when an employment event changes for an employee:

- You can notify a state when an employee is terminated.
- You can notify a state if you are going to issue a lump sum payment to an employee.
- You can notify a state if an employee goes into a suspense status, for example, on disability, extended leave, etc.
- You are in control when to send these acknowledgements.

# PDF Employer Initiated Acknowledgement Sample

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#### What Do I Need to Do?

- All exchange partners must register by completing the e-IWO Profile form and providing their FEINs.
- Profile form includes:
  - Agreement to exchange data
  - Your contact information
  - Your exchange preferences
    - System-to-System, PDF, Excel
  - Your file names
  - Your server information
    - User ID, password, IP address, host name, directory name and port

#### What Happens Next?

- We get connected to your SFTP server. It takes about three to four days.
  - A file is dropped on your server to make sure connectivity is set up correctly.
- Begin testing.
  - System-to-system: We send you test IWOs, then you send test acknowledgements. All the files are checked for data quality and conformance.
  - PDF / Spreadsheet: You accept and reject a record.
- After testing, you are ready to go.

#### Who Will I Get e-IWOs From?

For current information about which states are using the e-IWO, check out this link on the OCSE website: <u>http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css/resource/states-</u> <u>using-e-iwo</u>

#### What Are the Benefits of e-IWO?

- Money gets to the family faster.
- All IWOs coming from the Portal look the same.
- No more mail to open and IWO PDFs are image ready.
- Reduced phone calls from states.
- Increased accuracy and reliability of data.
- Saves time, money and resources at no cost to employers.

#### **Need More Information?**

Software Interface Specification documents

• "System to System" option:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css/resource/e-iwosoftware-interface-specification-for-states-and-employers

• "No Programming" option:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css/resource/e-iwo-sisno-programming-option

#### **Questions?**

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