Federal, state, and local government ("public") employers are subject to employment taxes (Social Security, Medicare, public pension systems, and fringe benefits) and regulations which are different from those for private sector employers. Ten years ago, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Tax Exempt and Government Entities (TE/GE) Division, created an Advisory Committee (ACT) that was established to provide customer input on various tax matters affecting federal, state, and local governments, including matters pertaining to public institutions of higher education. As a subunit of the ACT, the Federal-State-Local Governments (FSLG) Committee has created a questionnaire to see if the current IRS/FSLG website (located at: http://www.irs.gov/govt/fslg/index.html) contains the appropriate, needed information for federal, state and local governments and also to determine what, if any, improvements to the website should be recommended to the IRS.

We encourage and welcome you to respond to the questionnaire http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6NH3XRM. Your responses, when aggregated with other responses, will provide our committee with feedback to give to the IRS/FSLG Office, so they can make appropriate and useful changes to their website. The responses to this questionnaire will be held completely confidential by the ACT Committee members and will be used solely for the purpose of identifying areas for improvement to the IRS/FSLG website. No individual identifying information will be shared with the IRS or anyone else.

The ACT will receive comments on this Questionnaire until March 1, 2011. Completion of the questionnaire itself should only take a few moments of your time.

If you have any questions, please send an email to Maryann Motza, ACT/FSLG Website Project Leader, at: MMotza@msn.com.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in refining and improving this valuable information source for federal, state and local governments.

Sincerely,

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