

Streamline Sales Tax Webinar Thursday, June 25, 2009

The webinar began with Terry Garber welcoming all the attendees and reviewed the two agenda items.

David Thompson took role call of the states on the call. The states on the webinar were:

Arkansas
Indiana
Iowa
Ohio
Kansas
Kentucky
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Nebraska
Nevada
New Jersey
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Dakota
Utah
Washington
West Virginia
Wyoming
Wisconsin

Terry Garber recapped all changes made to the V.02 Schema set since December 2008. In particular she walked through the new FinancialTransaction Schema in order to orient the states to bulk and single payment configurations.

During the discussion of the schema, it was noted that the schema is now universal for MeF, FSET, and SSTEP. And, that a "white-paper" of examples is needed of how to use the bulk and single payment configurations which Terry agreed to publish.

In addition, it will be each state's responsibility to make any optional element mandatory using business rules. For example, if a state requires bulk payments, the state must develop a business rule which identifies the required elements.

As a result of the new schema, it will be necessary for an error message to be developed for bulk payment errors.

All changes can be viewed on the change log at <http://www.statemef.com/sst.shtml>, click on SSTP2009V.02 and review the document folder. There are two change logs; one for schema changes and one for non-schema changes.

A vote was taken to adopt the new Financial Transaction Schema which resulted in an overwhelming approval. There were no objections noted.

The SSTP2009V.02 package was approved via a vote. No state objected to the approval.

David Thompson reviewed the two amendments which impact the schemas. They are:

- Additional Filing Status indicator in Registration
- Add Exemption Types to the SER

Filing Status Indicator

An "N = Not Filing" to filing status indicator is needed so filers can indicate that they are registering, but not filing. The reason for the indicator is so that states would not send delinquency notices to taxpayers who are registered, but not required to file because of no tax obligation in a state.

It was noted that adding the "N" is an easy fix in the schema.