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More State Taxpayers E-filing Alabama Returns

Montgomery, Feb. 22, 2000—Over 226,000 Alabama taxpayers have electronically filed their 1999 Alabama individual income tax returns this year, surpassing last year's total e-filing record of 211,300.

Through Feb. 17, 226,389 Alabamians had filed their state individual income tax returns electronically—up 57 percent over the same period last year. The number of “paper” or traditional returns totaled 210,869 for the 2000 filing season. Through Feb. 17, e-filed returns comprised 51 percent of the total 437,258 Alabama individual income tax returns filed so far during the 2000 filing season.

“Our numbers indicate that electronic filing is the preferred choice among many earlier filers. This year, Alabama expanded its e-filing program to accommodate more taxpayers by accepting additional tax schedules and allowing the use of credit cards to pay any additional tax due with the return,” said Acting Commissioner of Revenue George E. Minglehoff III.

“Whether taxpayers choose to file electronically using a tax practitioner or file electronically using their own personal computer, e-filing offers many benefits for taxpayers to consider over the traditional paper return,” advised Minglehoff.

“If you haven't e-filed before, consider it this year. The benefits are clear: faster refunds, faster processing, greater accuracy of return information, and the peace of mind in knowing that within 48 hours of filing, your state and federal tax returns have been received,” advised Minglehoff.

For more information concerning Alabama individual income tax filing requirements, visit the department's Web site at www.ador.state.al.us. The Web site also features a link with the IRS for federal tax information.