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## **Feds, State Host Free Electronic Filing Seminars**

*MONTGOMERY, July 30, 1998*—For the second year, the Alabama Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service will host free electronic filing workshops during September for Alabama tax preparers and tax practitioners in key areas across the state.

“Alabama’s debut year in 1998 produced over 116,000 Alabama refund returns filed electronically. The 1999 filing season will offer even more filing opportunities to taxpayers with plans to include Alabama ‘payment’ income tax returns and additional tax schedules as part of Alabama’s electronic filing program,” said State Revenue Commissioner H.E. “Gene” Monroe Jr.

According to Mr. Monroe, the workshops are specifically designed for Alabama electronic return originators (EROs)—tax preparers and tax practitioners who are authorized by the Internal Revenue Service to electronically file state and federal individual income tax returns.

“EROs must be approved by the Internal Revenue Service, and the free seminars will provide tax preparers and tax practitioners an opportunity to learn more about Alabama’s electronic filing program and its related requirements,” said Mr. Monroe.

The one-day seminar will cover a broad range of information related to state and federal electronic filing programs. Topics will address specific qualifications needed to

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become an electronic return originator, security issues related to electronic filing of state and federal returns, compatible computer software standards and 1998 program highlights and changes. **The workshops are free; however, participants are required to pre-register.** Registration forms may be obtained by contacting either Ed Cutter, Alabama Department of Revenue, at (334) 242-9805 or Paulette Windon, IRS, at (504) 558-3008.

Seminar dates, locations, and times are detailed below.

**Montgomery**

Auburn University of Montgomery  
7300 University Drive  
Goodwin Hall, Room 112

**Sept. 9, 1998**

8:00 a.m.—12 Noon

**Dothan**

George C. Wallace Community College  
Health Building Auditorium  
Route 6, Box 62

**Sept. 10, 1998**

8:00 a.m.—12 Noon

**Mobile**

University of South Alabama  
College of Business Auditorium  
USA South Drive (Off University Blvd.)

**Sept. 15, 1998**

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Huntsville (Two Sessions)**

Huntsville Public Library  
915 Monroe Street, SW

**Sept. 22, 1998**

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1st Session:

8:00 a.m.—12 Noon

2nd Session

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Birmingham/Bessemer**

Bessemer Civic Center  
1130 Ninth Avenue, SW  
Bessemer

**Sept. 24, 1998**

8:00 a.m.—12 Noon