

**Federal e-file Mandate Starting
Tax Year 2010
(Processing Year 2011)**

Starting with Tax Year 2010, there will be a mandate to e-file 1040 Federal returns for preparers who file more than 10 individual returns after December 31, 2010, according to H.R. 3548, Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 (WHBAA) that was signed into law on November 6, 2009. The IRS is working on the details including such topics as opt-out provisions and potential phase-in approaches, and will publish them prior to Tax Year 2010 (processing year 2011). Thomson Reuters will provide more information as it becomes available.

The requirement will be phased in over two years. As a result of the new rules, preparers will be required to electronically file the following returns:

January 1, 2011 for those of you who anticipate preparing 100 or more federal individual or trust tax returns during the year

January 1, 2012 for those of you who anticipate preparing 11 or more federal individual or trust tax returns during the year