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Oregon State Board of
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PRESS RELEASE

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From: Oregon State Board of Tax Practitioners
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Re: DOR Compliance Pilot Project

Agency examines tax experts' returns

About 2,000 licensed tax consultants in Oregon have themselves been scrutinized by state tax authorities and have come up shining.

To be considered in compliance with tax laws, tax consultants must have filed tax personal income tax returns for the past three years, excluding 2009, and have paid their tax obligations in full or be on a state-approved payment plan.

This week (April 12-18, 2010), the Department of Revenue reported to the Board of Tax Practitioners that 96.18 percent of tax consultants were in compliance.

As part of a pilot program created to implement House Bill 3082, enacted by the Legislature in 2009, the Oregon Department of Revenue, with the cooperation of the Board of Tax Practitioners, which issues tax consultant licenses, reviewed tax consultants' files to ensure licensees comply with state tax laws.

"We volunteered to participate in the pilot," said Ron Wagner, Executive Director of the Board of Tax Practitioners. "The Legislature has long wanted to ensure that those licensed by the state are in compliance with the state's tax laws, and we support that effort.

We are entering the tax consultant license renewal period for this year. We will not process renewals for those folks found not to be in compliance."

Another group of tax practitioners licensed by the Board, tax preparers, will undergo Department of Revenue scrutiny of their returns as they apply for license renewals this summer.

The Board of Tax Practitioners administers examinations for and licenses tax preparers and consultants in addition to investigating consumer complaints. For more information about the Board, visit www.oregon.gov/OTPB. For more information about the Compliance Pilot Program, visit www.oregon.gov/DOR/licensee_tax_compliance.shtml.

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