# Accountants' Notes

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## QUARTERLY PAYROLL REPORTS

Quarterly payroll reports are due **July 31, 2009**. Please provide us with your payroll information and any payroll forms you received from the taxing authorities by July 10 to ensure timely filing of your payroll reports.

## EXTENDED 2008 INDIVIUAL TAX RETURNS

The extension deadline for 2008 individual income tax returns is **October 15, 2009**. In order to complete your return by the extension due date, please provide us with the necessary information as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the items needed to complete your return, please call our office.

## 2008 CORPORATE INCOME TAXES

If you have not yet filed your 2008 Corporate Income Tax Return, the extension due date is **September 15, 2009.**

Please provide your information to our office as soon as possible for timely filing. Note: This is the final extension for corporations.

## RECEIVABLES EXCHANGE (TRE)

Short on cash? There's a new way to sell receivables: On an exchange. The recently launched Receivables Exchange (TRE) will change the factoring model by allowing companies to offer their receivables to dozens of factoring companies at once, along with other liquidity providers.

These lenders bid on the invoices which can be sold in a bundle or one at a time. Factoring is unloved in the U.S. and an expensive way to obtain funds—fees usually range from 2% to 7% of the total for an advance. But factoring is popular in Europe with greater credibility and lower fees. TRE is betting that it will catch on here.

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## TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Unfortunately, nearly a third of all adults in this country have no life insurance and 40% of those who have insurance think they don't have enough. Now is the time to step up to the plate—term life insurance has never been cheaper. Thanks to everything from increased competition to lower mortality rates, insurers have been quietly lowering prices for term life policies at an unprecedented rate.

For many thirtysomethings, an annual premium as low as $500 can lock in $1 million in coverage for the next two decades. Even folks in their 40s and 50s can get good rates if they're in good health.

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## BUSINESS TAX EXTENSION PERIOD REDUCED

The IRS has moved the extended due date for partnership, estate and trust tax returns from October 15 to September 15 to avoid overlapping with the extended deadline for individual taxes.

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## TAX CHANGES

The 2010 Medicare Part B premium is projected to rise to $104.20 a month. The coming hike will apply mainly to upper income filers. They're defined as married beneficiaries with AGIs above $170,000 and singles over $85,000 of AGI. Lower income folks who are already on the rolls will continue to pay $96.40 a month. They avoid the price hike thanks to a rule that bars a cut in Social Security benefits solely on account of a Part B premium increase. That rule comes into play in 2010 because the Social Security trustees project that benefits will not go up next year.

IRS is weighing several options to make cell phone recordkeeping easier for employers that give phones to workers for business use. One method being eyed would have employers presume that 25% of calls are personal and therefore 25% of the phone would be taxed as income to the employee. Or statistical sampling could be used to figure the portion of calls deemed to be personal used. Alternatively, all of a worker's calls could be presumed to be for business if the employee showed that he or she used another cell phone for personal calls. IRS is accepting comments until September 4th, so a final decision won't be made until the end of 2009, at the earliest.

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## DOES YOUR BOTTOM LINE NEED A BOOST?

These are unique economic times. We understand that sometimes even the smallest of things help to impact the bottom line. Now is an excellent time to conduct a review of your general expenses and costs to determine where and how to save dollars to boost your bottom line.

Just as an annual review of your household budget and goals is strongly recommended to ensure that you are keeping on track towards reaching your financial goals for retirement and for the future protection of your loved ones, an annual financial review is essential for your business.

The following is a sample list of items reviewed during an annual business review:

- Budget
- Assets
- Financing, Rates, Duration
- The Payroll Arena
- Employee Benefits
- Employee Fringe Benefits
- Vehicle Insurance
- Property Insurance
- Business Liability Insurance
- Utility Expenses
- Office Supplies
- Key Man Insurance
- Disaster Recovery
- Buy/Sell
- Business Plan
- Succession Planning

Contact our office to schedule your review. An increase in your bottom line can help you to get out of debt sooner, help the business to grow faster and ultimately put more $$$ in your pocket!!

After all, isn't that what you are working for?

**CALL TODAY!!**