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Volunteer Tax Sites Help Prepare and File Taxes

With three weeks remaining before the income tax filing deadline of April 15th, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) would like to remind taxpayers of the many resources available to help them prepare and file their tax returns. The DOR website at <u>revenue.wi.gov</u> has instructional videos, links to forms and common questions, as well as a <u>new DOR mobile app</u> with the most popular tax-related online services.

This tax season there are also over 200 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites in Wisconsin that offer free income tax filing assistance for low to moderate income residents, seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. At these sites, trained volunteers are available to answer questions and *e*-file returns.

"Whether you are preparing your return yourself or seeking assistance at a VITA or TCE site, it is important to know about all the resources available to help you," said DOR Secretary Richard Chandler. "We encourage taxpayers who have yet to file their taxes to visit our website at <u>revenue.wi.gov</u> for helpful information, or call 2-1-1 to find the volunteer tax site nearest to them."

For a complete list of free tax assistance sites throughout Wisconsin:

- Call 2-1-1 to find a VITA or TCE site in your area
- VITA site: call 1-800-906-9887 (toll-free) or go to <u>www.irs.gov</u> (Keyword: VITA)
- TCE site: call 1-888-227-7669 (toll-free) or go to www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action
- Download the new DOR mobile app from the Apple or Android app store for VITA/TCE site locations

Please be sure to bring the documents below to the volunteer tax site:

- **ü** Photo IDs for you and your spouse
- **ü** Social security cards for everyone you will include on your tax return
- **u** All documents about the income you received during the year (Examples: wage statements, interest and dividend statements, retirement statements, social security statements)
- **ü** Signed rent certificate or property tax bill if you will file for Homestead Credit
- ¥ Your bank account numbers to get refunds deposited into your account (example: bring a voided check)
- Any other tax documents (Examples: property tax receipts for any property taxes paid in 2013, tuition statement, mortgage interest statement, closing agreement for home purchased in 2013)

IMPORTANT: Your spouse must come with you if you are married and filing jointly.