

H&R Block Provides Relief for Clients with a Balance Due

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Collaboration with LINK2GOV Offers Taxpayers Lower Cost Options When Paying Federal Taxes with a Credit Card

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar 19, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The ugly truth during tax season is that some taxpayers are going to have a balance due when filing their return. In fact, the IRS reports that approximately 22 percent of American taxpayers owed the IRS in 2006(1), and nearly 2 million of them paid with a credit card, a 36 percent increase over 2005(2).

This year to help its clients paying their IRS bill with plastic, H&R Block (NYSE:HRB) has enabled most cardholders to lower their convenience fee to 1.99 percent, as opposed to the standard 2.49 percent card convenience fee. The new lower fee is available to clients paying their income taxes with MasterCard(R), Visa(R), or Discover(R) credit or debit cards.

H&R Block, in cooperation with LINK2GOV Corp. and the payment card associations, is offering this lower fee so that taxpayers everywhere can have their taxes prepared by the leading tax preparation company and enjoy easy, lower-cost options for federal tax payments. The special convenience fee rate expires April 17, 2007.

"While every taxpayer obviously prefers a refund, the reality is some Americans owe taxes at the end of the year. We want to make paying a balance due as easy and low-cost as possible," said Kevin Leek, H&R Block's Director of Business Development.

"The use of payment cards to settle federal tax obligations offers consumers convenience and potential rewards, such as airline miles or points," according to Steve Carnevale, Vice President, Service Industries, MasterCard Worldwide.

"Payment cards also ensure that H&R Block clients can make payments immediately, eliminating the fear of late fees or penalties resulting from lost or delayed checks," he added.

Taxes paid by credit or debit card at H&R Block are processed by LINK2GOV, an IRS-approved payment processor and a Metavante company. The payments are processed immediately, and taxpayers are issued a confirmation number upon receipt.

About H&R Block

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(1) Internal Revenue Service, "Taxpayer Usage Study (TPUS) Weekly Report 15," Aug. 25, 2006.

(2) Internal Revenue Service, "Electronic Payment Options for 2007," FS-2007-11, Jan. 2007.

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