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When

April 1, 2009
1:30 p.m.

Where

Franchise Tax Board
Golden State Room A
9646 Butterfield Way
Sacramento, CA 95827
(North Lobby entrance)

Background

Section 19191 authorizes the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to enter into voluntary disclosure agreements with qualified taxpayers. This program ("VDP") was enacted by the Legislature in an effort to allow taxpayers who acknowledge a California filing obligation, but who have not previously filed returns based on either a past good faith belief that its activities were immune from taxation, or reasonable reliance on professional advice to come forward and voluntarily pay tax and interest for specified years without the imposition of specified penalties. The State benefits from voluntary compliance and payments by taxpayers, and taxpayers benefit by being relieved of potential penalties based on their failure to file appropriate tax returns if they come forward on their own volition.

Purpose

To elicit public input regarding improvements to make participation in the VDP more taxpayer-friendly.

Topic (See Discussion Topics)

Discuss suggested revisions to staff's implementation of VDP. Recommended areas for dialogue to include items such as:

- [Application process](#) improvements
- Application ([FTB Form 4925](#)) revisions to improve efficiency
- Comparable experiences with VDP administration at other government entities
- Communication improvement suggestions – too much or too little currently?

Please provide any written comments before the meeting to the contact(s) listed below.

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