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Steps to Complete your 2015 Tax Return:

- Step 1:** Compile all business related income and expenses for 2015. Please list cash expenses on page 7 unless you already gave us ALL cash expense records for the year.
- Step 2:** Complete the tax organizer. Please fill out the Tax Organizer packet completely. Before submitting, there are several forms that require your signature. To sign you may use [Adobe Acrobat](#) or another e-signature software
- Step 3:** Send copies of W-2s, 1099s, tax organizer, and cash expense records to Abacus CPAs no later than March 21st. They can be mailed to: 1835 E. Republic Rd. Ste. #200 Springfield, MO 65804, faxed to 417-823-0744 or emailed to exprec@abacuscpas.com.
- Step 4:** Sign 8879 once you receive a phone call and a copy of your return.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER

This letter is to confirm and specify the terms of our engagement with you and to clarify the nature and extent of the services we will provide. In order to ensure an understanding of our mutual responsibilities, we ask all clients for whom returns are prepared to confirm the following arrangements.

We will prepare your 2015 federal and requested state income tax returns from information that you will provide to us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although it may be necessary to request clarification of some of the information. We have provided you with an organizer to guide you in gathering the necessary information. Your use of the organizer will assist in keeping pertinent information from being overlooked.

It is your responsibility to provide all the information required for the preparation of complete and accurate returns. You should retain all the documents, canceled checks and other data that form the basis of income and deductions. These may be necessary to prove the accuracy and completeness of the returns to a taxing authority.

You have the final responsibility of the income tax return, and, therefore you should review them before you sign and file them.

Our work in connection with the preparation of your income tax returns does not include any procedures designed to discover defalcations or other irregularities, should any exist. However, should we find any irregularities or unusual items we will bring them to your attention. We will render such accounting and bookkeeping assistance as determined to be necessary for preparation of the income tax returns. If we discover any errors or omissions on a prior year return we will bring that to your attention.

The filing deadline for the tax return is April 15, 2016. In order to meet this filing deadline, the information needed to complete the return should be received in this office no later than March 21, 2016. If an extension of the time is required, any tax due with this return must be paid with that extension. Any amounts not paid by the filing deadline of April 15, 2016 may be subject to interest and late payment penalties.

The law provides various penalties that may be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability. If you would like information on the amount or the circumstances of these penalties, please contact us.

Your returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. Any proposed adjustments by the examining agent are subject to certain rights of appeal. In the event of such governmental tax examination, we will be available, upon request, to represent you under a separate engagement letter representation.

Our fee for these services will be based upon the amount of time required at standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses. We may require a retainer to be paid when you submit your 2015 data to us. All invoices are due and payable upon presentation.

If the foregoing fairly sets forth your understanding, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space indicated and return it to our office. However, if there are other tax returns you expect us to prepare, such as gift, property, local, or school district, please inform us by noting so just below your signature at the end of the returned copy of this letter.

We want to express our appreciation for this opportunity to work with you.

Very truly yours,

Abacus CPAs, LLC

Accepted By: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____
Taxpayer Signature

Accepted By: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____
Spouse Signature

You can turn in the organizer and/or tax documents by mail, fax or email to:

1835 E. Republic Rd. Suite #200
Springfield, Missouri 65804

Phone: 417-380-5000
Fax: 417-823-0744

Email: exprec@abacuscpas.com

INDIVIDUAL TAX ORGANIZER

Taxpayer Name:	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Taxpayer SSN:	_____	Spouse SSN:	_____
Occupation:	_____	Occupation:	_____
Birth Date:	_____	Birth Date:	_____
Phone:	_____	Spouse Phone:	_____
Cell Phone:	_____	Spouse Email:	_____
Email:	_____		
Mailing Address:	_____	Apt #	_____
	_____	County:	_____

Is the Physical Address different than your Mailing Address? If YES, which state? N/A

Did you live at this address all of 2015? Yes No

If no, did you move from one state to a different state? Yes No

State moved from State Date left / / State moved to State Date arrived / /

What is Your Filing Status? Filing Status ***If changed, please correct below:*
 Single Married Filing Joint Married Filing Separate Head of Household Qualifying Widow(er) Date of Death: / /

Dependents:

Name	Birth Date	SSN	Relationship	# of Mos. in 2015 Lived with You:	% of Support You Provide:	Full Time College Student? **	Disabled?	Received Income? ***
					%	No	No	No
					%	No	No	No
					%	No	No	No
					%	No	No	No
					%	No	No	No
					%	No	No	No

*If claiming child due to divorce decree, include a copy of form 8332

**Full time student must be in school for five months in 2015

***Include W2 for each dependant

- Do you want \$3 to go to the Presidential Campaign Fund? Yes No
- Does your spouse want \$3 to go to the Presidential Campaign Fund? Yes No
- Can the IRS discuss the return with Abacus CPAs? Yes No
- Are either you or your spouse blind? Yes No
- Did you or your Spouse receive W-2 income? Yes No
If yes, how many W2's did you receive? _____
- Did you or your spouse receive Miscellaneous income? Yes No
If yes, how many 1099M's did you receive? _____
- Did you receive income from rental property? (Including your home) Yes No
If yes, please provide income, expenses, days rented _____, and days personally used _____
- Did you buy or sell your residence or any other real estate? If yes, please provide the details and a copy of the HUD statement. Yes No
- Did you or your spouse receive Interest Income? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1099-INT's did you receive? _____
- Did you or your spouse receive Dividend Income? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1099-DIV's did you receive? _____
- Did you or your spouse sell stocks in 2015? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1099-B's did you receive? _____
- Did you receive Pension, Annuity, and/or Retirement Pay? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1099-R's did you receive? _____
- Did you contribute or withdraw money from an IRA, SEP, or Keogh Plans? Yes No
- Did you or your spouse receive Unemployment Income? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1099-G's did you receive? _____
- Did you or your spouse receive Social Security Income? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1099-SSA's did you receive? _____
- Did you or your spouse have gambling winnings and/or losses? Yes No
If yes, how many form W-2G's did you receive? _____
- Did you, your spouse, or dependents have student loan interest? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1098-E's did you receive? _____
- Did either you, spouse, or dependents have school tuition expense? Yes No
If yes, how many form 1098-T's did you receive? _____
- Did you or your spouse make any gift in excess of \$14,000? If yes, please provide the details of the gift. Yes No

Did you or your spouse pay or receive Alimony? Yes No

If yes, provide:

Paid to: _____ Payee Social Security # _____
 Alimony Paid \$ _____ or Alimony Received: \$ _____

Did you or your spouse receive Investment Income (Partnership, S-Corp, etc.) Yes No

If yes, please include a copy of form K-1.

Do you have a foreign bank account? Yes No

If yes, is the balance over \$10,000? Provide details: _____

Did you or your spouse have Cancellation of Debt? Yes No

If yes, how many form 1099-C's did you receive? _____

Did you make any energy efficient home improvements in 2015? Yes No

If yes, please include receipts.

Can Abacus CPAs electronically file your tax return? Yes No

If not, please state reason. _____

Have you experienced identity theft? Yes No

If yes, did the IRS give you a PIN? List # _____

Did you pay federal, state or local estimated tax in 2015?: Yes No

If so, please complete the following schedule:

	Date Paid	Federal Amt.	State Amt.	City Amt.
1st Qtr				
2nd Qtr				
3rd Qtr				
4th Qtr				

Do you want to have your refund direct deposited into your bank account? Yes No

If yes, please provide: Bank Name: _____

Routing # _____ Account # _____ Circle: Checking OR Savings

If you owe upon the completion of your tax return, would you like the taxes owed taken out of the bank account listed above? Yes No

If yes, when would you like the money taken out of the bank account? _____

Do you want some, or all of your refund applied to your 2016 estimated tax? Yes No

If yes: Apply to 1st quarter estimate Apply all refund Apply other amount: \$ _____

If you owe federal and/or state taxes upon the completion of your tax return, would you like to apply for an installment agreement? Monthly Pymt _____ Yes No

Do either you or your spouse owe outstanding child support or federal debt?

Yes No

If yes, would you like us to prepare an injured spouse form to protect your refund? Party Owing Debt: _____ Type of Debt: _____

Yes No

We provide you a copy of your tax return(s) via your own secure online Abacus Access account. Please check the box if you would like your copies mailed to you via United States Postal Service. Do to the increase in online identity theft, we will no longer provide copies via attachment to an unsecure email.

Abacus Access
 Mail
 Pickup
 Email

Have you received any correspondence from the IRS or state taxing authorities that could affect the preparation of your 2015 tax return?

Yes No

If you have a dependent, did you pay for day care or in-home health care in order for you to work or attend school full time?

Yes No

If yes, Paid to: _____ Social Security Number or TIN: # _____
 Amount Paid in 2015 \$ _____ Address of care: _____

Do you have health insurance for 2015?

Yes No

Member Name (List)	Months Covered (List)	Total (\$)	Employee Sponsored? (on W2)	Marketplace Coverage?*(1095-A)	Deducted from Settlement
			No	No	No
			No	No	No
			No	No	No
			No	No	No
			No	No	No
			No	No	No

**If you have Marketplace Coverage, a Form 1095-A is required*

Taxpayer Spouse

Number of Days Away from Home as Company Driver:

Number of Days Away from Home as a Lease Operator:

Would you like Abacus to pull Lumpers, Tolls, & Scales for \$40/HR?

Yes No

If no, match Lumpers to Prime Revenue?

Yes No

Did you keep records and receipts to support your meals per diem, travel, entertainment or gift expenses?

Yes No

Do you own or lease your OTR truck?

Own Lease

Date Purchased: ___ / ___ / ___ and Purchase Price \$ _____

Did you pay a down payment or advance lease payment(s) towards the purchase of a semi-truck?

Yes No

If yes, list down payment amount here \$ _____ and provide us a copy of the purchase or lease documents.

Provide the dates you were a Company Driver and (or) Lease/Owner Operator in 2015:

Company Driver From: __/__/15
To: __/__/15

Lease/Own Operator From: __/__/15
To: __/__/15

LIST ONLY OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO ABACUS CPAS:

	<u>Company Driver:</u>	<u>Lease Operator:</u>
Legal/Professional Fees		
Repairs/Maintenance		
Operating Supplies/Equipment		
Office Supplies/Postage		
Travel- laundry		
Travel- Other		
Safety/Weather Gear		
Tolls/Parking		
Licenses and Permits		
Truck & Trailer Washes		
Security		
Lodging		
Cash Fuel		
Oil & Additives		
Co-Driver Pay (not on settlements)		
Scales		
Communication		
Lumpers		
Miscellaneous		

***Keep Your Receipts For Your Records*

PERSONAL VEHICLE USED FOR BUSINESS

Do you use a personal vehicle for business use?

Yes No

If no, please skip this section and go to home office

Vehicle Make: _____ Date Purchased: __/__/__

You are allowed to take EITHER the mileage rate or actual expenses. Please list mileage and actual expenses below. ***Commuting miles are not deductible.***

Mileage:

Business Miles Driven during 2015: _____ Total Miles Driven in 2015: _____

Actual Expenses:

Gas _____ Oil _____ Tires _____ Supplies _____

Insurance _____ Parking _____ Taxes _____

Tags/ Licenses _____ Interest _____ Lease Payments _____

Did you use the vehicle for the business less than 12 months?

Yes No

Do you have another vehicle available for personal purposes?

Yes No

Do you have evidence to support your deduction?

Yes No

If yes, is it written?

Yes No

HOME OFFICE

Do you have a Home Office?

Yes No

****MUST** be used exclusively for business purposes on a regular basis in connection with your business and for your convenience. If you're self-employed, it must be your principal place of business or you must be able to show that income is actually produced in the home office. If business use of home relates to daycare, provide total hours of business operation for the year.

Business Activity that uses home office
(Example: Trucking)

Total Square Ft. of Home Square Ft. of Home Office

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**Expenses Related to
Entire Home:**

Mortgage Interest: _____

Real Estate Taxes: _____

Utilities (Monthly Average): _____

Property Insurance: _____

Rent (Monthly): _____

Other Expenses: _____

**Expenses Relating Directly
with Home Office:**

Landline Telephone: _____

Home Office Maintenance: _____

Other Expenses: _____

ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

Did you pay out of pocket for medical expenses and/or prescriptions? Yes No

If yes, please list how much you paid for the following:

Out of Pocket Doctor Visits \$ _____

Prescription Drugs \$ _____

Do you own or rent your home? Rent Own

If you rent your home, how much did you pay in rent monthly? _____

If yes, how many months did you rent your home? _____

If you own your home, how much did you pay in mortgage interest and real estate tax?

If yes, please include Mortgage Interest Statements

Mortgage Interest Paid: _____

Real Estate Taxes Paid: _____

Did you purchase any major items such as automobiles, boats, home improvements? Yes No

If yes, provide a list of sales tax paid: _____

Did you pay personal property tax? If yes, how much? \$ _____ Yes No

Did you donate cash to a charity or church? Yes No

If yes, list how amount given and to what organization:

Please note that you need to have written acknowledgment from any charity or organization that you made individual donations of \$250 or more during 2015.

Did you donate non-cash items to an organization? (Example: Clothes to Goodwill) Yes No

If yes, please list and enclose your receipt from the organization.

The receipt must include the organizations name and address, a description of the property donated, the date acquired and how it was acquired, how much you paid for the items, and how much the item was worth when you donated it.

EARNED INCOME CREDIT

Are you a qualifying person of another? Yes No

Have you ever been disallowed the Earned Income Credit or has it been reduced? Yes No

If you have a qualifying child and it is not your biological child, why are biological parents not claiming? And what is your relationship with the child? Yes No

To ensure timely processing please include all tax documents with this organizer.