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Department of Revenue warns of third-party vendors charging taxpayers for free services

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue is warning taxpayers of a growing trend of internet vendors charging taxpayers for services the department offers for free. These Internet vendors are not affiliated with the Department of Revenue.

“Starting a business is risky enough in this economic climate. The department offers free solutions to help businesses obtain a Minnesota sales tax number and get the information and education they need to meet their tax filing obligations,” said Revenue Assistant Commissioner Terri Steenblock.

Taxpayers who are starting a business and need a Minnesota sales tax identification number can obtain one from the department at no cost. Taxpayers using the Internet to register for a business tax identification number may do so at the department’s official website www.revenue.state.mn.us, select “Businesses” and click on the “Starting a Business” tab. Private information provided using department’s website will be protected as required by law.

The department encourages taxpayers who choose to use an Internet vendor to register their business to carefully check the vendor’s privacy policies. The department also recommends that taxpayers using an Internet vendor to obtain a Minnesota sales tax identification number access the department’s e-Services website at <https://www.mndor.state.mn.us/tp/eservices/#2> or call the department at 651-282-5225 or 1-800-657-3605 to have their account password and security question changed and ensure their contact information is accurate.

If a taxpayer has a complaint about an Internet vendor, they may contact the Minnesota Attorney General’s office. (Visit www.ag.state.mn.us and click on “Consumer Complaints” or call 651-296-3353 or 1-800-657-3787.)

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