Tax Planning
And Reporting

FOR A SMALL BUSINESS





#### Welcome



- 1. Agenda
- 2. Ground Rules
- 3. Introductions

## **Objectives**

## After completing this training, you will be able to:

- Identify the federal, state, and local tax reporting requirements of a small business and its owner, and establish a plan to account and pay them.
- Identify methods for researching the local, municipal, and county reporting/licensing requirements for a small business.



#### What Do You Know?

What do you know or want to learn about tax planning and reporting?



## **Managing Your Tax Obligations**

- Get informed
- Plan
- Save



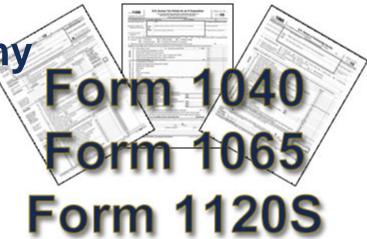
### **Primary Business Taxes**

- Income Tax
- Self-Employment Tax
- State Income Taxes
- Employment Taxes
- Sales Tax
- Local taxes



#### **Federal Income Tax**

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnerships
- S-corporation
- C-corporation
- Limited Liability Company





# Discussion Point #1: Federal Tax Forms



What federal tax forms will you need for your business?



## **Employment Tax and Forms**

#### Federal Employment Taxes

- Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment Tax Return, Form 940
- Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return, Form 941

#### Forms

- Employee's Withholding, W-4 Form
- Wage and Tax Statement, W-2 Form
- Miscellaneous Income, Form 1099-MISC



#### **State and Local Taxes**

- State/County/City Income Tax
- Permits
- Licenses
- Fictitious name permit ("doing business as")
- State Sales Tax

## **Know Your Tax Obligations**

- Your form of business determines how you pay income taxes
- Pay-as-you-go



## **Cost of Not Paying Your Taxes**

Never use payroll taxes for working capital during cash flow shortages.



## **Money Management for Taxes**

- Know when, what, and how much
- Save for taxes
- Separate accounts



## **Accounting Systems**

- Deductions
- Bookkeeping
- Business accounting software
- Cash versus accrual accounting methods

## Using an accountant

- Doing it yourself
- Accountant services
- Where to find a qualified business accountant





#### Services Business Accountants Offer

- Business consulting
- Personal finance advice
- Information on organizational structures
- Financing information
- Audits
- Reviewed or audited financial statements



## Five Key Points to Remember

- 1. Get qualified advice.
- 2. Learn your business tax liability: income, employment, self-employment, sales and social.
- 3. Set money aside to cover your taxes and avoid comingling funds.
- 4. Have an accounting system in place to track income and expenses.
- 5. An accountant can help you manage your business.



## **Summary**

What final questions do you have?

What have you learned?

How would you evaluate the training?



#### Conclusion

- You have learned about:
  - Managing your tax obligations
  - Typical taxes a business pays: Income, Self Employment, Sales, Employment, Local.
  - The forms and processes used to pay business taxes