

國稅局和安全峰會在全美網絡安全意識月期間提供網絡安全提示

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華府一伴隨全美網絡安全意識月的收尾以及報稅季的臨近,美國國稅局及其安全峰會合作夥伴今天提醒納稅人(包括有孩子的家庭),對潛在的網絡威脅保持警惕。

如果大家不採取適當的網絡安全措施,竊賊就有可能竊取到個人信息。在10月全美網絡安全意識月結束之際,國稅局及其安全峰會(英文)合作夥伴鼓勵每個人都查看自己可用的資源。

安全峰會成員與國稅局合作,保護納稅人免遭稅務相關的身份盜竊。該峰會由來自全國私立稅務領域、州稅務管理人員、軟件公司、稅

務專業人士、國稅局以及其他等成員協同努力,全年為納稅人提供保護。

國稅局敦促廣大家庭警惕各種各樣的網絡漏洞。無論是在線購物還是瀏覽各種社交媒體網站,那些不太熟悉網絡安全的人可能會面臨將其個人信息暴露給犯罪分子的風險。

為了宣傳10月份的全美網絡安全意識月的重點,國稅局列出了以下是有助於防範網絡安全攻擊的措施:

* 識別詐騙並舉報網絡釣魚。請務必記住,國稅局不會使用短信或社交媒體討論個人稅務問題,例如涉及退稅、付款或稅單的問題。

* 保護個人信息。不要在網上透露太多個人信息。出生日期、地址、年齡和財務信息(例如銀行賬戶和社會安全號碼)均不應隨意共享。加密敏感文件,例如存儲在電腦上的稅務記錄。
* 使用強密碼。考慮使用密碼管理器來存儲密碼。
* 啓用多重身份驗證(MFA)。對在線賬戶使用

此額外安全措施。
* 更新電腦和電話軟件。啓用自動更新來安裝關鍵安全更新。
* 使用安全軟件。例如防病毒和防火牆防護等。
* 使用VPN。犯罪分子可以通過不安全的公共Wi-Fi網絡攔截個人信息。我們鼓勵個人在連接公共Wi-Fi時始終使用虛擬專用網絡。



國稅局宣佈明年全美13個州將試行免費網上“直接報稅”



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國稅局(IRS)宣佈明年將于紐約、加州、佛

州等13個州份試行“直接報稅”(Direct File)計劃,讓合資格的民衆自行免費報稅,當事人必須收入在特定範圍或享受個別抵免政策。國稅局表示,希望借此評估報稅系統、客戶支援、納稅人體驗等因素,確定未來是否擴大計劃。

綜合國稅局官方公告及CNN、《國會山報》報道,“直接報稅”試行計劃將於明年1月展開,國稅局局長韋費爾(Danny Werfel)強調,此舉將是國稅局創新的關鍵一步,如果證明可行,將會繼續推廣這項服務,令納稅人有更多的選擇。

計劃將於13個州試行,其中紐約、加州、麻省以及亞利桑那,已同意把州府系統與聯邦系統整合,這四個州份的合資格民衆首先將提交

聯邦報稅表,然後會被引導到州府支援的申報工具,再遞交州府表格。

參與該試行計劃的另外9個州份本身都不設州府所得稅,分別是德州、佛州、田納西、懷俄明、內華達、南達科他、阿拉斯加、華盛頓州以及新罕布什爾,其中華盛頓州更選擇將該州的工作家庭稅收抵免申請,與聯邦的“直接報稅”系統整合,以便納稅人提交聯邦報稅表後,再連結州府表格。

上述13個州份並非所有人都可參與該項試點計劃。國稅局表示,只有“稅務(資料)相對簡單”的納稅人才可參加,例如收入屬於特定類型、享受某些稅項抵免的納稅人,初步相信將涵蓋W-2工資收入、社安金收入(Social Security income)、所得稅抵免、兒童稅收抵免、

標準扣稅額等。

該計劃試行期間,民衆仍可選擇其他途徑報稅,包括聘請專業的報稅公司、使用商業報稅軟件或是現有的“免費報稅”(Free File)系統。對於政府這次嘗試,私人報稅公司H&R Block和TurboTax等都開腔批評,質疑新系統只會比“免費報稅”更差,聯邦也不應扮演報稅顧問的角色。

過去幾年由於國會減少撥款,國稅局經費減少,導致職員人數和審計效率都有所下降,但是白宮根據《降低通脹法案》(Inflation Reduction Act),將讓國稅局獲得長期而穩定的撥款,改革稅制之餘也打擊稅務詐騙。國稅局表示,報稅服務的水平也因此提陞,當局在2023年季度,回復了逾300萬通電話,電話查詢等候時間也由之前一年的28分鐘,大大減至3分鐘。

Governor DeWine Announces Additional \$150 Million to Demolish Dilapidated Buildings, Pave Way for Economic Growth

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today announced that additional funding is now available to help transform Ohio's communities into vibrant hubs of opportunity through the demolition of blighted buildings.

A new round of the Ohio Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program will provide \$150 million in grants to raze dilapidated commercial and residential buildings and revitalize surrounding properties throughout the state.

The first three rounds of the program — announced in October 2022, December 2022, and January 2023 — awarded nearly \$150 million in grants to support 3,699 projects in 87 counties.

“Blighted buildings have no place in our vision for Ohio's future,” said Governor DeWine. “These dilapidated eyesores continue to stand in the way of progress,

and by helping local communities take them down, we can open these areas up for new economic development.”

“Although Ohio's economy is on the rise, numerous communities are unable to fully participate in this growth due to the presence of legacy properties that require demolition and preparation for new development,” explained Lt. Governor Husted. “These grants provide the essential financing for redevelopment, paving the way for a new era of prosperity.”

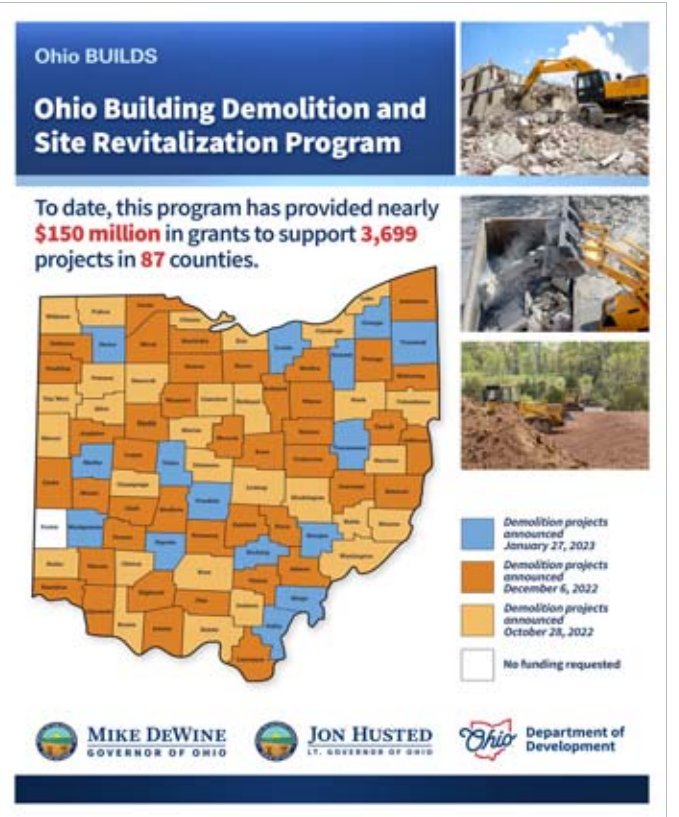
More Information: development.ohio.gov/demolition

The DeWine-Husted Administration created the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program in 2021 in partnership with the Ohio General Assembly. This new round of funding was made possible through continued support in the 2023 biennial budget bill, House Bill 33. The Ohio Department of Development administers the program.

“Companies from all over the country are choosing to set up shop in Ohio because we're making transformative investments in the critical infrastructure that supports their growth,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. “With every dilapidated eyesore we tear down, we lay the foundation for another community to become Ohio's next great economic success story.”

As required by House Bill 33, each county will have access to a \$500,000 set-aside, with the remaining funds awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program is part of Governor DeWine's Ohio BUILDS Initiative, which focuses on supporting targeted solutions that impact quality of life, such as water infrastructure improvements, broadband expansion, brownfield redevelopment, the demolition of blighted buildings, and more.



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