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### **Christie Administration Encourages Taxpayers to Take Advantage of E-Filing Options During the 2014 Tax Season**

**Trenton** – At the start of the 2014 tax filing season, State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff and Division of Taxation Director Mike Bryan are urging New Jersey taxpayers who are still filing paper returns to make the switch to preparing and filing their tax returns electronically.

“Please make 2014 the year you kick the paper habit,” the Treasurer said, adding, “by preparing and filing your federal and state income tax returns electronically instead of handwriting and mailing in paper forms, you’ll be helping us to serve you better.”

About 75 percent of New Jersey taxpayers filed their state income tax returns electronically last year and the number of e-filers goes up each year. However, the Treasurer said he would like to see even more taxpayers benefit from the advantages of e-filing.

The Treasurer noted that e-filed returns can be processed faster than paper returns and with less chance of errors, which means any refunds a taxpayer is due can be delivered faster as well. He also pointed out that returns prepared using tax software are less likely to have errors because of built-in checks and filters, and when returns are e-filed, taxpayers get an immediate receipt acknowledging that they have been

delivered. "E-filing is easier, more reliable and faster. Those are a lot of good reasons to make the switch and e-file in 2014," he said.

Taxation Director Mike Bryan reminded taxpayers that they can use **NJ WebFile**, a completely free option, to prepare and file their state tax returns electronically. It can be accessed through a link on the Division's webpage.

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/>

"If you have a fairly standard return, without multiple deductions or sources of income, **NJ WebFile** should work fine for you," Bryan said.

Director Bryan also said that taxpayers who still want to file paper returns should consider using one of the approved tax software packages listed on the Division's website. That will make it possible for them to print out and mail in a machine-readable form that can be readily processed by the Division's computer systems.

Director Bryan also urged all taxpayers to consider filing their returns in February or March this year instead of waiting for the final crush at the end of the filing season in April. Early filing, he said, will help ensure taxpayers get any refund they are due as quickly as possible.

The Treasurer and Director Bryan's video messages for Tax Season 2014 can be viewed on the Division's new YouTube channel at the links below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BRw1ERq97s&feature=youtu.be>

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