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Update on the HIRE Act

Just a quick update on the HIRE Act. As you may recall, The HIRE Act was passed this past March. According to the Act, employers are forgiven EMPLOYER FICA taxes attributable to wages earned by qualifying employees. A qualifying employee is an employee hired after February 3rd who had not worked more than 40 hours in the prior 6 months. Unfortunately, a qualifying employee can not be related to a 50% owner.

How to get the credit: The IRS has just approved the 2010 Second Quarter Form 941. You will use this updated form to claim a refund attributable to Employer Social Security taxes paid on qualifying new employee wages.

Make sure your newly hired employees complete the attached Form W-11. While Form W-11 is not filed with the taxing authorities, it will serve as the basis for the credit claimed on your payroll tax returns. You should keep this Form until February 1, 2014.

Please make sure you update your payroll records and notify your payroll providers of any eligible employees.

If you have any questions, please respond or give me a call.

Cheers!

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Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act Employee Affidavit

▶ Do not send this form to the IRS. Keep this form for your records.

To be completed by new employee. Affidavit is not valid unless employee signs it.

I certify that I have been unemployed or have not worked for anyone for more than 40 hours during the 60-day period ending on the date I began employment with this employer.

Your name _____ Social security number ▶ _____

First date of employment ____ / ____ / ____ Name of employer _____

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this affidavit and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Employee's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ ____ / ____ / ____

Instructions to the Employer

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Purpose of Form

Use Form W-11 to confirm that an employee is a qualified employee under the HIRE Act. You can use another similar statement if it contains the information above and the employee signs it under penalties of perjury.

Only employees who meet all the requirements of a qualified employee may complete this affidavit or similar statement. You cannot claim the HIRE Act benefits, including the payroll tax exemption or the new hire retention credit, unless the employee completes and signs this affidavit or similar statement under penalties of perjury and is otherwise a qualified employee.

A "qualified employee" is an employee who:

- begins employment with you after February 3, 2010, and before January 1, 2011;
- certifies by signed affidavit, or similar statement under penalties of perjury, that he or she has not been employed for more than 40 hours during the 60-day period ending on the date the employee begins employment with you;
- is not employed by you to replace another employee unless the other employee separated from employment voluntarily or for cause (including downsizing); and
- is not related to you. An employee is related to you if he or she is your child or a descendent of your child,

your sibling or stepsibling, your parent or an ancestor of your parent, your stepparent, your niece or nephew, your aunt or uncle, or your in-law. An employee also is related to you if he or she is related to anyone who owns more than 50% of your outstanding stock or capital and profits interest or is your dependent or a dependent of anyone who owns more than 50% of your outstanding stock or capital and profits interest.

If you are an estate or trust, see section 51(i)(1) and section 152(d)(2) for more details.



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