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Seminar to focus on self-audits, sales and use tax

Intended for business owners, bookkeepers, purchasing agents, accountants, and others

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Division of Taxation will hold a seminar next month involving sales and use tax. This seminar will provide an overview of the new self-audit program. The seminar also will serve as an introduction to the basics of Rhode Island’s sales and use.

The seminar is designed for business owners, bookkeepers, purchasing agents, accountants, and other professionals.

A key feature of the seminar will be the self-audit program, under which a business audits its own books and records to see if the business has a previously undisclosed Rhode Island use tax liability. If the self-audit application is approved, the self-audit is completed in accordance with the program’s guidelines, and the business pays what it owes, the Division can waive penalties and some interest.

Also at the seminar, Rhode Island Division of Taxation personnel will outline the fundamentals of the sales and use tax and discuss how to register a business and how to complete the Business Application and Registration (BAR) form.

The seminar is presented from the standpoint of businesses, including small businesses and professionals. The seminar is not geared to individual consumers.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in the large meeting room at the Warwick Public Library’s Central Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick. There is no charge for the seminar, which is presented as a public service by the Division of Taxation. But space is limited and pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please use the following link: <http://bit.ly/2ntkZhG>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Division of Taxation is located on the first floor of the Powers Building, at One Capitol Hill in Providence, diagonally across from the Smith Street entrance of the State House. The Division is typically open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. The main phone number is (401) 574-8829. (For questions about personal income tax, choose option # 3.) To see a list of phone numbers and email addresses to various sections within the agency, use the following link: <http://www.tax.ri.gov/contact/>. The Division of Taxation cannot directly respond to taxpayer inquiries via social media, such as Twitter and Facebook, because of State statutes protecting taxpayer confidentiality. For the same reason, individual taxpayer inquiries cannot be directly addressed when made through traditional media, such as TV stations and talk-show programs. For refund status, see: <https://www.ri.gov/taxation/refund/>.