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THG Snap Shot: Preparation ensures the best tax outcomes

When it comes to taxes, you need a clear picture of the factors that will impact your 2017 tax liabilities – while you still have to act.

End of year planning is essential because tax matters are increasingly complicated, especially with all the current uncertainty. Economic conditions, congressional chaos and expiring tax breaks, make a fall tax planning session a *must* for everyone committed to *not* overpaying the IRS.

We are very serious about the need for tax planning and we making it convenient and easy to do. Learn more about our THG Snap Shot service; here's how it works:

We will invest up to two hours with you to discuss elements of your tax situation that provide:

- A review of last year's tax scenario and assess potential changes for 2018;
- A review of tax provisions that expire December 31st which may benefit you – and which will require immediate action;
- An informal assessment of business and/or personal tax liabilities that merit further investigation before it's too late to take corrective action.

We are listing significant items we will review with you and they include Individual and Business factors that impact our taxes.

Individuals (including taxpayers with S Corporations and LLC's that flow through)

- Make annual exclusion gifts before yearend
- Review IRA distributions
- Consider conversion of traditional IRA to ROTH especially if Net Operating Loss is applicable
- Confirm taxpayer Federal and State withholding to avoid penalty for underpayment of taxes (Allow for withholding adjustments on year end bonus)
- Review estimated tax payments to the 90% threshold to avoid underpayment of taxes (Allow for year-end adjustments on 4th quarter estimated tax payment.).
- Determine whether pre-payment of state taxes provides for a Federal income tax deduction – no tax benefit if a taxpayer is subject to AMT.
- Evaluate Flexible Spending Accounts and determine if you have the correct amount set aside or have utilized amounts in the accounts for medical expenses – it's use it or lose it.
- Should you use Dependent Care Credit through your cafeteria plan?
- Evaluate investment position and determine if you should sell stock, capital loss carryovers.

Business Entities

- Compute personal use of Auto and include in W-2 compensation

- Review of accounting software to determine any user issues as relates to accounting for activity.
- Set up retirement plan (Sole 401K, Pension and Regular 401K plans) in which plan documents have to be in place prior to end of year. Note that Self-Employed Pensions can be setup after year end but could end up allowing less to be funded than traditional plans.
- Increase basis in partnership/s corp. so you will be able to deduct the loss this year including documentation of member/shareholder loans.
- Ensure that Form 1099's will be issued for payments in excess of \$600 to service providers (Check on vendor setup in accounting software)
- Ensure that health insurance is included in W-2's for S Corporation stockholders?
- Ensure that EFTPS registration is set up to make Federal and state (if necessary) electronic payments.
- Review inventory and determine timing of physical inventory count at year-end

Investment

THG Snap Shot is a one-time special service with a fixed fee of \$600 – so we've made it affordable as well as convenient.

Contact us right away to set up your THG Snap Shot meeting.

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