

# Big Help For Small Businesses

(NAPSA)—The complex forms, the piles of records and receipts, and the possibility of being selected for an audit all contribute to the feeling of dread that the words “tax season” conjure up in many Americans. This year, however, one company has assembled a group of resources to help small businesses tackle the challenge of preparing for tax season.

Throughout tax season, members of the Microsoft Professional Accountants’ Network will contribute to a growing list of tips and informative articles designed to help small businesses identify areas where they can improve their tax readiness. Tax preparation experts from across the country will be providing their thoughts on everything from little-known deductions to tips about software programs that help users better manage the complex tax filing process. The tips, articles and other resources can be accessed at [www.sba.microsoft.com/taxcenter](http://www.sba.microsoft.com/taxcenter).

“Few things are as taxing for a small business as the time and effort put into preparing a filing,” said Bob Lewis, senior manager of accountant relations at Microsoft. “This resource, coupled with innovation built into our Microsoft Office Small Business Accounting package, is designed to provide small businesses the tools to manage this critical aspect of their businesses.”

Each week, the site will feature a set of new tips corresponding to each day of the work week and will provide access to content from previous weeks. In similar fashion, a feature article written by a professional accountant will appear each week, discussing in detail valuable concepts that may require a more in-depth explanation.



**Small businesses can get expert tax time assistance from a surprising source.**

The members of Microsoft’s Professional Accountants’ Network are familiar with the limitations and challenges commonly experienced by small business. Many small businesses may still rely on paper-based accounting methods and are forced to outsource a lot of the tax preparation process because they cannot weather the disruption to their day-to-day business. With such challenges in mind, Microsoft recently introduced one-year free, unlimited support and up to \$100 in savings for its Small Business Accounting 2006 software at participating retailers for a limited time.

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