

# Business News & Notes

## Giving Businesses A Big Assist With Taxes

(NAPSA)—Anytime of year can be the right time for a business to get its records in order, particularly when it comes to taxes.

Fortunately, to help make things easier and faster for business owners, the U.S. government provides downloadable federal tax forms, guidance and documents on a compliance Web site called Business.gov.

The screenshot shows the Business.GOV website. At the top, it says "Business.GOV THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS LINK TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT". Below this are navigation links: Home, Business Resource Library, Press, and About Us. The main content area features a central message: "The official resource to help business quickly find compliance information, forms and contacts from multiple government Web sites." To the left, there is a "Business Resource Library" section with links for "Business Licenses & Permits", "Hiring & Managing Employees", "Taxes", and "Workplace Health & Safety". To the right, there are sections for "Federal Forms", "Compliance Contacts", "SBA National Ombudsman", and "State Compliance Resources". At the bottom, there is a search bar and a "Search By Industry or Business Topic" section with a list of business areas including Advertising & Marketing, Business Law, Emergency & Disaster Planning, Environmental Compliance, Finance, Government Contracting, Hiring & Managing Employees, Information Security, International Trade, Licenses & Permits, Non-Profits, Taxes, and Workplace Health & Safety. The SBA logo and a "Plan a Business" section are also visible.

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The site, created to save businesses time and money, makes it possible to quickly search for answers to questions and download tax forms and documents over the Internet.

While managing taxes is a year-round responsibility, there are some tasks that a business should address early in the new year.

For example, employers must produce a Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement for each employee by January 31.

To search federal forms and other documents, visit [www.business.gov](http://www.business.gov).