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**Subject: EXTENDED TAX CREDIT DEADLINE**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> is the extended deadline to file for certification of Unemployed Veterans and Disconnected Youth hired after January 1, 2009 and before July 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, for work opportunity tax credits. (WOTC).**

Companies who plan to take advantage of this tax credit will need to complete Form 8850: *Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit* for each qualified individual hired between January 1 and July 17, 2009. Companies who hire individuals in these two categories are eligible for a maximum \$2400 tax credit for each qualified new hire.

**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009** signed in February 2009 expanded the definition of new hires who qualify for Work Opportunity Tax Credits to include **unemployed veterans** and **disconnected youth**. These two new categories of workers are defined in more detail below and the statutes are in place through 2010. Certification by the state workforce agency is required.

**Unemployed Veterans.** Any veteran that has been discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces at any time during the 5-year period ending on the hiring date, and has received unemployment compensation under State or Federal law for not less than 4 weeks during the 1-year period ending on the hiring date.

**Disconnected Youth.** Any individual who is certified by the designated local agency aged 16-24, who is not regularly attending any secondary, technical or post-secondary school during the 6-month period preceding the hiring date, or who was not regularly employed during such 6-month period, and is not readily employable by reason of lacking a sufficient number of basic skills.

**AccuPay can help!** We offer assistance in processing and tracking documentation for companies who hire individuals from disadvantaged work groups. Up to 20% of hourly employees qualify for a business for a work opportunity tax credit. For more information on tax credit processing, contact Tamara Clookey, CPP or Larry Shaub, CPA at 885-7600

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