

IRS Pub 963 Questionnaire (August 3, 2011)

Fellow State Social Security Administrators and Staff:

Annually the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), and the National Conference of State Social Security Administrators (NCSSSA) identify necessary updates to the Federal-State Reference Guide (IRS Publication 963), including suggested changes to the substantive content, organization, formatting, and so forth. The IRS then consolidates all of the input and issues a new edition of the Guide during the fall of each year.

The National Conference of State Social Security Administrators (NCSSSA) is asking its members and their customers (state and local government employers and their legal and financial advisors) to take a brief survey to identify possible areas for improvement to the Federal-State Reference Guide (IRS Pub. 963). We are using surveymonkey to obtain this information, so please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BMT5WRV> and complete the brief questionnaire. We ask everyone to complete the questionnaire on or before Wednesday, August 24, 2011, so we can compile the results and submit them to the IRS and SSA.

NCSSSA is distributing this questionnaire to get comments and input from the principal people for whom the Federal-State Reference Guide (IRS Publication 963) was originally designed and developed in 1995. The goal of the original Guide was to provide an easy to understand, single-source, reliable, and consistent reference tool for state and local government (public) employers and their legal and financial advisors as well as federal (IRS and SSA) officials who are responsible for administering Social Security/Medicare coverage and benefits, public pension system requirements, and FICA tax obligations for state and local governments.

Please take a few minutes to answer the brief questionnaire about the Guide, so NCSSSA can provide meaningful suggestions to the IRS and SSA about how all of us can improve the Guide for you, our mutual customers. Also, we urge you to ask state and local government employers in your states to respond to the survey as well. You can find the current Guide at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p963.pdf>, which might help you and your public employers in responding to this questionnaire.

Thank you, in advance, for helping us improve the resources available to you and your customers -- all state and local government employers -- thereby facilitating voluntary compliance with federal Social Security, Medicare, public pension system, and employment tax laws and regulations. If you have any questions or encounter any issues while completing this questionnaire, please email Maryann Motza at: maryann.motza@state.co.us.