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## VOICE OF THE EDITOR

# **IRS Visits to Tax Preparers**

Last fall, we learned that the IRS was planning to make some **in- person visits** to tax return preparers as part of a larger process of
spot-checking to make sure tax preparers are following through on their
obligations to prepare accurate tax returns. The Treasury Inspector
General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has **performed a review** of the
reports on those visits and has determined that the results of the inperson reviews were somewhat lackluster.

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### TIP OF THE DAY

CPA firms may want to look at what their colleagues across the country are doing in terms of employee benefits. One way to do this is by participating in the 2012 MAP Survey.

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### TAX HEADLINES

# House Approves Firing of Tax-Delinquent Federal Workers

The House approved legislation on July 31 that would require the federal government to terminate workers with "seriously delinquent" tax debts.

### → IRS Visits to Preparers Not Very Productive

A review of the Return Preparer Visitation Project (RPVP) for FY 2011 by TIGTA found that major changes need to be made to the management of the program to improve its effectiveness.

# Guidance on ERISA Notice for Underfunded Pension Plans

The IRS has provided new guidance on notice requirements under the ERISA for single-employer defined plans, like pension plans, when the plan fails to meet certain funding levels (Notice 2012-46).

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