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IRS Woes Keep Growing

Troubles for the IRS seem to be mounting. The latest stems from the agency spending **\$50 million on over 200 conferences** for staff members between 2010 and 2012. Congress is also up in arms over yet another "training" video featuring **IRS staffers line dancing** to the R&B song "Cupid Shuffle." Apparently, the "dancers" weren't too happy about it either. On a positive note, the IRS says **improvements to its e-File system** have been made, which are expected to improve the tax-filing process.

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TAX HEADLINES

→ IRS Comes Under Fire for Conference Spending

The IRS is expected to face even more heat this week when the TIGTA releases a new report claiming that the nation's tax collection agency spent about \$50 million in holding at least 220 conferences for IRS staffers between 2010 and 2012.



→ Poor Reviews for IRS Line Dance Video

Once again, the IRS is being forced to do some fancy footwork, now that a video of staffers performing a line dance has raised the ire of Congress. The video, which lasts less than three minutes, depicts IRS workers line dancing to music sounding like "Cupid Shuffle."



→ IRS Fine-Tunes e-File System to Prevent Processing Delays

After performance issues to its electronic filing system caused delays in processing tax returns during the 2012 filing season, the IRS has made several enhancements to the system over the past year that are expected to improve the tax-filing process.



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- **Todd Lisle of BKD LLP** and **Amy Welch of OSCPA** share their stories of helping tornado victims in Moore, Oklahoma.
- **Ted Dickman, CEO of BKD LLP and chairman of the board of directors for the Indianapolis 500 Festival**, offers tips on encouraging employees to become involved in their communities.
- **Jeff Magson, VP of sales and platforms for 1st Global**, offers three strategies to help protect your baby boomer clients' savings.
- AICPA 2013 Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award winners – **professors Janet L. Colbert and Donald E. Tidrick** – share their advice on preparing for a career in accounting.

TIP OF THE DAY

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