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**Date:** August 17, 2023  
**To:** Tax Software Developers  
**Concerning:** 2023 Early Substitute Forms Testing

With registration and forms being available earlier this year, we want to provide earlier testing for Substitute Forms as finalized materials are being made available.

Testing begins **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please keep in mind the following:

- Submissions should only be made from the finalized forms for TY2023 available here on SES.
- Changes may be made to our finalized forms as the development season continues.
  - You will be expected to make the needed updates.
  - Text updates do not require resubmissions.
  - Significant field changes will require resubmissions. (We do not see this being a likely situation)

You will receive an acknowledgement email in receipt of your submission.

If your submission requires corrections, we will return the submission with notes of errors.

If your submission does not require corrections, we will send you a Passed status email.

At this time, we will not be sending Production Approvals. Approvals will be provided closer to the end of the calendar year, pending all testing for your product is completed. If your product is also developing for eFile, you will need to complete your eFile testing prior to receiving your Production Approval.

Please remember to review the Substitute Forms Specifications document and reach out to us with any questions.

Thank you,

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