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CHANGES TO IRS BUDGET TO MEET NEW ADMINISTRATION GOALS

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With a new Trump administration comes new priorities and the IRS is a topic and perhaps a target for the majority party. A few years ago we witnessed a massive taxpayer dollar outlay (over 10 years) of close to 80 billion dollars to expand and develop the IRS. However, due to various political and economic challenges, many of the goals set forth were not achieved in the last few years making the IRS prime for stripping of its budget. Or at least that's the justification. According to the annual Congressional Budget Justification released to the Treasury, here are some main things we could see impacting the IRS under President Trump:

- The number of employees would drop to 77,728 in fiscal year 2026, compared with 96,700 in the operating plan for fiscal year 2025. The IRS workforce was about 74,000 in 2019
- Proposed a total budget of \$14.2 billion for fiscal year 2026, down from \$22.5 billion in the current-year operating plan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cary G. Wikoff, President

It seems as though the month of May has come and gone in the blink of an eye, and I'm still working to get all those little projects done that I promised clients I would get to "as soon as tax season was over". Hopefully things are slowing down in your world, and you're getting some much more relaxed office hours as well as some time away from the office.

June is a busy month for PAAK. It starts with the 11 th Annual Michael R. Oliver Memorial Golf Tournament in Salina. This is always an enjoyable event that serves as a fundraiser for the Floyd Lietz Scholarship fund.

On Friday June 20th , PAAK will hold its annual Accountants Seminar in Manhattan, at the KSU Foundation Building from 8 to 4:30. This is always a great seminar that covers a variety of topics. The registration form is available on the PAAK website. The next board meeting will be on Thursday June 19th in Manhattan. If you are not a board member, please consider joining us as a guest and stay for the Accountants Seminar the following day.

Lastly, be sure to mark your calendar for August 20th through the 23 rd . as PAAK will hold its Annual Convention in Salina. The Convention committee is working to get a schedule of events lined up for this year. It's always a great time to get together with fellow PAAK members and socialize, in addition to conducting the annual business meeting. I hope everyone has a great month of June and I hope to see you at several PAAK events.

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- The report assumes that almost \$59 billion of the \$80 billion that the Inflation Reduction Act budgeted for the IRS will be rescinded.
- Enforcement employees would drop 31%, going to 22,303 from 32,350.
- Technology and operations support employees would decline by 59%, dropping to 4,250 from 10,371
- Over 23,000 employees applied for the voluntary separation program, with 13,124 approvals as of April 22, 2025.

The report says the IRS will prioritize revenue collections, modernizing the taxpayer experience and continue to preserve privacy for taxpayer. While on the surface these massive cuts could seem to undermine these objectives, the report says this base funding will be redirected from lower priority programs and cover the Administrations goals.

For more information about the Administrations goals, go here:

<https://www.tigta.gov/sites/default/files/reports/2025-05/2025ier017fr.pdf>

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/266/02.-IRS-FY-2026-CJ.pdf>

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!

This year's golf tournament was held at the Salina Municipal golf course. The annual event attracted 11 teams in the rainy weather. Over \$4000 was raised to fund the Floyd Lietz Memorial scholarship fund.



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