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NABA, INC. CHAPTERS NATIONWIDE PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROVIDING NEEDED SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES

2011 Income Tax Assistance

GREENBELT, MD – JANUARY 28, 2011 – NABA, Inc. chapters around the United States will participate in the Internal Revenue Service’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The program offers free tax help to people who cannot afford professional assistance. Participating volunteers will prepare basic tax returns for low-income taxpayers, including the elderly, limited-English proficient and people with disabilities. Assistance is provided at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations.

By eliminating the costs of commercial tax return preparation, **VITA** volunteers help preserve the value of tax credits, such as the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). These tax credits can place additional money back into the hands of eligible taxpayers. According the IRS, each year 20 to 25% of tax filers who qualify –that’s over 6 million people– never take advantage of the EITC. Another advantage to using VITA is that clients can electronically file their federal income tax returns at no charge. With less than a **one per cent** error rate, the IRS e-file option positions VITA clients to receive their tax refunds in as little as ten days and it is more accurate than paper returns.

The IRS announced that 177 organizations have been awarded VITA grants. Although NABA, Inc. Chapters who participate in the program are not VITA grant recipients, participating chapters run sites and/or rally their members and organize opportunities for them to be trained and volunteer as a group at participating organizations in their local area. Participating NABA, Inc. Chapters are: Atlanta Chapter, Chicago Chapter, Cleveland Chapter, Columbia Chapter, Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter, Detroit Chapter, Greater Orlando Chapter, Medgar Evers College (MEC) Student Chapter, Metropolitan DC Chapter, Milwaukee Chapter, New Jersey Chapter, New York Chapter, Philadelphia Chapter, Tallahassee Chapter, Tampa Bay Chapter, West Chester University Student Chapter, and the Wichita Chapter. More chapters will likely participate in the VITA program as the tax season progresses. The New York and Atlanta chapters have the longest running VITA programs with both providing VITA services for 20 years. Visit www.NABAInc.org/Portals/0/VITA.pdf for a list of locations.

NABA, Inc. represents the interests of more than 100,000 people of color in furthering their educational and professional aspirations in the fields of accounting, business and finance. Established in 1969 by nine African American accountants in New York City, the organization currently boasts more than 200 professional and student chapters across the country and partners with like-minded organizations nationally and internationally. NABA, Inc. is hosting its 40th Annual National Convention & EXPO in Orlando, FL from June 22 -25, 2011. For additional information about **NABA, Inc.** call (301) 474-6222, visit www.nabainc.org, or email communications@nabainc.org. Follow NABA’s social networks: [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#).

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