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The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.'s New York Chapter Celebrates National Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day

New York, NY-(January 30, 2009)-The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) New York Chapter is joining the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other organizations around the country in the celebration of National EITC Awareness Day, a nationwide effort to increase public awareness about EITC and free tax preparation sites.

IRS estimates that 20 to 25 percent of eligible taxpayers fail to claim the credit which could put as much as \$4,824 into the pockets of a family with two children, or send as much as \$2,917 to a family with one child, or up to \$438 for a worker with no children. The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest program benefiting lower earning workers.

Taxpayers with the earnings of or below \$38,646 (\$41,646 if married filing jointly) for families with two or more children; \$33,995 (\$36,995 married filing jointly) for families with one child or \$12,880 (\$15,880 married filing jointly) if there are no children should check to see if they qualify.

The EITC is a valuable but complex tax break. Free help is available to determine eligibility and file to claim the credit at volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) sites or, for those who cannot visit a site during hours/days of operation, at a local IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center.

NABA New York Chapter will be operating two VITA sites this filing season:

Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center
100-01 Northern Blvd. Corona, NY 11368
(718) 651-1100

Days: Saturdays Feb. 7, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 18, Apr. 4, 11

Hours: 10:30a-4:00p

Library is mobility accessible

Amityville Public Library
Corner of Oak & John Sts. Amityville, NY 11701
(631) 264-0567

Days: Sundays Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 15, 22, 29

Hours: 1:30p-4:30p

Library is mobility accessible

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Taxpayers should come prepared with the following items:

- Valid driver's license or photo identification (self & spouse, if applicable)
- Social Security cards for all persons listed on the return
- Dates of birth for all persons listed on the return
- All income statements: Forms W-2, 1099, Social Security, Unemployment, or other benefits statements, self-employment records and any documents showing taxes withheld
- Dependent child care information: payee's name, address and SSN or TIN
- Proof of account at financial institution for direct debit or deposit (i.e. cancelled/ voided check or bank statement)
- Prior year tax return (if available)
- Any other pertinent documents or papers

To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

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About the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.

NABA is one of the premier professional organizations in the nation. NABA represents the interests of more than 100,000 African-American and minorities in the furtherance of their educational, professional, and career goals in the related fields of accounting, consulting, finance and information technology. Created in 1969, the New York chapter was the first and, is the largest, of NABA's local chapters. For more information, visit www.nabany.org or email us at info@nabany.org. For more information on the National organization, visit www.nabainc.org.