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### **PMA Releases Statement on IRS Modernization Plan**

Washington, D.C. – Executive Director Thomas Burger of the Professional Managers Association (PMA) released the following statement regarding the IRS Modernization Plan:

“Last week, the Internal Revenue Service released a six-year modernization plan that will fundamentally change the way the agency handles information technology, taxpayer services, and cybersecurity. PMA applauds the agency’s commitment to superior service for taxpayers and security for their information.”

“Modernizing the technological capabilities of the agency and expanding the use of data analytics will allow IRS employees to work more effectively toward their mission while better targeting the needs of the public they serve. By modernizing IRS systems, the agency will be able to save taxpayer funds, protect taxpayer security, and reinvest in technology to meet agency needs over time,” Burger explained.

“These bold ideas are exactly what the IRS needs to fulfill their mission over the next six-year and beyond; however, without adequate Congressional funding these plans will never come to fruition and the agency will continue to struggle with the effects of archaic technology and processes.” Burger furthered, “Recent reports from the [Government Accountability Office](#) and [National Taxpayer Advocate](#) affirm the need for adequate Congressional funding in order to secure IT modernization efforts and bolster enforcement capabilities. These funds should be allocated solely for use in modernization efforts to prevent their misuse in other areas.”

Burger concluded, “The IRS has taken an important step toward improving their service by offering a plan to modernize the agency. Now, Congress must take the next step by empowering agency officials with the funds to bring this plan to life.”

*Formed in 1981 by IRS Managers, the Professional Managers Association is a national membership association representing the interests of professional managers, management officials and non-bargaining unit employees in the federal government.*

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