Dear Taxpayer:

The Florida Department of Revenue would like to thank you for your participation in the sales and use tax Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and/or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) program(s).

If you are currently utilizing only the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program for the payment of your sales and use tax, you are eligible to file your tax return electronically through the Department's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) program. Filing your return electronically by EDI:

* Eliminates errors in processing your tax return;
* Eliminates paperwork-you no longer have to complete and submit a paper return;
* Eliminates the need to call in your EFT payment if you choose the "file and Pay" option; and
* Ensures timely and proper credit of the information to your sales tax account-you will receive an acknowledgment that the tax return (and Payment, if applicable) has been accepted.

You may also be interested in the EDI filing option called warehousing. Warehousing is a filing method available for EDI filers using the ACH-Debit method for payment. Warehousing is a method by which you may send your electronic payment and return early, but you specify the payment processing date (usually the payment due date). The payment is held in the banking system until the specified date, at which time your bank account is debited. For more information on warehousing, please see the enclosed 1999 EDI Guidebook or contact the EFT/EDI Unit at 850-487-7972.

To register for the 1999 EDI program, you must complete the enclosed Electronic Filing Agreement (DR-653) and return it to our EFT/EDI Unit no later than December 15, 1998. Complete the enclosed Registration/Authorization Form (DR-600F) and return it

to the EFT/EDI Unit to update your account information if there are changes to any of the following: contact person, phone number, fax number, mailing address, etc.

If you are filing your 1998 tax returns electronically using a certified software package, it will not be valid for 1999. You will need to contact your vendor, or another vendor providing certified software, to obtain the 1999 software package. A list of vendors for 1999 may be obtained at the Department's Internet Address: http://sun6.dms.state.fl.us/dor/.html or by calling the EFT/EDI Unit at 850-487-7972.