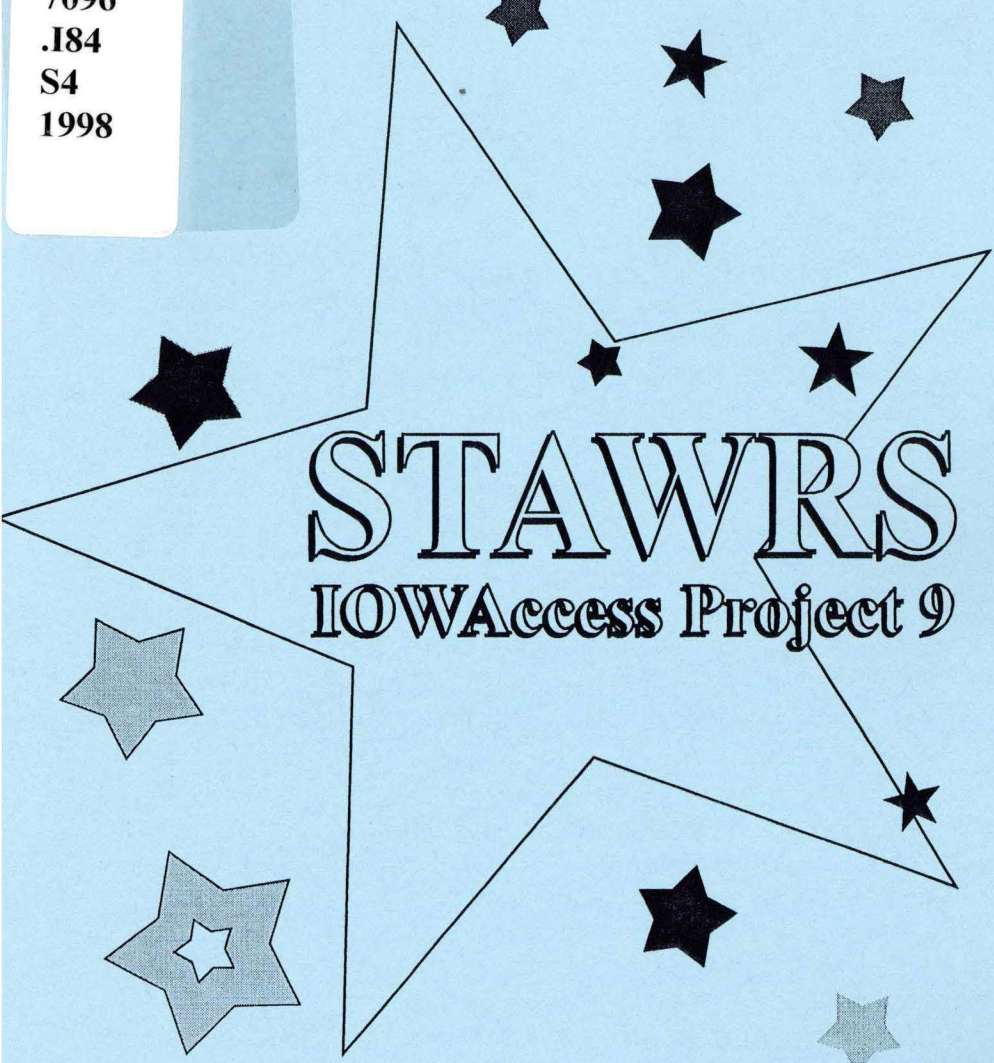


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PROJECT LEADS:

Renny Dohse, Iowa Workforce Development

Wayne Cooper, Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance

MISSION STATEMENT:

Project 9 was approved as a pilot program for the National STAWRS office. The purpose was to develop and test a system that will give Iowa employers the option of filing an electronic, combined wage tax report to a single state agency who will then electronically forward the return data to the other agencies. This will save employers the need to file separate paper returns to each of the three agencies.

The project is one of several tests being conducted by the IRS to determine viable single-point filing options for the future.

PROJECT MEMBERS:

- Darrell Bauman, Dallas County Treasurer
- Harold Bowman, Iowa Communications Network
- Richard Colombo, Technical Director, National STAWRS Office
- Wayne Cooper, Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance
- Rita Coxe, Iowa Workforce Development
- Paulette Day, Iowa Workforce Development
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- Kurt Herbrechtsmeyer, First Security Bank, Charles City
- Donna Hockensmith, Project Manager, National STAWRS Office
- Conrad Lawler, Small Business Administration
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- Ruth Melone, State Public Policy Group Staff
- Laura Messerley, Ameristar Casino
- Jan Moen, Iowa Workforce Development
- Bob Rassmussen, Fairfield City Administrator
- Joe Shannahan, State Public Policy Group Staff
- Deana Thompson, Iowa Workforce Development
- Nancy Vasey, Maxwell City Clerk
- Larry Venenga, Iowa Workforce Development

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RETURNS SELECTED FOR THE PROJECT

- The federal 941 quarterly return submitted to the Internal Revenue Service
- The unemployment insurance quarterly return submitted to Iowa Workforce Development
- The annual state withholding reconciliation form (VSP) submitted to the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance

EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- No longer file three separate paper returns
- Eliminates redundant reporting
- Immediate acknowledgment that the return was received
- Eliminates errors by use of provided software

GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

- Eliminates handling of paper documents
- Eliminates data entry of return data
- Data available sooner and error free
- Improves customer service by having data available on demand

PROJECT EVALUATION

- Employers who participated in testing software encouraged us to move forward to statewide implementation.
- A national meeting with constituent groups and states working on prototypes ranked Iowa project as the number one priority.
- Iowa Workforce Development counterparts from across the country applaud the project and its progress.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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VISION

To partner with stakeholders in developing, demonstrating, and transitioning concepts that simplify the employment tax and wage reporting process to improve customer service.

MISSION

To reduce employer tax and wage reporting burden while improving the effectiveness and efficiency of government operations.

STAKEHOLDERS		
Federal	State	Employer Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasury• IRS• DOL• SSA• OMB• SBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iowa Workforce Development• Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employers• Professional Associations Practitioners

GOALS

- Provide timely and accurate tax information to employers to strengthen customer service
- Decrease the number of tax- and wage-related forms that employers must file
- Provide employers more opportunities to file tax- and wage-related forms electronically
- Simplify federal and state tax employment laws
- Provide employers the opportunity to file employment-related returns to one location
- Increase voluntary compliance, and
- Support federal and state electronic tax strategies