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Sage North America, global supplier of business management software and services for small midsized businesses, and Avalara, visionary in sales tax automation, announced at the AICPA Practitioners Symposium and Tech+ Conference they are partnering to bring a new webcast series to accountants.

The webcast series will be focused on sales tax compliance and available exclusively for Sage Accountants Network members. Scheduled for July through December, the series will feature some of the U.S.'s top sales tax experts and feature a range of topics such as taxability of digital software downloads, common sales tax mistakes and best practices. CPE credit is available to SAN members for each webcast they attend.

"Sage and Avalara, in announcing this innovative webcast series around sales tax, are furthering our commitment to help accountants take a more active role in their clients' business success, while also increasing their service offerings," said Jennifer Warawa, vice president, partner programs and channel sales, Sage North America. "This new educational series is another example of the added value we are delivering to our members on issues that will impact their clients' businesses and their firm's overall growth."

The first webcast will take place on July 24 and feature State Tax Consultant, Sylvia Dion, CPA. Dion, who is the author of The State and Local Tax "Buzz" blog, will present on federal internet sales tax legislation and state Amazon laws.

"Accounting professionals have a much better understanding today than ever before that sales tax compliance and management issues are impacting their clients' businesses and that they need to figure out how to better serve clients or direct them to trusted sales tax resources," said Ray Bigley, VP of business development for Avalara's Accountants Program. "Our continued partnering efforts with Sage to

deliver premier educational resources and tools to their SAN members are certainly

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