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of Tax Research Systems

ATX/Kleinrock provides tax preparation, accounting, engagement and tax research solutions to more than 50,000 tax practitioners throughout the United States. Recently acquired by CCH, ATX/Kleinrock continues in its prior form and operates as a division of CCH. ATX and Kleinrock, which joined forces in 2002, were built with goals of providing tax practitioners with affordable and comprehensive tax preparation and research products to professionals in small to midsize firms, as well as sole practitioners.

Total Kleinrock Office (TKO) is a bundle of tax research products designed to integrate with ATX tax products. TKO is included in selected tax preparation bundles that are available from ATX. TKO is delivered through CD, print and online components to all subscribers. The online components are primarily reviewed here, but the CD product has increased functionality, which is noted where appropriate.

The company also noted that its customers prefer the CD product. It includes Federal TaxExpert, All States TaxExpert, Employment TaxExpert, Federal Archive Library, State Archive Library, ZillionForms, Unlimited W-2/1099, CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide: Kleinrock Edition, Quick Answers Library (including CCH 1040 Express Answers), Business Quick Answers, All States Quick Answers, Complete Tax Online Library (a collection of seven references in support of 1040, 1041, 1065, 1120, 1120S, 990 and Payroll returns), Kleinrock Tax Bulletins (including the Federal Tax Bulletin and Employment Tax Briefing), and Kleinrock CPE (which provides up to 60 hours of tax CPE). For only \$660, Total Kleinrock Office delivers 18 separate products worth well over \$2,000 if purchased separately.

EASE-OF-USE/SEARCH ROUTINE — 5 Stars

TKO is easy to navigate, and search/browse functions are learned quickly, enabling

users to gain fast access to the system's many libraries and source materials.

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on the opening screen, it does provide users with a variety of ways to access system information. However, please note that the CD version does offer a quick search feature. Most users performing routine tasks will likely access the applicable portfolio from the menu of available research products. These include TaxExpert products for Federal, State, Employment and Archive, as well as entity-specific (or tax return-specific) titles, such as the 1120 and 1120S Libraries, Handbooks and Reference materials. Search options vary depending upon the research product, but all provide a simplified search utility with the ability to browse through research documents. Advanced query options are also available, such as the ability to search across multiple libraries or to utilize the employment of wildcards.

Upon performing a search, TKO returns a linked list of relevant documents. Within these relevant documents, TKO provides links to cited materials (i.e., Internal Revenue Code, Income tax Regulations, etc.). TKO highlights the "searched for" word, phrase or number within the returned document. When browsing a library or resources (such as the Internal Revenue Code or Income Tax Regulations), TKO includes access to the table of contents for the library or resource. Navigation is fast and intuitive using the supplied buttons and links, including forward and back.

CONTENT — 4.5 Stars

The primary component of Total Kleinrock Office is the Federal TaxExpert, which provides 25 volumes of analysis covering codes, regulations, and more than 100,000 cases and rulings. As previously mentioned, TKO's comprehensive coverage includes many TaxExpert libraries, Zillion Forms, CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide: Kleinrock Edition, the various Quick Answers libraries, Complete Tax Online Library, Tax Bulletins and CPE. Supplementary offerings include current and

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INTEGRATION/OUTPUT — 5 Stars

TKO integrates with ATX tax products, providing one-click access from the tax form line to the CCH Master Tax Guide: Kleinrock Edition and TaxExpert. TKO also allows saving of documents and copying and pasting of documents.

HELP, SUPPORT & UPDATES — 4.5 Stars

TKO includes a comprehensive Help utility for both the CD-based and online versions

of the program. The Help system also provides tips on program operation and how the user can perform a more effective search on the system. It should be noted that since the TKO service is not available as an online-only system, users are required to subscribe to either the monthly or quarterly updates.

2007 Overall Rating: 4.5 Stars

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