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Are You Ready To Go Paperless This Tax Season?

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- **Create quick wins on your balance sheet.** Electronic document management frees up administrative and productive time spent locating and retrieving documents. For example, a Cloud-based document management system can reduce reliance not only on physical hardware and expensive server licensing fees, saving an organization's office space and IT spending, but it also provides anytime/anywhere access to critical files and documents.
- **Lower key overheads.** A well-designed paperless system not only frees up person-hours, it can lower several costs, including stationery expenses and document storage space, and it can even positively influence carbon credit.
- **Drive profitability and growth.** The inherent efficiency of a paperless office can be maximized when combined with other productivity tools such as workflow management. Imagine an enterprise where work instructions for every step of a process automatically open when an employee performs the specific step. Secure, paperless offices see significant reductions in cost, turnaround time, risk profile, and training periods, and they see better performance on key growth indicators. These growth indicators enable a business to do more with less time and money—another great reason to go paperless.
- **Provide security.** Electronic document management and file sharing are the safest way to store and transmit sensitive documents, like tax forms. The security provided through these sophisticated systems protects your customers, your company, and your bottom line. It reduces risk from compliance and regulatory requirements (SEC, HIPPA, etc.) and is an easier and safer way of transmitting information than email, FTP, and physical document distribution.
- **Produce faster response times.** Electronic document management and file sharing allow for faster and more accurate access to information which not only increases workflow productivity, but also quality perception from customers (the sooner you respond to customers, the more organized you appear and the happier

they are).

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