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The image shows the top portion of a U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return Form 1120 for the year 2020. The form is titled "U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return" and includes the OMB No. 1545-0123. It is for the calendar year 2020 or tax year beginning in 2020 and ending in 2020. The form is divided into several sections: A (Check if: 1a Consolidated return, 1b Life/nonlife consolidated return, 2 Personal holding co., 3 Personal service corp., 4 Schedule M-3 attached), B (Employer identification number), C (Date incorporated), D (Total assets), and E (Check if: (1) Initial return, (2) Final return, (3) Name change, (4) Address change). The main body of the form contains lines for reporting income, including 1a Gross receipts or sales, 1b Returns and allowances, 1c Balance, 2 Cost of goods sold, 3 Gross profit, 4 Dividends and inclusions, 5 Interest, 6 Gross rents, 7 Gross royalties, 8 Capital gain net income, 9 Net gain or (loss) from Form 4797, 10 Other income, and 11 Total income. Lines 12 through 14 are for deductions, including 12 Compensation of officers, 13 Salaries and wages, and 14 Repairs and maintenance.

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The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Biden on August 16, 2022, includes a range of measures intended to support climate and healthcare initiatives. To help fund these programs, the new law introduces various tax schemes.

Notably, a corporate alternative minimum tax (CAMT) will apply to certain corporations reporting more than \$1 billion in annual adjusted book income averaged over a three-year period. Effective December 31, 2022, these corporations

will have to pay the greater of these two amounts: 15% of their adjusted financial

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or real estate investment trusts.

These and other extensive changes to the U.S. corporate tax regime introduced by the Inflation Reduction Act will require comprehensive planning and modeling by organizations to truly understand their full impact.

How can businesses prepare

Corporations in the group that are subject to the CAMT should not wait for additional guidance to begin modeling their adjusted financial statement income tax exposure. The first step should involve taking a step back and evaluating your corporation's tax business strategy from a holistic view. Corporations should start by seeking to answer questions such as: Based on our current strategy and structure, how will the provisions of the Act impact our business? What is our effective tax rate today, and what will it look like in the future?

Modeling for various scenarios – double taxation, taking advantage of new tax credits and incentives, conducting buybacks versus paying dividends – is key to truly understanding how the CAMT will affect your corporation. Organizations should have already started these modeling exercises to provide ample time to devise any changes necessary to optimize your potential tax exposure.

This exercise helps corporations identify areas of concern where additional guidance may be needed. Gathering secondary and tertiary opinions from multiple service providers to understand the number of prevailing options that exist and how the impact of CAMT will impact your business in the next year, or even the next ten years, can help organizations best model out every iteration or scenario.

Role of service providers

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their clients in order to successfully map out the pathway of how to get there.

There are several new concepts introduced by the Inflation Reduction Act, all of which will impact corporations differently. By gathering opinions from various service providers, your organization can be best prepared to model out every iteration.

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