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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## THERE ARE 359 DAYS UNTIL TAX DAY 2013 TIME TO CHOOSE A CPA?

Consumer guide from the CBA offers help in choosing and working with CPAs

Sacramento- Whether a CPA will be preparing your taxes, helping you create a roadmap for your financial future, keeping your books or any other of the many services a CPA can offer, selecting the best person for your needs is a major decision. In order to help consumers make wise choices in selecting and working with a CPA, the California Board of Accountancy has published the new Consumer Assistance Booklet. Among the topics:

- What Services Are Provided by CPAs?
- What is a Peer Review?
- How to Select a CPA.
- What Is an Engagement Letter and Why Do I Need One?
- What if I Have a Complaint?

"Most of us will need the advice and services of a CPA at some time in our lives," said Patti Bowers, Executive Officer of the CBA. "We believe this booklet can help consumers understand how to successfully select a CPA they can trust, what services are available to them and how to address problems if they arise."

The Consumer Assistance Booklet is available for viewing and downloading online at <a href="http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/publications/pamphlet.pdf">http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/publications/pamphlet.pdf</a> and will also be made available at consumer outreach events.