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# Dear Monika,

It's hard to believe that we have just two more weeks until the end of the year! Miles Consulting Group wishes you and yours happy holidays and best wishes for the new year!

As we approach the end of 2014, I'd like to thank all of our clients and strategic partners for helping to make this one of our best years ever! We appreciate you very much, and we look forward to working with you in 2015!

Before you close up shop for 2014, check out our article about the California New Employment Credit. And if you think you might have sales tax issues, read about Santa Claus's sales tax issues in a few states! If the cold weather has got you down, visit our article about sunny Florida below.

If you want to know more about any of the items in this month's e-newsletter or what we do at Miles Consulting, please <u>contact us</u>.

Happy Holidays, Monika Miles Miles Consulting Group, Inc.

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# **Hot News**

# **California New Employment Credit**

In 2014, California's tax credit and incentive landscape changed significantly. As of 12/31/13, the state's lucrative Enterprise Zone Program officially ended. The Enterprise



Zone Program offered several tax credits, incentives and deductions for California businesses and financial institutions (note that benefits for the multi-year EZ Hiring Credit will continue to accrue for several years, and unused credits generated from the EZ program can be carried forward).

In replacing the EZ program, legislators indicated that they wanted more focus on credits that would create economic growth and jobs within the state beyond enterprise zones. They also wanted to remedy some perceived abuses with the EZ program. Click here to read more.

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## Sales Tax & Santa Claus

In honor of the holidays, we thought it would be fun to take a look at sales tax costs Santa Claus would need to budget for, assuming he bought each gift in state rather than relying on his elves in the North Pole. Click here to read more.

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## **Focus on Florida**

Winter is the coldest season of the year and we folks in the Northern Hemisphere are



currently in the midst of it. Although every state in the nation experiences lower



temperatures, some experience more severe winters than others. Thus, at this time of the year snowbirds flocks to warmer locations such as Florida and so will we! Click here to read more.

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# What's Up at Miles Consulting?

On December 3rd, Monika presented a webinar on "Sales Tax Issues for Retailers" through CPA Academy. Click here to view the presentation.

On January 6th, Monika will be speaking about "California Incentives & Multi-state Tax Issues" on a webinar sponsored by the Royse Law Firm.

#### Educating:

We presented 4 customized CPE sessions for local CPA firms during December. Invite us to do one at your firm!

For more information, please call us at 408-266-2259.

## **About Miles Consulting**

Miles Consulting Group is a professional services firm specializing in multi-state tax solutions. We address state and local tax issues for our clients, including general state tax consulting, nexus reviews, credits and incentives maximization, income tax and sales/use tax planning, and other special projects. We also specialize in California tax credits and incentives. For more information visit, www.milesconsultinggroup.com.

## **Holiday Hours**

In celebration of the Holiday Season, we will be closed from December 24th - December 26th, returning on December 29th. We will also be closed from December 31st - January 2nd, returning on January 5th. We wish you and your loved ones a Happy Holiday and safe and prosperous New Year!

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