

## THOMSON CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

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### THOMSON CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO BAR CODE W-2 FORMS

Dexter, MI—In his keynote address at the 2006 Thomson Creative Solutions Users' Conference, President and CEO, Jon Baron, announced that CS Professional Suite Accounting software now has the ability to generate scanner-readable 2D bar codes on W-2 forms.

2D bar codes generated from Thomson Creative Solutions' accounting software can be read by standard bar code scanners. This means that data can be scanned directly into tax applications that can read bar code scans—eliminating the need to manually enter the data. Baron also announced that UltraTax CS would have the ability to receive bar code scanned W-2 data for the upcoming tax season.

“Bar code scanning of standard forms such as W-2s and 1099s has the potential for saving professional tax preparers a tremendous amount of time,” stated Baron. “And in addition to the time savings realized by eliminating data entry, this new feature offers 100% digital capture of the information, with a 100% accuracy rate, which is far superior to manual data entry or other technologies such as OCR.”

Baron also announced that Thomson Creative Solutions would gladly share the technology for generating W-2 bar codes with any interested software or payroll vendor. “We want to see a wide-spread adoption of this technology. The value to tax and accounting professionals and their clients is tremendous,” Baron said. Baron also added, “The ability of UltraTax CS to accept bar code scanned data from W-2s joins the capability to accept bar code data from Form K-1, which was implemented in the 2005 tax season—an enhancement that was highly accepted and successful.”

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