

President Urges Taxpayers: Use Tax Refund to Buy Savings Bonds!

U. S. Savings Bonds will be easy to purchase at tax time this year because of a change in the tax form by the IRS. Beginning in January, 2010, taxpayers receiving refunds can choose to check a box on the tax form and direct the IRS to issue all or part of their refunds as paper Series I U. S. Savings Bonds that will arrive in the mail a few weeks after taxes are filed. Series I bonds pay interest for 30 years at rates that are adjusted semi-annually (each November 1 and May 1) to protect against inflation. Denominations available at tax time begin at \$50; there is an annual maximum purchase of \$5,000 per individual. To order bonds, taxpayers will use IRS Form 8888 (supplemental to Form 1040) that allows refunds to be split up to three ways. For more information on ordering U. S. Savings Bonds at tax time, see www.d2dfund.org/taxtimebonds.