

SUCCESS STORY

Florida School Boards Insurance Trust

Sovos helped the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust with 10-series reporting and TIN verification, ensuring accurate and efficient reporting and mitigating risk.

Background



Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) provides property and casualty insurance, claims management and risk mitigation services to school districts

throughout Florida. Its insurance policies cover both staff and physical property including:

- School board legal liability
- General liability
- Automobile
- Crime
- Boiler and Machinery claims

The Challenge

Every year after 1099 filing season, FSBIT would receive two to four pages from the IRS listing misidentified tax identification numbers (TINs). At the time, B notices did not carry penalties, so FSBIT was mostly concerned with wasting time and resources to correct the large volume of misidentified numbers after filing. The emergence of B notice penalties have created further challenges for FSBIT.

Insurance providers like FSBIT must also conduct due diligence to prevent fraud when paying claims to vendors. Setting up a fake vendor to receive payments fraudulently is simple. It becomes harder to do this if



"I use Taxport AP at least once a week. If I don't find a match for a vendor we don't make payment. It has eliminated our B-notices."

--Linda Quick, Director of Business Service, Certified Public Accountant

they have a federal ID number. FSBIT needed to ensure all the vendors it made payments to were legitimate providers of goods and services covered under one of its policies. FSBIT also needed to verify each new vendor has a valid TIN, or else payments made on a claim could be deemed as collusion to commit fraud.

Solution

FSBIT conducted a competitive search for an automated solution that could help it verify TINs for all new vendors. It also needed help with its 10-series reporting associated with payments to medical service providers and attorney fees and settlements.

Why Sovos?

FSBIT needed a solution that could do more than just handle 1099 reporting. It needed a platform to mitigate risk with accurate TIN matching. Sovos' Taxport AP solution was selected in particular for its TIN matching functionality, which ensures FSBIT conducts its due diligence effectively to eliminate fraud.

Features and Benefits

FSBIT files 450 forms every year, which would require expansive internal resources to complete. In addition to handling the filing process for FSBIT, Sovos has eliminated the time-consuming correction process by ensuring it files accurately in the first place.

The Results

Sovos Taxport AP has virtually eliminated B notices and it easily handles FSBIT's 450 form volumes efficiently, accurately and reliably. Linda often recommends Taxport AP to CPA colleagues especially when presenting continuing education courses at conferences.



BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- › FSBIT used to receive 2-4 pages of misidentified TINs from the IRS.
- › When B notice penalties emerged, FSBIT was faced with monetary roadblocks in addition to wasted time and resources.
- › FSBIT needed a solution that could verify TINs from new vendors to avoid fraudulent charges.

SOLUTION

- › Sovos Taxport AP performs accurate and efficient 1099 filing that saves time and internal resources.
- › Sovos has a TIN matching feature that gives FSBIT the ability to perform due diligence thoroughly.

BENEFITS

- › FSBIT now transmits accurate and complete forms without overcommitting internal resources.
- › FSBIT can now verify new vendor TINs prior to making payments.
- › Sovos has virtually eliminated B notices for FSBIT.