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Inflation Reduction Act—IRS appropriations

- The Act specifically designates the increase in IRS appropriations to be used as follows:
 - **\$45.6 billion** for tax enforcement activities, including determining and collecting taxes, providing legal and litigation support, conducting criminal investigations, providing digital asset monitoring and compliance activities, enforcing criminal statutes for violations of internal revenue laws and other financial crimes;
 - **\$3.2 billion** for taxpayer services, including pre-filing assistance and education, filing and account services, and taxpayer advocacy services;
 - **\$25.3 billion** for necessary expenses to support taxpayer service and enforcement programs, including facilities services; headquarters and other IRS-wide administration activities; telecommunications; and information technology development, enhancement, operations, maintenance, and security; and
 - **\$4.75 billion** in additional funding would provide for business systems modernization, including development of callback technology and other technology to provide a more personalized customer service (but not including the operation and maintenance of legacy systems).

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IRA strategic operating plan—Released April 6, 2023

- The Plan sets out five broad objectives the IRS would like to achieve with the funding provided by the IRA; objectives align to the four funding items in the statutory language of the IRA (Taxpayer Services, Enforcement, Operations Support, and Business Modernization):
 - **Objective 1:** Dramatically improve services to help taxpayers meet their obligations and receive the tax incentives for which they are eligible
 - **Objective 2:** Quickly resolve taxpayer issues when they arise
 - **Objective 3:** Focus expanded enforcement on taxpayers with complex tax filings and high-dollar noncompliance to address the tax gap
 - **Objective 4:** Deliver cutting-edge technology, data, and analytics to operate more effectively
 - **Objective 5:** Attract, retain, and empower a highly skilled, diverse workforce and develop a culture that is better equipped to deliver results for taxpayers

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