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You are the New Year! Each and every one of you. You have the next chance and opportunity to exercise what you have learned about your businesses from the past twelve months. All that you may have sought after that didn't produce is probably still slumbering somewhere; awaiting to be awoken with a strong sense of new purpose. As we look into 2016, I see a block of time. I see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. The new year is full of time and although we each have the same amount; will you make every minute count? We'd like to introduce you to tools that help you and your employee's make the most of your time. In the coming months Tandem Technologies newsletters will be showcasing several tools to help your company allocate time to other tasks and improvements for your organization.



This newsletter is introducing you to Fixed Asset Management tools. Al Casciello, CPA, will be on our Fixed Assets webinar January 26th to help your organization understand laws and regulations that affect your organization. We understand these types of webinars impact your usage of time. It is our goal to see you signing up for our training sessions throughout the year to learn new features and functionality that will save your employee's time. We also host informative product webinars where we will explain new time saving tools like the My Workflow Analyzer that Sage developed to assist you in filling out the ACA required 1094 and 1095 forms. As the government enforces the Affordability Care Act (ACA) and releases new mandates on our businesses; these forms take time to learn, understand, comply and file.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and continued support. Our consultants work hard to make sure that they are staying current with the latest software improvements and technological advances to ensure that your business and accounting operations are keeping you competitive. We continue to improve our project methodologies, techniques and grow our network of experts so that your staff has the best experience possible when engaging us for any project, large or small.

Our mission is your success and we continue to evaluate and modify our business processes and methodologies to ensure we are providing you with the value and professional services for your company and software solutions.

Your Tandem Technologies Team,

Bob & Val Aubry, Al Casciello, Jay Katon, Linda Kiernan, Dennis McVeigh, Amy Pierce, and Karen Smart

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Mark Your Calendars! - Tandem Technologies Monthly e-Sessions

January e-Sessions:

➤ **Sage 300 - “What’s New in Sage 300 and Sage 300c?”**

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2016

Time: 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM CST

Join Karen Smart for the latest news from the Sage development team and see the differences between Sage 300 2016 and Sage 300c. Karen will also present the road ahead for Sage 300.

➤ **ALERE with Special Guest - Stonefield Query**

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2016

Time: 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM EST

Join Tandem Technologies and our special guest, Stonefield Query to see how this 3rd party solution, that is fully integrated to your ALERE solution, can provide you with even more reports.



February e-Sessions:

➤ **Special Follow-up ACA/Sage HRMS Webinar**

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2016

Time: 1:15 PM to 2:00 PM CST

Join Tandem Technologies and Sage for a follow-up e-session on ACA compliance. We’ll be answering your questions that were sent in to us after our last e-session in December.

➤ **Sage 300 Open Mic**

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016

Time: 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM CST

This “open mic” session should be fun! This is your opportunity to ‘Stump the Chumps’ with questions on Sage 300. We look forward to having you on this informal e-session and will be giving you and your staff the opportunity to get your questions answered. Karen will be prepared to present some things you might not have know about Sage 300.

➤ **Sage Fixed Assets**

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016

Time: 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM EST

Join Sage Fixed Assets consultant, Dennis McVeigh, for this informative e-session. Dennis will be showing how to run depreciation for month end prior to today and eliminating assets placed in service after that date.

Enroll now at <http://tiny.cc/e-session>

Follow Tandem Technologies on Twitter!

We keep you posted on upcoming Tandem e-Sessions, as well as continuing to educate and provide information for ALERE Accounting and Manufacturing, Sage Fixed Assets, Sage 300, Sage CRM, Sage HRMS, Sage BusinessWorks, and Sage Business Intelligence.

Find us at: www.twitter.com/SageAlereUSA



Special Sage Fixed Assets Webinar - with Host Grant Griebel

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM CST

Register today for Tandem Technologies' Sage Fixed Assets Webinar and see how this Sage solution integrates seamlessly to Sage 300 or as a stand-alone system. When you are tracking more than 200 assets, using Excel Spreadsheets to track depreciation can be a nightmare!

Join us as Sage experts present the downfalls to Excel and how Sage Fixed Assets can eliminate costly penalties.

BONUS: We are offering a 20% discount off licensing fees to all attendees who purchase Sage Fixed Assets by February 29, 2016.

Register at <http://tiny.cc/e-sessions>



Sage 300 and Sage Pro Payroll Tax Updates

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

The Sage 300 Payroll v7.2 will need to be applied before the first checks of the 2016 payroll year. Tandem Technologies cannot know all of the possible scenarios that such an update may be applicable to your company, but there are several State and Federal changes that will no doubt impact all of our clients that are using the payroll module. To see what changes will impact your company, you can contact your reseller or log onto the Sage Customer Portal to download a copy of the Payroll Tax Release notes.

PLEASE NOTE: For those covered under a Tandem Platinum or Gold yearly support level agreement, your payroll tax updates and Sage 300 product update installations may be included at no additional charge to your company. We do ask that you contact us in advance to schedule a convenient time for us to check your Sage 300 version and install your payroll tax update.

Also, if you have not scheduled your appointment to have Tandem upgrade your Sage 300 Payroll to version 7.2 this must be done before the 2016 payroll year.

Sage Pro Payroll Tax Updates: If your company is utilizing Sage Pro Payroll, please contact your consultant so that the tax update can be installed. With the retirement of Sage Pro, Sage is no longer issuing the Payroll Tax Updates and you will need to purchase it through your consultant. Also, if your company is required to file the new ACA reporting forms, there are some 3rd party developed programs to provide this functionality. Contact your consultant for availability and pricing.

Save The Date to Join Tandem Technologies in Chicago, IL

Sage Summit 2016 will be in Chicago, IL July 25-28, 2016 and Tandem Technologies will be there!

Go to www.sage.com/sage-summit and sign up to ensure you keep on top of all the latest information and announcements for Sage 2016.

We don't want you to miss out on any special rates that are for Sage Customers only.

Important Information for Upgrading to Sage 300 2016

When we upgrade you to Sage 300 2016...you will need to upgrade your MS SQL edition to at least version 2012. Anything less will not work with the newest version of Sage 300.

The following points apply to all configurations when upgrading to Sage 300 2016 and can be found the Sage 300 2016 Compatibility Guide:

- ◆ Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials (Small Business Server) is supported but is not tested.
- ◆ Microsoft SQL Server 2012 or 2014 on Windows Server 2012 R2 are supported for use as the database server for Sage 300 2016.
- ◆ Starting with Sage 300 2016, Sage 300 only supports Microsoft SQL Server for all databases
- ◆ Incompatible hardware can cause problems such as data corruption. Verify that all hardware in use to run Sage 300 is compatible with your operating system.

ALERE Accounting & Manufacturing Seminar Schedule

These technical seminars are taught onsite at TIW Corp in Easton, PA. They are designed to provide an in-depth explanation of software concepts, modules and features. Attendees can expect to learn and take advantage of the technology that lays within the software.

Course outlines can be downloaded from their website at www.tiwcop.com.



Seminar Cost*:

Manufacturing — \$595 first person and \$495 for each additional person

Accounting — \$895 first person and \$795 for each additional person

Course materials, continental breakfast and lunch are included in all seminar costs. Contact TIW Corp at 610-258-5161 to register and don't forget to tell them Tandem sent you!

Dates of Manufacturing Seminar — January 25-26

Dates of Accounting Seminar — January 27-29

*Does not include travel or lodging

If You Had One Question To Ask Tandem Technologies About ACA and the Requirements of Employers - What Would You Ask?



February 4, 2016 we will be holding a follow-up webinar to our ACA/Sage HRMS e-sessions we held last year. We're giving you, our clients and readers, a chance to get answers to your questions about required forms, due dates, what FTE means, how to compile the information, or whatever we may not have discussed. Whatever your question may be about ACA - we're listening!

Instead of guessing what questions you may have, we've decided to ask you and see what information you need. It will only take a moment of your time to email us your question, but the value you'll get back from the webinar will be well worth the time.

To **submit your question**, simply go to <http://tiny.cc/keyquestion> and your question will be sent right over to our Marketing Department. To **enroll for the February Webinar**, go to <http://tiny.cc/ACAwebinar> today!