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The Internal Revenue Service plans to restructure itself more like a private corporation .

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The IRS also said that it would create the position of chief financial officer , who will be hired from within the agency .

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IRS Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg said the changes are intended to bring " accountability " to the agency , which has an annual budget of more than \$ 5 billion and collects about \$ 1 trillion a year .

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" And we do n't have internal controls and discipline that we need to have to spend \$ 5 billion properly . "

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Mr. Goldberg , who took over as head of the IRS in July , has been disturbed by what he considers the inefficiency , waste and lack of coordination among the branches of the vast federal agency .

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The IRS operates on a computer system designed in 1961 , which it has been trying to modernize for years .

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And the agency , which operated throughout fiscal 1989 with a \$ 360 million budget shortfall , has been under a hiring freeze since last fall .

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The new commissioner says that closer scrutiny of how the agency uses its resources will go a long way toward enhancing its ability to collect more tax revenue .

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The IRS hopes to fill the new positions soon .

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Customarily , it would appoint career civil servants from within the agency , but Mr. Goldberg said he plans to " secur the world " for the chief information officer and the comptroller .

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Although the jobs will probably pay between \$ 70,000 and \$ 80,000 a year , IRS officials are confident that they can attract top-notch candidates from the private sector .

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