

# Tax Increases & Greater Economic Uncertainty Lie Ahead For Business Owners. It May Be Time To Diversify Your Assets.



To combat soaring deficits, economists are predicting higher taxes in the coming years<sup>1</sup>. Unless Congress modifies the sunset provisions of the *2001 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act* and *2003 Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act*, the federal government will impose:

- Income tax rate increases from 33% to 36% and 35% to 39.6% for the top two tax brackets<sup>2</sup>
- Tax rate increases on qualified dividends from 15% to 39.6% for the top tax bracket<sup>3</sup>
- An increase in the federal long-term capital gains tax rate from 15% to 20% for the top tax brackets<sup>4</sup>

All these tax increases will take effect in 2011.

With this in mind, if you are contemplating a partial or total sale of your business in the next couple years, you may want to consider completing the transaction today and benefiting from the current tax rates.

DW Healthcare Partners can be a timely partner because we:

- Have considerable capital available for investment

- Have knowledge and operational expertise across multiple sectors of healthcare
- Only invest in healthcare companies
- Are flexible in the types of investments we make
- Can evaluate and make investment decisions quickly

DWHP can be your capital source and partner to build a stronger and more valuable business for tomorrow.

## To Learn More

If you are interested in learning more about how an equity partnership could enhance your business and provide shareholder liquidity, please contact:

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*DW Healthcare Partners (DWHP) is a healthcare-focused private equity firm that invests in high-growth companies. DWHP provides both capital and strategic resources to accelerate growth and increase shareholder value.*

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