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**CARLOS ZAMARRIPA
OF THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
WINS FTA LEADERSHIP AWARD**

(Washington D.C. March 29, 2010) The Federation of Tax Administrators announced today that Carlos Zamarripa of the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is the recipient of the 2010 FTA Award for Leadership and Service. The award is presented each year to an individual who has demonstrated sustained and significant service in the administration of state taxes.

Presentation of the award will take place during the FTA Annual Meeting, June 7 in Atlanta. Judging was performed by the Executive Committee of the FTA Board of Trustees.

Zamarripa is the Director of the FTB Tax Systems Modernization Bureau. He began with the agency as a student assistant in 1975 and by 1977 he was a tax auditor. His first significant leadership opportunity came as director of the Water's Edge Tax Legislation for Multistate Corporations, and then he began to show his technical expertise as director of the Pass-thru Audit Support System implementation. This system was the first in the nation to trace the ownership and income of a partnership to the partners. Upon implementation of this system, FTB shared the results with other states such as New York and Hawaii as well as the IRS. The system reduced the tax gap by nearly \$100 million per year. Other major leadership roles included heading FTB's absorption of the state child support systems and consolidation into a single program. He also is leading the current program to modernize the state's aging income tax systems, a project now in the procurement stage.

The Federation of Tax Administrators is a nonprofit organization composed of taxation and revenue departments of the fifty states, District of Columbia and New York City. Its mission is to improve the standards and methods of tax administration.

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