



FTA bulletin

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2005 FTA Annual Meeting

Preliminary Program

Updated April 29

Program updates will be available at <http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/fta2005/>.

Sunday, June 12

- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Opening Reception
“Taste of Texas”

Monday, June 13

- 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Commissioners Only Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **GENERAL SESSION**

Presiding: Mary Jane Egr Edson, Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, and
President, Federation of Tax Administrators

Welcome to San Antonio

Mary Jane Egr Edson

Fiscal Policy, Texas Style

Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Serving the 21st Century Taxpayer

William Eggers, Deloitte Research

International Lessons

Bill Remington, Resident Tax Advisor, U.S. Treasury

How Technology is Changing Accountability

Ben Wright, Attorney and author

Noon – 1:45 p.m. **FTA President’s Awards Luncheon**

Presentation: Technology Award
 Research Award
 Leadership and Service Award
 Wade Anderson Medal

1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Technology

Recent Experience with State E-Filing Mandates

J.R. Simpson, Virginia Department of Taxation
Larry Wilson, Oklahoma Tax Commission

Corporate 1120 E-File and Fed-State 1120 Status

Dayna Sefcik, IRS

Streamlined Sales Tax – Technology Progress Update

Scott Peterson, South Dakota Department of Revenue

EFTPS Joint Fed-State Pilot and TAG Activities Update

J.R. Simpson, Virginia Department of Taxation and FTA-IRS Tactical Advisory Group
(TAG) Member

Legal and Tax Policy

Recent Developments in State Tax Case Law

Marilyn Wethekam, Horwood, Marcus & Berk, Chicago, Illinois

Developments in Telecommunications Taxation Reform

Sherry Harrell, Tennessee Dept. of Revenue; others, to be announced

Panel: Issues Regarding Conforming with Federal Changes

Government and Business Representatives (to be announced)

Compliance

Can You Set Collections Goals and Still Treat Taxpayers Fairly?

Alan Felton and Charlie Helms, North Carolina Department of Revenue

Battling Abusive Conservation Easements

Burnet Maybank, South Carolina Department of Revenue

Ken Thorson, Virginia Department of Taxation

Panel: Pass-Through Entities: Who's Doing What and How It's Going

Moderator: Delena Bratton, FAST Enterprises

Nonie Manion, New York Department of Taxation and Finance

Mark Treesh, Kentucky Department of Revenue

Eric Cook, President, Chainbridge

Audience Participation

Tuesday, June 14

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Commissioners Only Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – Noon **GENERAL SESSION**

Presiding: Pam Hendrickson, Chair, Utah State Tax Commission and First Vice
President, Federation of Tax Administrators

An Overview of the IRS Focus and FedState Partnership

Kevin Brown, Internal Revenue Service

Up, Down or Sideways?

Mark Zandi, Economy.com

Federal Legislation on State Tax Incentives (*Cuno* decision)

Philip Tatarowicz, Ernst & Young

FTA 2006: Little Rock, Arkansas

John Theis, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, and Melinda Hawes,
Department of Parks and Tourism

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Technology

FTA Award Winner – DELTA, Louisiana’s New Integrated Tax System
Kenneth Comeaux and Greg Montagnino, Louisiana Department of Revenue

Maximizing Tax Revenue and Maximizing Compliance Rates
Roy Gabriel, Indiana Department of Revenue, and Julie Booth, Accenture

Using Advanced Analytics for Refund Denial
Timothy Gardinier, New York State Dept. of Taxation and Finance

Benefits of a Fully Functioning Customer Relationship Management System
Farley Beaton, Virginia Department of Taxation

Legal

Panel: Effect of New Bankruptcy Law on State Taxation
Patricia Weth, Arlington County, Virginia
Karen Cordry, National Association of Attorneys General
Ron Del Vento, Texas Office of the Attorney General

Panel: Policy Considerations of *Cuno*
Diann Smith, Council on State Taxation
(Another to be announced)

Panel: Reducing Tensions Between Taxpayers and Tax Agencies
Moderator: Doug Lindholm, Council On State Taxation
Gregory Fajt, Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue
(Others to be announced)

Management

“The Yellow Tape Syndrome:” What Will You Do When The Tape Goes Up?
Lewis Easterly, Alabama Department of Revenue

Panel: Choosing The Right E-File Options For Your State
William Wilkins, Ohio Department of Taxation
Becky Christianson, Minnesota
Representative, Illinois (invited)
Representative, Massachusetts (invited)

Mission Possible: Reducing Taxpayer Burden
Kathy Rusiecki, Internal Revenue Service

Using Business Intelligence to Improve Tax Agency Management

Representative, Accenture

7:00 p.m. Reception and Closing Banquet
Entertainment and Dancing with Johnny Gimble
(Southwest School of Art and Craft - just a short walk from the hotel)

Wednesday, June 15

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. FTA Annual Business Meeting

9:00 a.m. – Noon **GENERAL SESSION**

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Follow The Money

Scott Pattison, National Association of State Budget Officers

National Research Program: Early Results

Representative, Internal Revenue Service

Update of the Streamlined Sales Tax Project

Speaker To Be Determined

Reforming the Corporate Income Tax

Panel of state tax administrators