



# FTA bulletin

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## **NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FTA AWARDS IN LEADERSHIP, TRAINING AND TAXPAYER SERVICE**

### **SUMMARY**

FTA is accepting applications for its annual awards for outstanding revenue agency initiatives. Categories for 2012 are: (1) Leadership; (2) Training; and (3) Taxpayer Service and Education. Applications must be **received** by FTA by **Friday, February 24, 2012**. **For the first time, FTA also will accept a submission that is offered as a website or via a URL link.** Awards will be presented during the FTA Annual Meeting, June 17-20 in Washington, D.C. Nominations for all FTA awards must be submitted by the chief executive officer of the revenue agency.

FTA invites member tax agencies to submit applications for the annual awards honoring individuals and programs that exemplify the highest standards of excellence in the administration of state taxes. The program is designed to encourage quality in tax administration and to recognize outstanding employees and programs that contribute to advances in the field of tax administration.

This year, awards will be given in the categories of Leadership, Training, and Taxpayer Service and Education.

The Leadership Award honors an employee of a member tax agency who has made a sustained and significant contribution to the administration of state taxes. The Training Award is presented to the state revenue department that has demonstrated excellence in training department employees. The Taxpayer Service Award is presented to the revenue agency that demonstrates an effective approach to defining needs and solving the challenges facing taxpayer service providers.

Applications must be **received** by FTA by midnight, February 27, 2012. **For the first time, FTA also will accept a submission that is offered as a website or via a URL link.** Awards will be presented during the FTA Annual Meeting June 17-20, 2012 in Washington, Colo. Nominations for all FTA awards must be submitted by the chief executive officer of the member revenue agency.

Attached are flyers with detailed information on the awards.

Sincerely,  
Gale Garriott  
Executive Director

**ANNOUNCING...****FEDERATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS  
AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE  
IN STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION**

**PURPOSE:** This award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated sustained and significant service in the practice and administration of state taxes. The award recognizes and encourages outstanding achievements that advance the field of state taxation and improve the standards and techniques of state tax administration. Nominations will be judged on factors including, but not limited to, influence on other states, influence outside the agency, work with FTA and breadth of experience in tax administration.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility is open to employees of FTA member agencies, but may not include heads of such agencies, or in the case of commissions, the chairs or members of commissions. Nominees must have a minimum of five years employment with a member agency or agencies and be currently employed by a member agency.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Nominations must be submitted by the chief executive officer of the member revenue agency. The nomination consists of a description of the individual's contributions to the field of state taxation and tax administration, including a discussion of the nominee's demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service, and also the degree to which the individual's leadership has extended -- either by establishing model practices or initiatives or by leading multistate endeavors -- beyond the member revenue agency. The nomination should also include the nominee's biography, summarizing positions held and civic and professional involvements, including, if applicable, participation in the activities of the Federation of Tax Administrators. PDF submissions are preferred but other formats will be accepted. For the first time, FTA also will accept a submission that is offered as a website or via a URL link.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged by the Executive Committee of the Federation of Tax Administrators.

**SUBMISSION DATE:** Nominations must be **received** by midnight, February 27, 2012, and sent to [Gale.Garriott@taxadmin.org](mailto:Gale.Garriott@taxadmin.org).

**PRESENTATION:** The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Tax Administrators to be held June 17-20, 2012 in Washington, D.C.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Call Gale Garrriott at 202-624-5891 or send an email to [Gale.Garriott@taxadmin.org](mailto:Gale.Garriott@taxadmin.org).

***ANNOUNCING...*****FEDERATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS  
AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING TRAINING PROGRAMS  
FOR STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION**

**PURPOSE:** The award is presented to the FTA member agency that has demonstrated excellence in training department employees. The award is designed to encourage the creative development and implementation of effective, innovative and efficient methods of providing employees with the knowledge and skills required to carry out their missions.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility is limited to the members of the Federation of Tax Administrators.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Nominations and entries must be submitted by the chief executive officer of the member revenue agency. The nomination consists of a written explanation of the program discussing the nature, purpose and content of the program, along with its innovative features, impact, strengths, and weaknesses. **There is no application form but submissions must be electronic.** PDF submissions are preferred but other formats (Word, etc.) will be accepted. For the first time, FTA also will accept a submission that is offered as a website or via a URL link.

Submissions should be for specific training programs targeted to a need or purpose rather than a comprehensive explanation of the agency's entire training effort. Entries will be judged on such factors as whether the training uses technology to provide alternative modes of delivery, whether the program reduces costs, limits time missed from duties, and whether results are measurable. Transferability, originality, effectiveness, and any FedState component will also be considered.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged by an independent panel of experts.

**SUBMISSION DATE:** Nominations must be **received** by midnight, February 27, 2012, and sent to [Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org](mailto:Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org).

**PRESENTATION:** The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Tax Administrators to be held June 17-20, 2012 in Washington, D.C.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Call Verenda Smith at 202-624-8443 or send an email to "mailto:Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org" [Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org](mailto:Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org).

*Note: This award is one of six that is offered during a three-year rotation. In coming years, there will be awards for Compliance, Management and Organizational Initiatives, Technology Applications, and Research and Analysis.*

***ANNOUNCING...*****FEDERATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS  
AWARD FOR  
TAXPAYER SERVICE AND EDUCATION  
FOR STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION**

**PURPOSE:** The award is presented to the revenue agency that demonstrates an effective approach to both defining needs and solving the challenges facing taxpayer service providers. The award recognizes the importance of public service to the mission of the revenue department and is intended to encourage innovation and sharing of new ideas among agencies.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility is limited to members of the Federation of Tax Administrators.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Nominations must be submitted by the chief executive officer of the member revenue agency. The nomination consists of a complete explanation of the program discussing the nature, purpose and content of the initiative, along with its impact, strengths and weaknesses. Any background analysis on work done to target the need for assistance and/or education should also be included. **There is no application form but submissions must be electronic.** PDF submissions are preferred but other formats (Word, etc.) will be accepted. For the first time, FTA also will accept a submission that is offered as a website or via a URL link.

Preference will be given to programs that are targeted in nature (those that address a particular group or specific tax action). Entries will be judged on the basis of factors such as originality, transferability to other agencies, effectiveness, and impact. Special consideration will be given to programs that make use of technology, reduce taxpayer burden, promote voluntary compliance, include any mechanism for measuring results, or feature a FedState component.

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