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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**

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| 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Opening Reception<br>"Taste of Texas" |

**Monday, June 13**

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| 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Continental Breakfast<br>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