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FTA Revenue Estimating and Tax Research Conference

Oklahoma City

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2005 FTA REVENUE ESTIMATION AND TAX RESEARCH CONFERENCE October 9 - 12, 2005 — Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

To State Tax Administrators:

SUMMARY

The 2005 FTA Revenue Estimation and Tax Research Conference will be held October 9-12 at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This announcement contains registration materials as well as hotel information. A preliminary program will be on the FTA Web site <<http://www.taxadmin.org>> by mid-July.

Hotel reservations must be made before September 7, 2005, to receive the \$117 conference rate. The conference registration deadline is September 26, 2005.

FTA's Research Section Chair, Mary Welsh, of Washington Department of Revenue, joins with Conference Host, Thomas E. Kemp, Jr., Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, in extending a cordial invitation to attend the 60th Annual FTA Revenue Estimation and Tax Research Conference. The conference will be held October 9-12, 2005, at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The conference will open Sunday, October 9, with registration and a reception and conclude Wednesday, October 12, at Noon.

Other meetings include the Research Roundtable, scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m. and continuing on Sunday morning.

Conference Schedule

The conference agenda will be a mix of general and concurrent breakout sessions with topics of interest to revenue estimators and state tax policy analysts. Monday morning will begin with the usual economic outlook by the major forecasting firms and selected policy topics of interest to everyone. In the afternoon, conference attendees will have a choice of two sessions featuring: detailed forecasts for specific sectors of the economy; and presentations of interest to tax policy researchers.

The entire day Tuesday will be dedicated to concurrent breakout sessions with a wide variety of specific topics. Some topics we are planning include: corporate tax issues, streamlined sales tax project, federal and state tax reform, compliance research, and more.

On Wednesday morning, conference participants will hear a variety of presentations of general interest to state economists and policy analysts. A preliminary program will be available by mid-July. If you would like to make a presentation or know of a presenter, please contact the Section Chair, Mary Welsh at maryw@dor.wa.gov or 360-570-6076 or Ronald Alt at ron.alt@taxadmin.org or 202-624-8445.

Local Arrangements

The FTA 2005 meeting in Oklahoma City is your opportunity to enjoy the warmth and friendliness that Oklahoma is known for and at the same time learn about the Traditions of the Heartland. Sunday evening attendees will be treated to an Opening Reception welcoming them to Oklahoma City, the capitol of the State of Oklahoma. Tuesday evening attendees will be able to enjoy an evening of fun while enjoying dinner with a Southwest flair. You'll definitely want to bring your boots and cowboy hats for this night!

Attendees arriving to Oklahoma City on Saturday have the opportunity to take in one of Oklahoma's favorite pastimes-OU football. Although the Sooners will travel south of the Red River to Texas that weekend, we'll have a watch party set up for one of the greatest college football rivalries.

And if you think that Oklahoma is just about football then that's where you're wrong. The conference site is located in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City, two blocks west of Bricktown (<http://www.bricktownokc.com/index.shtml>), formerly a warehouse district now converted to a booming entertainment district. Other downtown attractions include the Oklahoma City Art Museum (<http://www.okcmoa.com/>), the Myriad Gardens (<http://www.myriadgardens.com/index.html>) and the Oklahoma City National Memorial (<http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/>).

Hotel Reservations

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel, which is located on One North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The hotel is located in the heart of Oklahoma City's business and entertainment districts and is connected to the Cox Business Services Convention Center and most of downtown by an underground concourse.

The conference rate is \$117 (single/double occupancy). Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 405-235-2780 or 1-800-325-3535. Notify the reservations clerk that you will be attending the FTA 2005 Revenue Estimating Meeting, to receive the special rate. *Please note that the cutoff date for making hotel reservations is September 7, 2005.* After this date, reservations will be based on availability only.

Conference Registration

The conference registration form is enclosed and can also be downloaded at http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/meet/agend_re_05.html. You may fax (405-522-1711)

or mail the registration form and check to the address below. The check should be made payable to *FTA*.

Tax Research – FTA Conference
P.O Box 53248
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3248

Registration fees are:

Government Representative:	\$295
Industry Representative:	\$385
Guest:	\$100

The deadline for conference registration is September 26, 2005. A \$40 late charge will be assessed for on-site registrants who have not previously notified the host state of their intent to attend. Cancellations after October 3, 2005 will be charged a \$40 processing fee (except for emergencies).

If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact the registration staff at (405) 522-0107 at the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Ground Transportation

The hotel is 10 miles (approximately 15 minutes) from Will Rogers World Airport. Airport Express is available outside the center doors of the baggage claim area. No reservations are necessary; vans leave the airport every 8 minutes. To the Sheraton Oklahoma City, the cost is \$16 for one passenger, \$9-each for two passengers or \$7 per person for a group of three or more. Vans accommodate up to seven passengers.

The FTA Research Section looks forward to your participation in the 2005 Revenue Estimation and Tax Research Conference in Oklahoma. If you have any questions or suggestions for the program, please contact Ron Alt of FTA at (202) 624-8445, e-mail <ron.alt@taxadmin.org>, or Section Chair Mary Welsh at 360-570-6076, e-mail <maryw@dor.wa.gov>

Sincerely,

Harley T. Duncan
Executive Director

Attachment: as stated



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Registration Form

After faxing this form, please mail with fees to:

FTA Revenue Estimating Post Office Box 53248 Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3248

Questions? Contact our Planning Committee at (405) 522-0107

Or e-mail us at: jkurjan@tax.ok.gov

Attendee Information

First Name Last Name Name for Nametag

Title Agency/Organization

Address

City State Zip Code

E-Mail

Business Phone Business Fax

Guest 1 Name Guest 2 Name

Special Dietary Needs Arrival/Departure (Date and Time)

Conference Fees

Number Attending _____	Registered on or before 9/26/2005 _____	Registered after 9/26/2005 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Representative	\$295	\$335
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry Representative	\$385	\$425
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest (includes Sunday Reception and Tuesday Banquet)	\$100	\$140

**Fax this Form Now
to Confirm your
Attendance!**

Payment May Follow.

**Fax Number:
(405) 522-1711**

Payment: Payment Enclosed
 Please Bill Me

Make checks payable to: FTA
Mail to: Post Office Box 53248, Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3248

For online registrations, please visit: www.taxadmin.org
Online registrations can be paid via credit card.

Please Note: Cancellations received after October 3rd (except for emergencies) will be assessed a \$40 processing fee.

Attendance Requests

In order to plan accurately, please check the appropriate boxes below to indicate your planned attendance:

Saturday Roundtable Sunday Reception Tuesday Evening Banquet
 Sunday Roundtable Monday Lunch