

# **MOTOR FUEL TAX EVASION RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM**

## **Purpose**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is organizing a one-and-half day forum to present information and stimulate discussions on strategies to better combat motor fuel tax evasion. Participants will have the opportunity to share experiences, lessons-learned and identify best practices for combating motor fuel tax evasion. Especially timely, is a focus on evolving strategies and consideration of where future needs and solutions will lie, especially as alternative fuels enter the market and affect existing monitoring and enforcement strategies.

## **Forum Topics**

The scope of the forum will be structured around five major themes –

- Existing motor fuel tax enforcement methods, techniques, and technologies and their current applications
- Studies or activities using existing methods, techniques, and technologies to track motor fuel
- New technologies under review –directed at combating motor fuel tax evasion
- Impacts of alternative fuels on enforcement methods, techniques, and technologies
- Future trends and issues in tax compliance and possible solutions.

## **Forum Objectives**

Presentations on the forum topics will be made in order to stimulate discussions and obtain inputs from the participants on their experiences, and identify successful and emerging methods, techniques, and technologies to address motor fuel tax evasion concerns. The outcome of the forum is to provide information necessary to: (i) analyze the potential of these methods, techniques, and technologies, and (ii) prepare a training course plan to bring awareness to fuel tax revenue collection personnel and educate them in state enforcement of not only the emerging evasion schemes but more importantly on the challenges they are likely to face, and the potential enforcement strategies that can be deployed, particularly involving alternative fuels. The forum will also provide an opportunity to stimulate discussion among the states about information on ongoing activities. Finally the forum will provide an opportunity to generate ideas and strategies for the next surface transportation authorization bill.

## **Who Should Attend**

- Federal and state motor fuel tax administrators
- Federal and state motor fuel enforcement officers
- Expert on the motor fuel distribution system
- All levels of the petroleum industry
- Water-borne, pipeline, and highway fuel transportation
- Alternative fuel producers/marketers
- Fuel marketing industry
- Experts and manufacturers of sensing and tracking devices
- Manufacturers of onboard tracking and global positioning devices

## **Sponsors**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

## **Facilitators**

Battelle / Halcrow Inc.

# Forum Registration Form

**PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

**Dates and Time:** **Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**Location:** **Adams Mark Hotel Dallas**  
**400 North Olive Street**  
**Dallas, TX 75201**  
**Rate: \$123/night**

Please complete this form and fax or e-mail to the contact listed below.  
Space is limited, so register early!

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**There is no registration fee to attend Forum - Please print or type**

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**Please Note:** Hotel reservations are the responsibility of attendee, and must be made by February 22, 2008. Please call 214-922-8000 or 800-444-ADAM (2326) and refer to the group name "Motor Fuel Tax" to reserve a room. Note that hotel space is limited; reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Room reservations made after the cut-off date will be taken on a space- and rate-available basis. As there are no registration fees, meals will not be provided to the attendees during the forum.