



# FTA bulletin

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## **NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FTA AWARDS IN LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION, AND COMPLIANCE**

### **SUMMARY**

FTA is accepting applications for its annual awards for outstanding revenue agency initiatives. Categories for 2010 are: (1) Leadership; (2) Management and Organization; and (3) Compliance. Nominations shall be **postmarked or emailed** by midnight on February 26, 2010. Awards will be presented during the FTA Annual Meeting June 6-9, 2010 in Atlanta, Ga. 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 awards 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, Management and Organization, and Compliance.

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 Management and Organization Award is presented to the state revenue department that has demonstrated excellence in developing initiatives to improve the management or organization of a tax agency. The Compliance Award is presented to the revenue agency that demonstrates an effective approach to improving compliance with state tax laws.

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Attached are flyers with detailed information on the awards.

Sincerely,

James R. Eads  
Executive Director

Attachments: as stated

*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, increasing responsibility, influence outside the agency, influence on other states, 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, 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. Submission materials should not exceed 10 pages. PDF submissions are preferred but other formats will be accepted. Send electronic submissions to [Jim.Eads@taxadmin.org](mailto:Jim.Eads@taxadmin.org). If submitting a paper nomination, mail four copies with a Feb. 26 or earlier postmark to Jim Eads, FTA, Suite 348, 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Washington DC 20001.

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

**SUBMISSION DATE:** Nominations shall be **postmarked or emailed** by midnight on February 26, 2010.

**PRESENTATION:** The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Tax Administrators to be held June 6-9, 2010 in Atlanta, Ga.

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

**ANNOUNCING...****FEDERATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS****AWARD FOR  
MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL INITIATIVE  
IN STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION**

**PURPOSE:** This award is intended to honor and recognize tax agencies that have designed, developed, and implemented initiatives that improve the management or organization of the diverse responsibilities of a tax agency. The award is designed to encourage excellence in the implementation of programs and systems that aid a state tax agency in the effective use of resources in meeting its mission.

**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 (not to exceed 10 pages) discussing the nature, purpose and content of the application, along with its innovative features, impact, strengths, and weaknesses. **There is no application form.** PDF submissions are preferred but other formats will be accepted. Additional material or supporting exhibits presented on DVDs, CDs or videotape is also acceptable. If submitting electronically, send your submission by midnight February 26 to [Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org](mailto:Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org). If hard-copy manuals or similar materials need to be included, mail four copies with a Feb. 26 or earlier postmark to Verenda Smith, FTA, Suite 348, 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Washington DC 20001.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged by an independent panel of experts. Entries will be judged on the basis of factors such as originality, transferability, productivity improvement, quality and effectiveness. Any customer service component should be noted. The program may be targeted or comprehensive in nature.

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

**ANNOUNCING...****FEDERATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS****AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING COMPLIANCE PROGRAM  
IN STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION**

**PURPOSE:** This award is intended to encourage the creative design, development and implementation of effective methods of improving compliance with state tax laws. The award is designed to encourage excellence and innovation in the general field of programs for the audit, discovery, and collection of taxes.

**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 written explanation of the program (not to exceed 10 pages), 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.** PDF submissions are preferred but other formats will be accepted. Additional material or supporting exhibits presented on DVDs, CDs or videotape is also acceptable. If submitting electronically, send your submission by midnight February 26 to [Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org](mailto:Verenda.Smith@taxadmin.org). If hard-copy manuals or similar materials need to be included, mail four copies with a Feb. 26 or earlier postmark to Verenda Smith, FTA, Suite 348, 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Washington DC 20001.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged by an independent panel of experts. 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 Fed-State component.

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