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WASHINGTON STATE WINS FTA AWARD FOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

(Washington, D. C., April 12, 2013) The Federation of Tax Administrators announced today that judges have named the Washington State Department of Revenue as the winner of the 2013 FTA Award for Outstanding Compliance Program.

Washington's entry was for its new mobile device app that helps taxpayers, especially small businesses, comply with the state's destination sourcing requirement.

Judges were highly complimentary of the program, saying the state was the first to identify a compelling taxpayer need and meet it with a mobile app. "What's not to like," said one. "All the state have been looking for ways to use those apps and this is a great way. It's more than just 'here is a list of our district offices.' They took the technology and applied it to a need. A carpet-layer who works in five jurisdictions during the day has to look up the tax rate five times a day. And they clearly did some design work. They just didn't say 'type in your location.' They incorporated GPS so it starts with your location."

Judges were especially pleased with the recordkeeping function of the app, saying, "They just hit it on all cylinders."

Presentation of the award will take place during the FTA Annual Meeting, June 9-11 in Albuquerque, N.M. The winner has also been invited to make a presentation on the program during the annual meeting.

The entries were judged by an independent panel consisting of Linda Tanton, retired deputy comptroller in Maryland; Harley Duncan, Managing Director for Washington National Tax, KPMG; and Bill Remington, Associate Director in the Office of Technical Assistance for the U.S. Treasury Department.

The Federation of Tax Administrators is a nonprofit organization composed of taxation and revenue departments of the fifty states, District of Columbia and New York City. Its mission is to improve the standards and methods of tax administration.