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NEW YORK STATE WINS FTA AWARD FOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(Washington, D. C., April 12, 2013) The Federation of Tax Administrators announced today that judges have named the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance as the winner of the 2013 FTA Award for Outstanding Management Program.

New York's entry was for its enterprise-wide approach to risk management.

Judges were highly complimentary of the program, saying that the topic is the most compelling of all issues facing tax agencies. Said one judge: "New York has begun to think about this systematically, as opposed to a little training here, a disclosure office there, a safeguarding effort elsewhere." Judges said New York has recognized the need to focus on risk management. They also noted that New York's approach is scalable to any size state. Even though the larger states may have a special challenge in focusing its many risk-minimization efforts, "this has nothing to do with being big. The same motivation should apply to all states."

New York's program is based on four essential aspects: the office of risk management, established last year; policies, procedures and guidelines; new training for supervisors and managers; and creation of a fulltime ethics officer.

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.

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