



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TASK FORCE ON STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

**TASK FORCE MEETING
MAY 30, 2014**

**CAPTAIN COOK HOTEL
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AGENDA**

Friday, May 30

Endeavor

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Task Force Meets

7:00 – 7:55 am

Breakfast

8:00 – 8:05 am

Welcome

- Sen. Pam Althoff, Illinois, Co-Chair

8:05 – 9:00 am

Marketplace Fairness Act

Update and discussion of the Marketplace Fairness Act and similar e-fairness legislation in Congress which would enable states to collect the sales and use taxes that are owed on remote transactions.

Panelists:

- Max Behlke, NCSL
- Joe Rinzel, Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)

Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board

Panelists:

- Craig Johnson, Streamlined Sales Tax
- Senator Deb Peters, Vice President, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board

9:00 – 9:45 am

Federal Tax Legislation Update

- Tax Extenders
- Digital Goods and Services Tax
- Internet Tax Freedom Act
- Business Activity Tax Simplification Act

Panelists:

- Jeff Hurley, NCSL
- Stacey Sprinkle, Verizon
- Art Rosen, McDermott Will and Emery

9:45 – 10:45 am

Expansion of Sales Tax to Services

Recently, several states began expanding their sales taxes to services. Proponents believe that the expansion is necessary to maintain the sales tax as a viable revenue stream, given the shift from a goods-based economy to a service-based economy. However, opponents posit that expanding the sales tax to services is too complicated to administer, creates a competitive disadvantage for the state (compared to other states that do not tax services), discriminates against small businesses, and that sales taxes are inherently regressive. This session will continue the discussion from the November meeting concerning how the expansion of the sales tax would affect states.

Panelists:

- Scott Wiley, Ohio Society of CPAs
- Fred Nicely, Council on State Taxation (COST)

10:45 – 11:15 am

Property Tax Administration

Fred Nicely of the Council on State Taxation (COST) will discuss the issues concerning government administration of property tax on businesses and the findings of the COST scorecard.

Panelists:

- Fred Nicely, Council on State Taxation (COST)

11:15 – 12:00 pm

Property Tax of Telecommunications

The communications industry pays billions of dollars in property taxes to states and local jurisdictions across the country annually. In many states, the industry faces property tax systems designed for a market structure that no longer exists. These laws result in communications providers paying much higher property taxes than other competitive businesses and can significantly increase the cost of investment in broadband networks. As part of its ongoing review of state and local tax policies affecting the communications industry, this panel will provide the Task Force with an overview of communications property taxes, discuss recent litigation on the issue, and highlight state efforts to modernize their property tax systems.

Panelists:

- Roy Adkins, Centurylink
- Deborah Bierbaum, AT&T
- Meredith Garwood, Time-Warner Cable
- Scott Mackey, KSE Partners

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Mid/ Aft Deck

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm

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Tax Expenditure Reports

The primary goal of state tax expenditure reports (or budgets) is to provide information to the public and policymakers about preferential tax provisions that reduce overall tax revenue. Proponents of these reports laud them as a critical tool to understand and improve state tax systems. Critics contend, however, that state tax expenditure reports provide inaccurate and

misleading information, particularly with regard to business taxes. This roundtable will continue the discussion of the Task Force's Tax Expenditure Report Working Group that has worked on developing principles for states to consider for their tax expenditure reports.

Moderator:

- Representative Jay Kaufman, Massachusetts

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Real Time Sales Tax Collection

In Miami, the task force began discussing the issue of daily remittance of sales taxes, or the requirement that sales taxes be remitted to the proper jurisdictions at the time of the transaction. This session will continue the discussion of whether technology currently exists to execute daily remittance and what the costs and benefits of building such system would be.

Panelists:

- Marco Mabante, STAC Media
- Pino Luongo, STAC Media
- Bill Gordon, STAC Media

- Greg Turner, COST
- Kim Ford, First Data
- Jeff Hyde, GE
- Pat Reynolds, JC Penney

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Legislator Roundtable/Business Meeting

Since its creation in 1999, the Task Force on State and Local Taxation has been instrumental in the creation of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, has been at the forefront of e-fairness on Capitol Hill and has considered a variety of other state and local taxation issues. In this session, the task force will consider recent activity in the state tax arena and will consider issues for future discussion.

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Anchorage Museum

Executive Committee Opening Reception

In walking distance. Bus transportation will also be available.

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Task Force Reception/Dinner

Sullivan's Steakhouse

329 West 5th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

For Task Force Members and Task Force Sponsors

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION TASK FORCE IS AUGUST 18-19 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NCSL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT.