

TAX ASSOCIATIONS

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Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA)

<http://www.taxadmin.org>

The Federation of Tax Administrators is a national organization of state tax officials. The FTA Web site includes comparative information on state tax agencies, rates, policies and administration, as well as links to individual state agencies.

Multistate Tax Commission

<http://www.mtc.gov>

The Multistate Tax Commission is an intergovernmental state tax agency working on behalf of states and taxpayers to administer, equitably and efficiently, tax laws that apply to multistate and multinational enterprises. Created by the Multistate Tax Compact, the Commission is charged by this law with:

- Facilitating the proper determination of State and local tax liability of multistate taxpayers, including the equitable apportionment of tax bases and settlement of apportionment disputes;
- Promoting uniformity or compatibility in significant components of tax systems;
- Facilitating taxpayer convenience and compliance and compliance in the filing of tax returns and in other phases of tax administration;
- Avoiding duplicative taxation.

North Eastern State Tax Officials Association (NESTOA)

<http://www.nestoa.org>

An association consisting of *Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, New York City, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Rhode Island, Vermont.*

Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA)

<http://www.seatastates.org>

The tax administrators of the states of *Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia* recognized that, by reason of their geographical proximity to each other have the same interest in matters of tax administration. Accordingly, these tax administrators believe that it will be to the advantage of their respective state for them to form the Association for the purposes and the manner hereinafter set forth.

Midwest States Association of Tax Administrators (MSATA)

<http://msata2015.dor.sd.gov>

Midwest States Association of Tax Administrators is an association of *Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.*

Western States Association of Tax Administrators (WSATA)

<http://www.mtc.gov/Events-Training/2014-Western-States-Association-of-Tax-Administrat>

http://www.borderstatescaucus.org/wasata_resolution.htm

Western States Association of Tax Administrators is an association of tax administrators from twelve western states consisting of *Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.* Some of the goals of the association are to facilitate dialogue among tax administrators, industry representatives, and academicians; as well as to promote research on tax issues administered on the state level.

Border States Caucus

<http://www.borderstatescaucus.org/index.html>

Arizona, California, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and the Government of Mexico

Mission Statement:

Promote free trade and reduce administrative barriers to trade between the United States and Mexico through uniform and equitable laws, rules, procedures and documents dealing with the treatment of taxable and non-taxable transactions and the exchange of information among caucus members.

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Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board

<http://www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=About-Us>

"To assist states as they administer a simpler and more uniform sales and use tax system"

The Streamlined Sales Tax Project is an agreement of the cooperative effort of *44 states, the District of Columbia*, local governments and the business community to simplify sales and use tax collection and administration by retailers and states. The Agreement minimizes costs and administrative burdens on retailers that collect sales tax, particularly retailers operating in multiple states. It encourages "remote sellers" selling over the Internet and by mail order to collect tax on sales to customers living in the Streamlined states. It levels the playing field so that local "brick-and-mortar" stores and remote sellers operate under the same rules. This Agreement ensures that all retailers can conduct their business in a fair, competitive environment.

Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT)

<http://www.ipt.org>

Excellence through Tax Education

The *Institute for Professionals in Taxation*, founded in 1976, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational association serving over 4400 members representing approximately 1450 corporations, firms, or taxpayers throughout the United States and Canada. It is the only professional organization that educates, certifies and establishes strict codes of conduct for state and local income, property and sales & use tax professionals who represent taxpayers (government officials or organizations do not qualify for membership).

The Institute provides outstanding educational opportunities for its members tailored to their professional needs. Professional designation programs in income, property and sales tax leading to the CMI designation (Certified Member of the Institute) are also available to members who satisfy the educational, experience and examination requirements. It is dedicated to uniform and equitable administration of income, ad valorem and sales & use taxes, to minimizing the cost of tax administration and compliance, and to a high degree of professionalism. Members are expected to adhere to a strict Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct.

IPT members represent the spectrum of business and industry sectors of all sizes - from small firms to most Fortune 500 companies. What they share is a dedication to excellence and a desire to further professionalism and cooperation within the tax profession.

Tax Executives Institute (TEI)

<http://www.tei.org>

The *Tax Executives Institute* (TEI) is the preeminent international association of business executives responsible for the tax affairs of their employers. TEI is the preeminent professional organization of in-house Tax Professionals. Our members are business executives who are responsible for taxation matters on an administrative or policy-making level, or whose work is otherwise primarily concerned with the problems of business taxation. TEI members are accountants, lawyers, and other corporate and business employees who are responsible for the tax affairs of their employers in an executive, administrative, or managerial capacity.

Council On State Taxation (COST)

<http://www.cost.org>

The *Council on State Taxation* (COST) is the premier state tax organization representing taxpayers. COST is a nonprofit trade association consisting of over 600 multistate corporations engaged in interstate and international business. COST's objective is to preserve and promote equitable and nondiscriminatory state and local taxation of multijurisdictional business entities.

National Tax Association (NTA)

<http://ntanet.org/about-nta.html>

Founded in 1907, *National Tax Association* (NTA) is the leading association of tax professionals dedicated to advancing understanding of the theory and practice of public finance. The National Tax Association is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical educational association that fosters study and discussion of complex and controversial issues in tax theory, practice and policy, and other aspects of public finance. NTA is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not promote any particular tax program or policy. The enormous public benefit that can come from sound tax policy and wise administration is a prime reason for the work of NTA.