



FTA bulletin

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FTA Annual Meeting • June 4-7 • Little Rock, Arkansas ***Preliminary Program***

SUMMARY

The 74th Annual Meeting of the Federation of Tax Administrators will take place June 4-7, 2006, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Ark. The conference will feature general and concurrent educational sessions. The conference registration deadline is May 19, and the hotel deadline is May 3.

This bulletin features the preliminary program. Program updates will be available at <http://www.ark.org/fta2006/>. Registration information is also available at this site.

The 74th Annual Meeting of the Federation of Tax Administrators will take place June 4-7, 2006, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Conference Schedule

The meeting begins with registration on Sunday, June 4, and concludes at noon on Wednesday, June 7. General sessions will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. In-depth sessions organized around legal/policy, technology, tax compliance, and award winning programs are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday afternoons. There will also be a "Solution Series" by selected sponsors of the FTA Annual meeting. A preliminary agenda is attached.

The President's Awards luncheon will be held Monday, and the FTA Annual Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday morning.

The opening reception will be held Sunday evening at the [William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Center](#). Tuesday evening will feature a banquet at the Peabody with entertainment provided by "[Trout Fishing in America](#)."

Local Arrangements

The Peabody Hotel, on President Clinton Avenue, overlooks the Arkansas River and Riverfront Park and is adjacent to the Old State House. Located within easy walking distance is the River Market entertainment, restaurant and shopping district. The Clinton Presidential Center and Park is located one mile east of the hotel.

Little Rock is the geographic center of the State of Arkansas, providing easy access to many attractions from Garvan Woodland Gardens and Historic Bathhouse Row in Hot Springs to the Alpine Village of Eureka Springs in the northwest and Crowley's Ridge in the Delta. Links to these places and information on the Annual Meeting can be found on the conference website at <http://www.ark.org/fta2006/>.

Opening Reception. On Sunday evening, conference attendees and their guests will be treated to an opening reception, from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m., at the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Center. From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., conference attendees may tour the library facility.

Guest Tours. In addition to attending the Opening Reception and Closing Banquet, guests of attendees have the opportunity to visit beautiful Garvan Woodland Gardens and tour Hot Springs, Arkansas, including Hot Springs National Park on Monday. Located on the shores of Lake Hamilton, this 210-acre botanical garden contains the Oriental-influenced "Garden of the Pine Wind" with stream courses, waterfalls, stone bridges, and native and Asian plantings. Breakfast and transportation are included. On Tuesday, spouses and guests will have the opportunity to select the museums, historic sites and shops they wish to visit from the list of such features that are within walking distance or trolley ride from the Little Rock Peabody Hotel.

Optional Sunday Outings. Those who are lucky enough to arrive on Saturday or early Sunday are encouraged to consider these special local options:

- The **FTA Golf Outing** will be held at the Greystone Country Club on Sunday morning. Separate registration and fee is required. Information is available on the Conference Web site at <http://www.ark.org/fta2006/>.
- The **Arkansas Travelers**, the AA Texas League affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, play the Midland RockHounds at 7:10 p.m. on Saturday and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Get more information at <http://www.travs.com>.
- The **Arkansas Arts Center** will have a major exhibition of **Picasso** starting June 2. The Center, located at 501 East 9th Street, is open on Saturday and Sunday. Details on the exhibition are available at <http://www.arkarts.com/>.

Closing Banquet. The Closing Banquet will be held Tuesday evening. Trout Fishing in America will provide the musical entertainment. The two-time Grammy-nominated duo will display their superb musical abilities in a high-energy, fun-filled concert.

Continuing Education Credits

Participants seeking continuing education credits will be asked to complete attendance forms and evaluations on site. **TEXAS PROFESSIONALS PLEASE NOTE:** Because of new rules in Texas, FTA is no longer registered in Texas as a CPE/CLE sponsor.

Conference Registration

Registration fees for the annual meeting this year are:

\$375 for government attendees
 \$475 for non-government attendees
 \$175 for guests

You may register and/or pay online at <http://www.ark.org/fta2006/>. You may also register by completing the attached Conference Registration Form and mailing it with payment (made payable to FTA 2006 Annual Conference) to:

FTA 2006 Annual Conference
 P.O. Box 8110
 Little Rock, AR 72203-8110

The registration deadline is May 19 for registrants who want to be included in the printed list of participants; those who register after May 30 should add a \$50 late fee. For questions on registration, please e-mail elizabeth.collins@rev.state.ar.us or call 501-682-1130. To register for the golf outing or to register a guest, be sure to check the appropriate information on the registration form and include payment when sending in the conference registration form.

Hotel Reservations

The 2006 FTA Annual Meeting will be held at the Peabody Little Rock Hotel. Located in the heart of the bustling downtown River Market District, the hotel is about 15 minutes from the Little Rock International Airport. (Yes, the world-famous Peabody Ducks march down the red carpet to the Lobby Fountain each day at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

The rate at The Peabody Little Rock is \$130 plus tax per night (single or double). To make your reservations by phone, call 800-732-2639 or 501-906-4000 and ask for the Federation of Tax Administrators room block (group code 245327). **The deadline for making room reservations is May 3.** You may also reserve a room online at <https://register.peabodyhotels.com:7002/> by using the Group Code 245327.

Annual Meeting Sponsors

FTA wishes to offer a special thanks to this year's Annual Meeting Sponsors:

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2006 FTA Annual Meeting Preliminary Program

Program updates will be available at <http://www.ark.org/fta2006/>.

Sunday, June 4

- 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration
- 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Opening Reception
William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Center
(Transportation Provided) (Library tours available from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Monday, June 5

- 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Commissioners Only Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **GENERAL SESSION**
Presiding: Pam Hendrickson, Chair, Utah State Tax Commission, and President,
Federation of Tax Administrators

Welcome to Little Rock and Arkansas

Federal Tax Gap: New Estimates, New Approaches

Elizabeth Tucker and Cliff Jones, Internal Revenue Service

Closing the Tax: California Strategy

Lynette Iwafuchi, California Franchise Tax Board

Leveraging Taxpayer Information to Improve Compliance

Stefan Becker, CGI-AMS

Around the Tax World in 40 Minutes

Paul Frankel, Morrison and Foerster, New York, N.Y.

Noon – 1:45 p.m. FTA President's Awards Luncheon

- Presentation: Leon Rothenberg Award for Taxpayer Service
Training Award
Leadership and Service Award

1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Technology

FTA-IRS Tactical Advisory Group (TAG) Update

Tim Blevins, Kansas Department of Revenue

Update on Federal and Fed-State Modernized E-File (MeF) Programs

Joan Barr, Internal Revenue Service

Terry Garber, South Carolina Department of Revenue

Streamlined Sales Tax Update

Terry Garber, South Carolina Department of Revenue

Data Warehouse Initiatives

Laurie McGrath, Massachusetts Department of Revenue

Terry Garber, South Carolina Department of Revenue

Fed-State Security Review of IRS Guidelines on State Data Warehouses

Tim Blevins, Kansas Department of Revenue

Legal and Tax Policy

Panel: Recent Developments in State Tax Case Law

Marilyn Wethekam, Horwood, Marcus & Berk, Chicago

State Representative TBA

Estimating the Fiscal Impact of Federal Legislation on State Taxation

Sarah Puro, U.S. Congressional Budget Office

Panel: Sourcing Services for SSTP and UDITPA

Shirley Sicilian, Multistate Tax Commission (Invited)

Business Representative(s) TBA

State Representative(s) TBA

FTA Award Winners

Michigan's Disclosure Training Concept

Michigan Department of Treasury

California ReadyFile

California Franchise Tax Board

South Carolina's One Stop Wizard

South Carolina Department of Revenue

Washington State's Web-based Tutorials

Vikki Smith and Janet Shimabukura, Washington Department of Revenue

Iowa's E-File Strategy

Paul Benson, Iowa Department of Revenue

New York's Leadership Academy Training

New York Department of Taxation and Finance

See also the North Carolina Guest Worker Voluntary Compliance on Tuesday's Compliance break-out.

Solution Series

Presentations on products and services from FTA Sponsors. Scheduled topics and times will be available soon.

Tuesday, June 6

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Commissioners Only Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – Noon **GENERAL SESSION**

Presiding: Cynthia Bridges, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Revenue and First
Vice President, Federation of Tax Administrators

Outlook for the U.S. Economy

Mark Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, West Chester, Penn.

Disaster Preparedness and Response: Lessons from the Gulf Coast

Cynthia Bridges, Louisiana Department of Revenue

Joseph Blount, Mississippi Tax Commission (Invited)

Topic: To be Determined

Streamlined Sales Tax Project: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed

Scott Peterson, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board

FTA 2007: Chicago, Illinois

Brian Hamer, Illinois Department of Revenue

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Technology

Taxpayer Self-Service and Data Access

Steve Miller, Idaho Tax Commission

Adrienne Erley, Illinois Department of Revenue

Jim Evers, Florida Department of Revenue

Integrated Tax Systems

Loretta Silva and Phillip Salazar, New Mexico Department of Taxation and Revenue

Automated Lien/Levy Programs

Jim Loftus, Maryland Comptroller's Office

Maureen Adams, New Jersey Division of Taxation

Legal

The Challenge of Internet TV and Other Digital Products

Jerry Johnson, Oklahoma Tax Commission

Benchmarking Administrative Appeals

Washington State Department of Revenue (Invited)

Panel: Reducing Tensions between Taxpayers and Tax Agencies

Moderator: Doug Lindholm, Council on State Taxation

Compliance

N.C. Guest Worker Voluntary Compliance Program (FTA Award Winner)

Alan Felton, North Carolina Department of Revenue

Data Warehousing: Some Results Achieved

Julie Allen, Missouri Department of Revenue

The Art of Collections: Doing Good Work

Robert Coyne, Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

Representative, Hawaii Department of Taxation

Identifying Fraudulent Income Tax Returns

Cal Mellor, Connecticut Department of Revenue Services

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7:00 p.m.

Reception and Closing Banquet

Entertainment by Trout Fishing in America

Wednesday, June 7

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **FTA Annual Business Meeting**

9:00 a.m. – Noon **GENERAL SESSION**

Presiding: Pam Hendrickson, Chair, Utah State Tax Commission, and President,
Federation of Tax Administrators

State Budgets: Awash in Cash and/or Struggling for Balance

Scott Pattison, National Association of State Budget Officers

MTC Initiatives

Joe Huddleston, Multistate Tax Commission

Joint Cost of Collection Study: What Does It Say?

TBD

Update: Federal Legislation Affecting State Taxation

Harley Duncan, Federation of Tax Administrators

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

www.arkansas.gov/fta2006

REGISTRANT INFORMATION (Please complete a separate form for each registrant)

Last Name		First Name		Preferred First Name (for name tag)	
Title		Agency/Organization/Company		E-mail Address	
Mailing Address			City, State, Zip		
Business Phone Number		Business Fax Number		Expected Date of Arrival/Departure	
Guest Last Name		Guest First Name		If you or your guest have special dietary or other needs, please contact us at (501) 682-1130	

REGISTRATION FEES

	Fee if registered before May 30, 2006	Fee if registered after May 30, 2006	TOTAL
Government Representative	\$375.00	\$425.00	\$
N/C Sponsor (Please note: each sponsoring company is entitled to one complimentary registration. Additional registrants are charged at the full rate listed below.)			
Industry Representative	\$475.00	\$525.00	\$
Guest	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$
Golf Registration (June 4, 2006) (Separate Payment Required with Registration)	\$80.00 (without club rental) \$110.00 (with club rental)	Attendee Guest	\$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Payment Enclosed

☐ Please Bill Me

☐ Will Pay at Registration

Credit Card # _____ MasterCard/Visa/
AmEx

Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____

Credit Card payment cannot be accepted for golf registrations. For hotel and other conference information, please visit our Web site at www.taxadmin.org/fta2006

Please send this form with your registration fee(s) to:

FTA 2006 Annual Conference
P O Box 8110
Little Rock, AR 72203-8110

Phone: (501) 682-1130

Fax: (501) 682-1691

Make checks payable to: FTA 2006 Annual Conference

OTHER INFORMATION

Opening Reception - Clinton Library - Sunday, June 4, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
Awards Luncheon - Monday, June 5, 2006 - 12:15 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attendee	
Spouse/Guest Program - Garvan Woodland Gardens , Hot Springs, AR - Monday, June 5, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.		<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
Tuesday, June 6, 2006 - Self-Guided Tours		<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
Banquet - Tuesday, June 6, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest

☐ If you would be interested in CPE or CLE credit for this program, please check this box. FTA has not applied for CPE or CLE credits for this program in any jurisdiction. By indication here, you will be provided a *Certificate of Attendance* for the conference for use in applying for credits within your jurisdiction.

Federation of Tax Administrators

Greystone Country Club ★ Cabot, Arkansas ★ Sunday, June 4, 2006



FTA 2006 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2006 FTA Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2006. The tournament is a 4-person scramble and is open to all conference attendees and their guests. The tournament will be held at the Mountain Springs Golf Course at Greystone Country Club in Cabot, Arkansas.

The Mountain Springs Course features tree lined, zoysia grass fairways and bent grass greens. Greystone Country Club is a 36 hole residential development nestled in the Ozark Mountain foothills. Both Mountain Springs and its sister course, Cypress Creek, are featured on the **Natural State Golf Trail** which highlights 13 of Arkansas' most beautiful golf courses. See www.naturalstategolftrail.com for this course and other courses on the Natural State Golf Trail.

The golf course is a 25 to 30 minute drive from the hotel and transportation will be provided to the course. All golfers should check in at the golf course



between 6:45 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. for the shotgun start at approximately 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided at the course beginning at 6:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the course upon conclusion of play and prizes will be awarded during lunch.

The cost is \$80.00 per person which includes practice range, green fees, golf carts, awards, breakfast and lunch. Rental clubs are available for \$30 and should be reserved by May 19, 2006. Please complete the golf registration form below and submit with payment and conference registration **(REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO THE 1ST FIFTY-TWO (52) GOLFERS REGISTERING)**. Golf registration and payment may be submitted separately to FTA 2006 Annual Conference, P.O. Box 8110, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. Make all checks payable to "FTA 2006 Annual Conference" for additional information contact John Theis at 501-682-7000 or by e-mail at john.theis@rev.state.ar.us.

FTA 2006 GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name:	Golf Handicap or Average Score:
Mailing Address:	Business Phone Number (with Area Code):
	E-mail Address:
Agency/Organization/Company:	Rental Clubs (check box if applicable):
Preferred Pairing (list up to three participants as team members):	<input type="checkbox"/> - Right Handed <input type="checkbox"/> -Left Handed
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	Transportation (check box): <input type="checkbox"/> - I will need transportation between hotel and Greystone <input type="checkbox"/> - I will provide my own transportation
Payment Information: Make checks payable to - FTA 2006 Annual Conference Mail Payment and Registration Form to - FTA Annual Conference P. O. Box 8110 Little Rock, AR 72711-2036	\$ 80 for Golf Only \$110 for Golf and Clubs Payment Amount _____