



# *TTARA/IPT Annual Meeting*

**The Institute for Professionals in Taxation, in cooperation with the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA), presents a Tax Seminar at the Four Seasons Hotel, 98 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, Texas on October 14 and 15, 2004.**

## **Registration Procedure**

Complete your registration form as soon as possible and mail it with your registration fee to TTARA, 400 W. 15th Street, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701, in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend this program. This seminar is an excellent forum in which taxpayers and taxpayer representatives can meet face-to-face with numerous Texas officials and other tax professionals to ask questions.

Recommended attire is business or business casual.

## **Institute for Professionals in Taxation**

The Institute, an educational organization founded in 1976, is dedicated to a high degree of professionalism with a strict Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct for its members, to a uniform and equitable administration of ad valorem and sales and use taxes, and to minimizing the cost of tax administration and compliance.

## **Continuing Education Credit**

CMEs will receive hour-for-hour continuing education credits for actual session attendance (based on a 50-minute credit hour) upon submittal of the appropriate continuing education form.



## TTARA Annual Membership Meeting ~ October 14-15, 2004

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00-10:00 am	Registration (Ballroom A-B)
10:00-11:00 am	<b>State Fiscal Issues</b> <i>Blaine Brunson</i> , Budget Director, Lt. Governor's Office <i>Don Green</i> , Policy Director, Speaker's Office <i>James LeBas</i> , Chief Revenue Estimator, Comptroller's Office
11:00-12:00 N	<b>National Business Tax Developments</b> <i>Diann Smith</i> , General Counsel, COST
12:00-1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch (Ballroom C-D)
1:00-2:15 pm	<b>Property Tax Update</b> <i>Buddy Breivogel</i> , Manager, Property Tax Division, Comptroller's Office <i>Sam Gregson</i> , Manager-Property Taxes, BP America, Inc. <i>Jim Robinson</i> , Chief Appraiser, Harris County Appraisal District <i>Bob Samford</i> , Manager-Property Taxes, Temple-Inland, Inc. <i>Wendell Westlake</i> , Cummings Westlake LP
2:15-3:30 pm	<b>State Tax Update</b> <i>Jesse Ancira</i> , Associate Deputy Comptroller, Comptroller's Office
3:30-3:45 pm	Break
3:45-5:00 pm	<b>School Finance Update</b> <i>David Anderson</i> , General Counsel, Texas Education Agency <i>David Thompson</i> , Partner, Bracewell & Patterson
5:00-6:00 pm	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> (San Jacinto E) [Board members only]
6:00-7:30 pm	<b>Chairman's Reception</b> (Ballroom D) [All attendees invited]

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:45-8:30 am	Registration (Ballroom A-B)
8:30-9:00 am	Business Meeting
9:00-10:00 am	<b>Local Tax Issues</b> <i>The Honorable Ron Harris</i> , Collin County Judge <i>The Honorable David G. Wallace</i> , Mayor of Sugar Land <i>The Honorable Will Wynn</i> , Mayor of Austin [invited]
10:00-11:00 am	<b>School Finance and Revenue Issues</b> [All panelists are members of the Joint Finance Reform Working Group] <i>The Honorable Kim Brimer</i> Vice Chair, Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee <i>The Honorable Fred Hill</i> Chair, House Local Ways & Means Committee <i>The Honorable Jim Keffer</i> Chair, House Economic Development Committee <i>The Honorable Tommy Williams</i> Vice Chair, Senate Criminal Justice Committee
11:00-11:15 am	Break
11:15-12:15 pm	<b>Texas Politics</b> <i>Paul Burka</i> , <i>Texas Monthly Magazine</i> <i>Harvey Kronberg</i> , <i>Quorum Report</i> <i>William McKenzie</i> , <i>Dallas Morning News</i> <i>Ross Ramsey</i> , <i>Texas Weekly</i> <i>Mike Ward</i> , <i>Austin American Statesman</i>
12:15-1:30 pm	<b>Luncheon</b> (Ballroom C-D) <i>The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison</i> , United States Senator