



# *TTARA/IPT Annual Meeting*

## *October 13 - 14, 2005*

### *Austin, Texas*

**The Institute for Professionals in Taxation, in cooperation with the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA), presents a Tax Seminar at the Austin Hilton Hotel, 500 E. 4th Street, Austin Texas 78701.**

#### **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.

#### **Hotel Information**

Call the Hilton Austin Hotel at 1-800-236-1592 to reserve your guest room. You must request a room in the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association's block of rooms to receive the negotiated room rates of \$145 for a single or double, \$165 for a triple, and \$185 for a quad. The cut-off date for TTARA's group rate is September 21, 2005. Reservations requested beyond the cut-off date or after the room block is filled, whichever comes first, are subject to availability. Rooms may still be available after the cut-off date, but not necessarily at the group rate. Should you need to cancel, please contact the Hilton Austin at least 72 hours prior to the date of your arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

#### **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**

CMLs 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 13-14, 2005

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00-10:00 am	Registration (Salon H)
10:00-11:00 am	National Business Tax Developments <i>Joseph R. Crosby, COST</i>
11:00-12:00 pm	Franchise Tax Update <i>Sue Baadsgaard, CPA, CMI, PricewaterhouseCooper</i> <i>Garry Miles, Partner, Locke, Liddell &amp; Sapp LLP</i> <i>The Honorable John Otto, Vice Chair, House Government Reform Committee</i>
12:00-1:00 pm	Luncheon (Salon F)
1:00-2:00 pm	TBA
2:00-3:30 pm	Property Tax Update <i>Buddy Breivogel, Manager, Property Tax Division</i> <i>William E. King, Linebarger Groggan Blair &amp; Sampson, LLP</i> <i>Sylvia S. Romo, Bexar County Tax-Assessor Collector</i> <i>Rodney R. Sturgeon, CMI, ASA, Property Tax Manager, ExxonMobil Corporation</i>
3:30-3:45 pm	Break
3:45-5:00 pm	State Tax and Revenue Update <i>John Heleman, Chief Revenue Estimator, Comptroller's Office</i> <i>Tim Mashburn, General Counsel, Comptroller's Office</i> <i>Mike Reissig, Director of Tax Administration, Comptroller's Office</i>
5:30-6:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Meeting Room 412) <i>[Board members only]</i>
6:30-8:00 pm	Chairman's Reception (Meeting Room 406) <i>[All attendees invited]</i>

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:45-8:30 am	Registration (Salon C)
8:30-9:00 am	Business Meeting
9:00-10:00 am	Texas Tax Structure – Is Reform Needed? <i>The Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee</i> <i>The Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Finance Committee</i> <i>The Honorable Kim Brimer, Vice-Chair, Senate Intergovernmental Committee</i> <i>The Honorable Warren Chisum, Member, House Appropriations Committee</i>
10:00-10:30 am	The Future of School Finance <i>The Honorable Greg Abbott</i> <i>Attorney General of Texas</i>
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45-12:00 pm	Texas Politics <i>George S. Christian, TTARA, Moderator</i> <i>Paul Burka, Texas Monthly Magazine</i> <i>Harvey Kronberg, Quorum Report</i> <i>Ross Ramsey, Texas Weekly</i>
12:00-1:30 pm	Luncheon (Salon A-B) <i>The Honorable Rick Perry</i> <i>Governor of Texas</i>