



## TTARA Annual Membership Meeting ~ October 21-22, 2008

In Conjunction with the Institute for Professionals in Taxation  
Four Seasons Hotel Austin, 98 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, TX 78701, Phone: 512-478-4500

### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

- 9:30-10:00 am**      **Registration (Ballroom A-B)**
- 10:00-12:00 am**      **Tax Administrative Update**  
*Kevin Koller, Assistant Director of Tax Administration, Comptroller's Office*  
*Bryant Lomax, Manager of Tax Policy, Comptroller's Office*  
*Jerry Oxford, Franchise Tax Section Supervisor, Comptroller's Office*  
*Kevin Van Oort, Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, Comptroller's Office*  
*Tim Wooten, Executive Assistant, Property Tax Division, Comptroller's Office*
- 12:00-1:00 pm**      **Luncheon (Ballroom C-D)**
- 1:00-2:00 pm**      **Transportation Infrastructure Financing**  
*William Allaway, President, TTARA*  
*The Honorable Linda Harper-Brown, State Representative*  
*The Honorable Jungus Jordan, Fort Worth City Council*  
*Phillip J. Ritter, Senior Vice President, Texas Instruments, Inc.*
- 2:00-3:00 pm**      **Public Education Funding Needs**  
*The Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Select Committee on Higher and Public Education Finance*  
*Lynn Moak, Managing Partner, Moak Casey & Associates*  
*Robert Scott, Commissioner of Education*
- 3:15-4:00 pm**      **Company Perspectives on the Margin Tax**  
*Eldon Andrus, Senior Tax Analyst, Exxon Mobil Corporation*  
*Wayne Zakrzewski, VP & Associate General Counsel-Tax, JC Penney Company Representative from A T & T*
- 4:00-5:00 pm**      **Property Tax Issues**  
*John Brusniak, Partner, Brusniak Blackwell, P.C.*  
*Rodger Kret, Supervisor, Property Tax, Chevron Corporation*  
*Donna Lawrence, Senior Consultant, ConocoPhillips*  
*Glen Rosenbaum, Partner, Vinson & Elkins*
- 5:00-6:00 pm**      **Board of Directors Meeting (San Jacinto East) [Board members only]**
- 6:00-7:30 pm**      **Chairman's Reception (Ballroom D) [All attendees invited]**

### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008

- 8:00-8:30 am**      **Registration (Ballroom A-B)**
- 8:30-9:00 am**      **Business Meeting**
- 9:00-9:20 am**      **Fiscal Report Card for Texas**  
*The Honorable Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public Accounts*
- 9:20-9:40 am**      **Budget Outlook for the Next Biennium**  
*The Honorable Warren Chisum, Chair, House Appropriations Committee*
- 9:40-10:40 am**      **Property Tax Initiatives in Texas**  
*The Honorable John Otto, Chair, House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief & Appraisal Reform*  
*The Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Finance Subcommittee on Property Appraisal and Revenue Caps*
- 10:40-11:00 am**      **Replacing the Property Tax with a Consumption Tax**  
*The Honorable Dan Patrick, State Senator*
- 11:00-12:00 pm**      **Texas Politics Reviewed**  
*George S. Christian, TTARA, Moderator*  
*Paul Burka, Texas Monthly Magazine*  
*Brian Eppstein, The Eppstein Group*  
*Kelly Fero, Fero Hewitt Global*
- 12:00-1:30 pm**      **Luncheon (Ballroom C-D)**  
*The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas*
- Program Concludes**



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**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 Austin, 98 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, TX 78701, Phone: 512-478-4500**

### **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 Four Seasons Hotel at 1-512-685-8100 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 rate of \$235 (city view). **Make your reservations early to ensure availability. The cut-off date for TTARA's group rate is October 3, 2008.** 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 Four Seasons Hotel 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**

CMI's 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.