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CORBETT ADMINISTRATION, PARTNERS IN TAX PRACTITIONER AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT TAX APPEALS REFORM

After working for years to implement administrative improvements to the state tax appeals process, the Corbett Administration, working in partnership with associations representing the business and tax practitioner communities, achieved significant legislative tax appeals reform as part of the state budget enacted this past summer.

"The tax appeals reform signed into law by Governor Corbett capitalizes on national best practices to implement taxpayer-friendly changes and improve the integrity of appeal decisions," Revenue Secretary Dan Meuser said. "As a result, the appeals process will be more fair, more transparent and more accountable to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania."

Key changes include restructuring the Board of Finance and Revenue within the Treasury department to better address tax appeals functions by April 2014. Three new, independent board members will replace the current six board members representing various agencies of state government, and each of the three new board members must meet minimum standards for experience with accounting and state tax law.

Meuser noted these changes are anticipated to improve Pennsylvania's ranking in multi-state reviews of tax appeals processes.

"The Department of Revenue drafted the improvements to the Tax Reform Code, and the Pennsylvania Chamber and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants worked throughout the spring and early summer to gain the support of the Legislature and the three Row Offices impacted by the changes," Gene Barr, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, said. "This achievement is the culmination of months of work, and we're grateful to the Corbett Administration for the opportunity to participate in such significant reform that will make the tax appeals process more fair in Pennsylvania."

Prior to achieving this legislative reform, beginning in 2011, the Department of Revenue implemented a number of administrative improvements to the tax appeals process that streamlined

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FAST FACT:

There are eight sessions remaining for the 2013 Fall Tax Seminar. Program participants will be informed of the latest state tax changes, future plans for improving operations of the Revenue department and much more.

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operations and improved taxpayer service. Most notably, the Department began considering requests for compromise in cases where the compromise illustrates doubt regarding liability and/or it promotes effective tax administration. This change allowed taxpayers an opportunity to resolve tax appeals in a matter of weeks, rather than endure a potentially costly process that could last years.

The department also achieved legislative appeals reform last year and effected changes designed to reduce issues

that result in tax appeals and make the appeals process more fair and less cumbersome for taxpayers.

"This most recent tax appeals reform is a victory for Pennsylvania taxpayers and delivers on my campaign promise to make the tax appeals process more objective and taxpayer-friendly," Governor Corbett said.

Tax appeals reform was one element of a **comprehensive tax reform** plan proposed by Governor Corbett and executed as part of the 2013-14 budget.

APPEALS REFORM DRAMATICALLY IMPROVES PA RANKING IN MULTI-STATE REVIEW

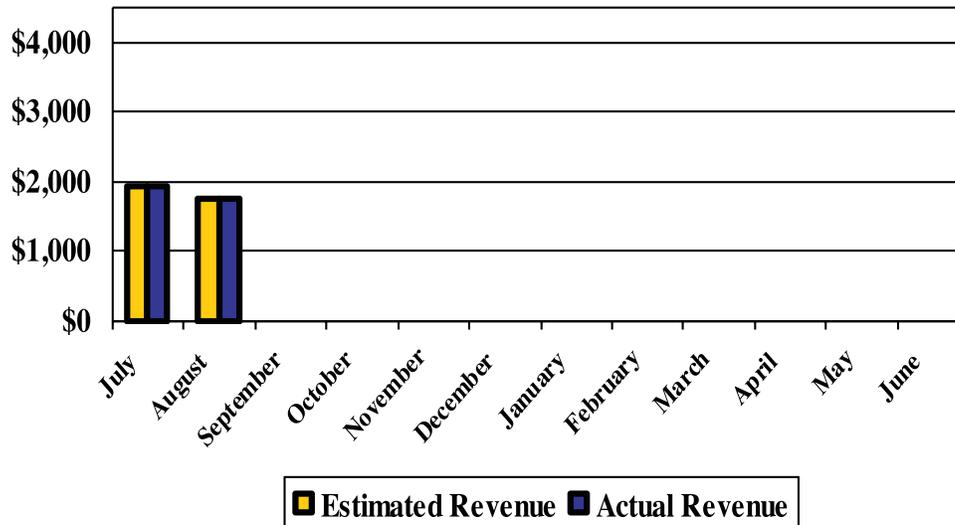
In a sneak-preview of the upcoming Scorecard on State Tax Administration, the Council on State Taxation (COST) revealed in late September that Pennsylvania will show the greatest improvement of any state in the latest release of the report.

"We expect Pennsylvania to improve from a 'D' in the 2010 Scorecard to an 'A-' in the scorecard we plan to

release in October," said COST President and Executive Director Douglas L. Lindholm. "I thank Secretary Meuser and others at the Department of Revenue for their leadership on this issue. The scorecard evaluates the state's statutory framework, and we realize that legislative change of this magnitude require a great deal of effort and commitment on behalf of taxpayers and tax administrators alike."

2012-2013 General Fund Revenues Estimated versus Actual Revenue Collections (in millions)

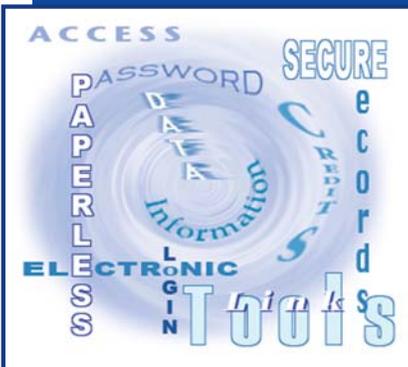
Fiscal year-to-date collections through August total \$3.7 billion, which is \$2.3 million, or 0.1 percent, below estimate.



2013 FALL TAX SEMINAR SCHEDULE

SPONSOR	DAY	DATE	CONTACT PERSON	CONFERENCE LOCATION
Harrisburg Pennsylvania Society of Tax and Accounting Professionals	Tuesday	10-01-2013	Sherry DeAgostino 1-800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org	Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center Camp Hill Bypass and Route 15 Camp Hill, PA 17011
Alvernia University	Thursday	10-03-2013	Alan D. Ross, C.P.A. 610-779-9555 Aross@RossCpa.com	Alvernia University 400 St. Bernadine St. Reading, PA 19607
PA Department of Revenue (Limited to Government Employees)	Thursday	10-10-2013	Sherry Brady 717-783-1159 shbrady@pa.gov	The State Museum of PA Auditorium 300 North St. Harrisburg, PA 17120
Philadelphia Tri-County Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Tax and Accounting Professionals	Thursday	10-17-2013	Sherry DeAgostino 1-800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org	Springfield Country Club 400 W. Sproul Road (Route 320) Springfield, PA 19064
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Society of Tax and Accounting Professionals	Tuesday	10-29-2013	Sherry DeAgostino 1-800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org	Four Points Sheraton - Cranberry Township 910 Sheraton Drive Mars, PA 16046
Wilkes University Continuing Education Dept.	Thursday	11-07-2013	Margaret Petty 570-408-4460 Margaret.Petty@wilkes.edu	The Woodlands Inn and Resort Highway 315 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766
Neumann University Division of Business & Information Mgt.	Thursday	11-21-2013	Janet Massey 610-558-5588 jmassey@neumann.edu	Neumann University Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center Bldg. 1 Neumann Drive Aston, PA 19014
Penn State Abington	Wednesday	12-18-2013	Theresa Bloom 215-881-7402 tmb17@psu.edu	Penn State University Abington Campus 1600 Woodland Road Abington, PA 19001

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2013 FALL TAX SEMINAR AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8 - 9:15 A.M.	INTRODUCTION & PERSONAL INCOME TAX UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2013 Tax Law Changes ➤ PA Forms Changes ➤ Miscellaneous Issues 	David A. Braden, CPA <i>Bureau of Individual Taxes</i>
9:15 - 10:15 A.M.	PASS-THROUGH BUSINESS UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal/Pennsylvania Differences ➤ Common Errors ➤ Legislation Updates ➤ Court Cases - Update 	Jane McCurdy, CPA or Linda Paterson, CPA <i>Pass-Through Business Office</i>
10:15 - 10:30 A.M.	Break	
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.	CORPORATION TAXES UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tax & Legislative Changes ➤ Integrated Tax System ➤ Electronic Filing Mandate ➤ Registered Non-Profit Subjectivity to Tax ➤ Marcellus Shale and Tax Effects ➤ Filing Timeframes 	Michael Answine, Joseph Clover, Jeffrey A. Creveling, Greg Skotnicki, Valerie Greene or Glenwood Hoskins <i>Bureau of Corporation Taxes</i>
11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.	REVENUE MODERNIZATION PROJECT: INTEGRATED TAX SYSTEM CONVERSION UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Status of Modernization Project ➤ Corporation Tax Status ➤ Business Trust Fund Tax Timeline 	Donald Sheridan or Thomas L. Van Kirk <i>Integrated Tax System Business Operations Office</i>
12:15 - 1:15 P.M.	Lunch	
1:15 - 2 P.M.	INHERITANCE TAX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparation of REV-1500 ➤ Changes in Law ➤ New Forms and Form Changes ➤ Common Filing Errors 	William Lyons or Shannon Baker <i>Bureau of Individual Taxes</i>
2 - 3 P.M.	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registering and Logging into UCMS ➤ Quarterly Reporting ➤ Tips and Guidelines 	Anna Brennan, Patrick Bucci, Thomas Daniels or Gabriele Roman <i>Department of Labor and Industry</i>
3 - 3:15 P.M.	Break	
3:15 - 4:15 P.M.	BUSINESS USE TAX AND VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE INITIATIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Voluntary Compliance Initiatives including Business Use Tax ➤ Discovery Programs including Remote Seller Update ➤ Other Compliance Programs and Legislation Updates 	James Foster, Kevin Milligan, William Hartman, CPA, or Mark Balistrieri, CPA <i>Bureau of Enforcement Planning, Analysis and Discovery</i>