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Formation of the LDR Advisory Council

The Department announces the formation of an Advisory Council to serve as an organized public forum to provide input and recommendations to the Secretary regarding state tax administrative policy and procedural matters. The Council will also offer perspective in identifying new ways to more effectively accomplish the Department's mission to fairly and efficiently collect state tax revenues to fund public services and meet the needs of the state.

The Council members, who shall be appointed by the Secretary, will represent a broad background of citizenry, including business and industry associations, tax practitioners and business owners, who are impacted by tax policy. The Council shall contain no more than 15 members and the members shall serve two year terms. The Council shall meet quarterly and issue written reports and recommendations to the Secretary after each meeting to be used for advisory purposes only.

The Secretary would like the Council to consist of representatives including:

PAR- Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana
CABL-Council for a Better Louisiana
TEI- Tax Executives Institute
IPT-Institute for Professionals in Taxation
COST-Council on State Taxation
LABI-Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
NFIB-National Federation of Independent Business
LRA-Louisiana Retailers Associations
LOGA-Louisiana Oil and Gas Association
Louisiana Mid Continent Oil and Gas Association
LSCPA-Louisiana Society of CPA's
LSBA- Louisiana State Bar Association

The Secretary will send written solicitation for nominations to be received by May 15, 2011. Interested parties may contact Shone T. Pierre, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Legal Affairs for more information at 225-219-2467.

Cynthia Bridges
Secretary

**Louisiana Department of Revenue
Advisory Council Charter**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Advisory Council (the “Council”) will be:

1. To provide a public forum for communication between the Secretary of the Department of Revenue and representatives of the public and industry interested in Louisiana tax policy, and
2. To provide ideas, input and perspective to the Secretary of the Department of Revenue, assisting in developing tax policy and identifying improvements in the administration of Louisiana state taxes and to offer constructive observations regarding current or proposed Louisiana tax policies.

MEETINGS

In general, the Council will meet three or four times a year on dates to be agreed upon by the members.

AGENDA

The agenda will be developed by the Secretary and will include topics forwarded in advance to members of the Council. Topics could include any areas and issues of broad interest to the members, but will not include specific taxpayer matters. Potential topics include federal tax developments impacting Louisiana, modernization of the tax law and competitiveness issues and the impact of proposed tax policy rules or statements on the citizens and industries of the state.

MEMBERS

The Council consists of not more than 15 members appointed by the Secretary representing a broad background in tax policy matters, including tax and policy professionals of large and small Louisiana businesses and industry associations, tax practitioners and new business development groups. The members’ purpose will not be to discuss or advocate specific interests or positions for their own organization, but rather to provide seasoned and objective input to the Secretary on Louisiana tax policy. Appointments are for two year terms. Council members shall not include registered lobbyist.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Designed to promote and maintain the public’s confidence and to focus on broad policy matters, the Council serves as an advisory body to the Secretary. The Council recommends policies with respect to emerging tax administration issues; suggests operational improvements; offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed state and federal policies, programs, and procedures; and advises the Secretary with respect to issues having substantive effect on Louisiana tax administration. The Council researches, analyzes, considers, recommends, and advises the Secretary on issues that include customer service, compliance, taxpayer segment-specific issues, and factors regarding non-compliance.

OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council shall provide a written report to the Secretary or delegate after each meeting. Such reports will include a discussion of issues identified for consideration and pertinent recommendations. Reports and recommendations are for advisory purposes only and are made directly to the Secretary, who is solely responsible for any action taken with respect to such recommendations.

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