

## Steering Committee 10-6-15 teleconference summary

### **Image and Reputation:**

#### WHAT needs to be done:

- States develop better understanding of MTC within the tax agencies; how MTC work connects to in-house work
- Outreach within the tax agencies (below the top administrator level)
- High-level written material – perhaps base on Greg’s speech at WSATA
- Outreach to key taxpayers, representatives or taxpayer organizations; serve as a resource
- Broader inclusion of taxpayers in MTC activities
- Look at better ways to manage state follow-up activity after conclusion of MTC audit
- Tackle an issue that is important to taxpayers; how can we better anticipate issues?
- How to manage committee work differently – have set terms for committee chairs? More active roles for vice chairs?

#### WHO needs to do the work:

Executive Committee or Steering Committee  
Committee chairs  
MTC membership

### **Engagement**

#### WHAT needs to be done:

- Continue to reach out to tax administrators who aren’t active in MTC, encourage participation and develop working relationships
- Internal communication within state tax agencies and with Governor’s offices

#### WHO needs to do the work:

Steering Committee  
MTC member state participants

## **Uniformity**

WHAT needs to be done:

- Have uniformity projects focus more on regulations rather than statutes
- Listen for other groups (NGA, NCSL) to identify needs for model legislation
- Broaden the work of the Uniformity Committee – not always projects that will result in a commission uniformity recommendation; white papers on best practices in policy and administration or papers highlighting the variation among states; study issues in other state tax systems than income and sales (e.g., utility taxation, real versus personal property, digital goods treatment)

WHO should be doing the work:

Steering Committee  
Uniformity Committee  
MTC staff

## **Compliance**

WHAT work needs to be done:

- Better awareness of needs the states have – assistance with common definitions (digital goods; real versus personal property)
- Identify issues that come up for taxpayers and practitioners
- Change some of the conversation to look for solutions rather than just litigate
- Contact our friends in SALT – Shirley, Jim Eads, Harley, Joe H – for advice on what compliance issues are bubbling up for taxpayers

WHO should do the work:

Executive Committee  
Audit Committee  
NOTE: Audit program is working on its own strategic planning process

## **Steering Committee and Executive Committee Work**

- Develop a plan based on priorities; make commitments to engage the issues
- Round table at December meeting – get a panel from industry (our friends)
- Continue to be aware of what is going on that affects MTC and state tax policy