

Report to MTC Executive Committee

From

Strategic Planning Steering Committee

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Background

The Multistate Tax Commission began its strategic planning process in May 2011. During 2011-2012, the Commission developed its statements of Mission, Values, Vision and Goals.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Multistate Tax Commission is an intergovernmental state tax agency. Its mission is to:

- Achieve fairness by promoting compliance and consistent tax policy and practice; and to
- Preserve the sovereignty of state and local governments over their tax systems

VISION

By 2019, MTC will be recognized as:

- The “gold standard” for tax policy development
- The primary authority for the public and public officials on issues of state and local tax uniformity and fairness
- The leading resource for ensuring equitable tax compliance

Summary of the year’s activities

The Steering Committee chartered two nexus-related projects during 2014-2015. The first was to identify barriers to state membership in the National Nexus Program and recommend changes to enhance state participation and membership. The project team recommended that several steps be taken, including: better publicizing of the services of the National Nexus Program; increased information sharing between the states on nexus issues; and consideration of a phased-in fee structure similar to the Multistate Joint Audit Program. The Nexus Committee has proposed a project for 2015-16 to pursue increased information sharing.

The other nexus project team is evaluating the multistate voluntary disclosure process to look for opportunities to make that process more efficient and effective. The team has extended the time to complete its work to December 2015.

The MTC permanent staff has also begun integrating strategic planning into the daily work of the commission. The Multistate Joint Audit Program has developed a working statement of mission, values, vision and goals and will soon begin establishing priorities for projects to achieve the goals.

The Steering Committee has begun to evaluate the Commission's progress with strategic planning over the past five years. This week, the Steering Committee discussed our progress toward achieving our vision. The full discussion will continue in the fall, and by December the committee will report to the Executive Committee on progress and future direction.

The Steering Committee approved development of a project proposal by the Nexus Committee. The Nexus Committee members are interested in exploring greater information sharing by the states on nexus issues and compliance strategies. The Steering Committee wants to see the project proposal before formally chartering a project on this topic. The Nexus Committee will submit the detailed project proposal for consideration in December.

The Steering Committee members for 2015-2016 will be: Julie McGee, AL, Chair; Nancy Prosser, TX; Demesia Padilla, NM; Rich Jackson, ID; Ryan Rauschenberger, ND; Gary Humphrey, OR; and Greg Matson, MTC Executive Director.

The Steering Committee continues to be committed to integrating strategic planning tools and practices into the operations of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Prosser, Chair