



To: Multistate Tax Commission
From: Lennie Collins, Nexus Committee Chair
Re: Nexus Committee Activities FY 2014

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This report includes open-session activities of the Nexus Committee during fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014).

The committee held the following meetings:

- July 23, 2013 (San Diego, California)
- December 10, 2013 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
- January 8, 2014 (teleconference)
- March 13, 2014 (Denver)
- June 13, 2014 (teleconference)

Information Exchange

The committee is focusing more of its activity on information exchange on nexus-related issues, such as discovery techniques and leads. This and strategic planning, which began mid-year, have become the central activities of each Nexus Committee meeting.

Multistate Voluntary Disclosure

The committee requested at its July 2013 meeting that NNP staff discontinue as of July 1, 2014 its long-standing practice of offering multistate voluntary disclosure services to all states without regard to their membership status in the NNP. Staff did so. It notified the affected states (commissioners and voluntary disclosure staff) several times and invited them to continue their work with the NNP as members. None has yet.

The committee continued its routine oversight of the multistate voluntary disclosure service. The National Nexus Program collected \$11.6 million on behalf of all states in fiscal year 2014 (\$10.8 million in fy 2013). With respect only to Nexus-member states, the program collected \$10.8 million (\$9.3 million in fy 2013).

Charter

The Nexus Committee approved the revised Charter of the National Nexus Program at its July 2013 meeting. The Executive Committee approved it at its meeting on July 18, 2013 with only a technical amendment. The revised Charter replaces the current outdated one by removing references to obsolete activities, substituting current ones, and streamlining the language. The Charter served as the starting point for the Nexus Committee's strategic planning.

Strategic Planning

The committee voted at its January 8, 2014 meeting to begin strategic planning with MTC consultant Elizabeth Harchenko.

At its March 2014 meeting it reviewed the Commission's Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals (MVVG); reviewed the Nexus Charter for consistency with the Commission's MVVG; brainstormed a statement of purpose and vision for the Nexus Program; did an environmental scan of Nexus organization and activities; identified potential goals for the Nexus Program; and formed a working group to develop a draft strategic plan for the committee's consideration at its July 2014 meeting. The committee intends to present the plan to the Commission's strategic-planning steering committee with a request that it approve the committee's suggested projects.