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

VALUES:

Value Collaboration
• Share our expertise with members and stakeholders
• Develop and leverage shared resources among states to maximize return
• Engage federal, state, and local governments and taxpayers

Value Excellence
• Provide the highest quality legal, policy, and compliance services
• Provide superior support and training

Value Inclusivity
• Invite the participation of all stakeholders
• Act openly and transparently

Value Integrity
• Conduct all activities according to the highest ethical standards

Value Sovereignty
• Promote the authority of state and local governments to determine their own tax policies and administer their own tax systems
• Assist Congress to maintain a balance between states’ sovereign powers and the role of the federal government in regulating interstate commerce

Value Uniformity
• Pursue uniformity of tax policy and practices by tax jurisdictions
• Stand up for the equitable treatment of taxpayers
• Support taxpayer accountability

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
STRATEGIC GOAL AREAS: Areas in which MTC must focus in order to achieve its vision

Vitality and reputation of the commission – Our goal is to improve our image and reputation nationally.
Increased vitality and reputation of the MTC will be reflected by:
- A higher level of institutional knowledge within the states about the MTC.
- A more stable model for funding the activities and services of the MTC.
- A more positive image and reputation nationally.
- A higher level of awareness and use of the MTC’s services by state and local tax authorities.
- More effective and efficient decision-making processes and communication.

Engagement of states and other stakeholders – Our goal is to increase the level of institutional knowledge within the states about MTC.
Greater engagement of the states and other stakeholders in the MTC will be reflected by:
- A high level of participation by states and local jurisdictions in the activities of the MTC.
- A significant number of top tax administrators will be directly involved in leadership of the MTC.
- Significant public participation in commission activities.
- Significant public use of MTC services such as voluntary disclosure and alternative dispute resolution.
- Strong relationships and strategic partnerships that help the MTC achieve its mission and vision.

Uniformity – Our goal is to increase uniformity in tax policy and administrative practices among the states.
Achievement of the MTC’s uniformity goal will be reflected by:
- Greater adoption of uniformity recommendations by state and local tax jurisdictions.
- Uniformity projects will have the greatest value to the states and stakeholders.
- More multistate tax issues will be referred first to the MTC for recommendation or resolution by the states, taxpayers and the federal government.

Compliance programs – Our goal is to develop timely and effective strategies to address new compliance challenges.
Achievement of the MTC’s compliance goals will be reflected by:
- Greater voluntary compliance by taxpayers with state and local tax laws.
- Earlier identification of compliance challenges by the states and MTC staff.
- Prompt development of strategies to address new compliance challenges by the states and MTC staff.