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To: Members, Executive Committee
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Since November, MTC has presented two sessions of the Corporate Income Tax Course—in Boston, Massachusetts and Charleston, West Virginia, two sessions of the Nexus School—in Olympia, Washington, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Statistical Sampling for Sales and Use Tax Audits—in Topeka, Kansas. A complete list of recently presented and scheduled courses is provided below. Our fees for private sector participants have also been adjusted. Updates to our training schedule as well as registration information can be found at www.mtc.gov or by contacting Antonio Soto at asoto@mtc.gov or 202-508-3846.

Courses Offered since November 2008

The MTC has provided the following courses since November 1, 2008:

Nexus School

December 16-17, 2008 in Olympia, Washington for 44 students from Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. Participation in the course completely eliminates the longstanding training credit with the State of Washington.

February 9-10, 2009 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for 18 participants from Louisiana and Montana.

Corporate Income Tax

December 8-9, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts (Part 1 only) for 50 participants from Massachusetts. This course supports Massachusetts' transition to combined reporting.

April 20-23, 2009 in Charleston, West Virginia for 41 students in Part 1—the first two days--and 16 in Part 2—Audit Techniques). This course supports West Virginia's transition to combined reporting.

Statistical Sampling for Sales and Use Tax Audits

March 2-5, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas for 10 participants from Kansas and Nebraska

Current Schedule of Courses

The following courses and events are currently scheduled:

Nexus School

May 18-19, 2009 in Little Rock, Arkansas

October 19-20, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas

December 7-8, 2009 in Washington, DC metropolitan area (National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Virginia)

Computer Assisted Audit Techniques Using Excel and Basic Random Sampling

September 14-18, 2009 in Mitchell, South Dakota

Statistical Sampling for Sales and Use Tax Audits

October 19-22, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois

Change in Private Sector Fees

We have reduced the “add-on” for private sector attendees (for course sessions that are open to the private sector) from 100% to 75%. This is being done to encourage more private sector participation, particularly in our Statistical Sampling course. The add-on for Project Member States is 25% and Other States is 40%, relative to the fees for Compact and Sovereignty members, which are set at the full cost to the Commission.