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# Minutes Nexus Committee Meeting (Open Session) July 23, 2018 Westin Boston Waterfront, Boston, MA

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Diane Yetter Sales Tax Institute\*

Vice-Chair Randy Tilley, ID, brought the meeting to order at 8:30 am EDT, introductions of attendees were made, and public comment was invited. No public comment was made.

Frank Hales, UT, moved for approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2018 open session meeting of the Nexus Committee, and the motion passed unanimously.

# Nexus Director's Report and Update on Recent Nexus Law Developments since April 24, 2018

Richard Cram, Director of the National Nexus Program, presented the Update on Recent Nexus Law Developments since April 24, 2018 and the FY 2018 Nexus Program Director's Report. The update focused on the recent *South Dakota v. Wayfair* decision and the status of state sales/use tax nexus laws following that decision. Back tax collections from agreements closed during FY 2018 were \$18, 601,151, slightly below the results for FY 2017 (\$19,664,097). However, the recently completed online marketplace seller voluntary disclosure initiative is expected to result in an estimated \$51,058,614 in annual potential future revenue for the participating states.

New Business—recommended changes to voluntary disclosure application
Richard Cram reviewed his memorandum recommending changes to the standard voluntary disclosure application, given that states will be moving toward minimum sales volume/number of transactions thresholds for nexus as a result of *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. Taxpayers applying for voluntary disclosure should provide information on when physical presence nexus-creating activities commenced, as well as information on sales volume and number of sales transactions in the state, and when such sales commenced. The proposed changes are intended to obtain that information.

<sup>\*</sup>participation by telephone

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Christy Vandevender, AL, moved that the suggested changes be adopted. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. A copy of the revisions to the application, as approved by the Committee, is attached.

## **Closed Session**

The committee entered closed session to discuss matters protected from disclosure.

# Open Session

The Committee returned to open session, had nothing to report, and adjourned.

# Application for Multistate Voluntary Disclosure Multistate Tax Commission National Nexus Program

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#### Instructions

Please provide a separate Application for Multistate Voluntary Disclosure in PDF format for each state applied to. Do not attempt to modify or reformat the Application form. If additional or supplemental information beyond the form needs to be provided, please attach it as a separate addendum (do not include the taxpayer's identity in the addendum).

The information provided will be submitted to the appropriate states without alteration other than to remove contact information and any other identifying information. Do not include information regarding more than one state in one application. Incomplete Applications cannot be accepted or processed.

The applicant's factual statements will become part of the voluntary disclosure agreement, and the states will rely on this information to evaluate the application for voluntary disclosure. Material omissions or misrepresentations in the application will invalidate the agreement.

Past due tax liability and returns will be addressed within the voluntary disclosure process. Prior contact with a state (such as registering, filing a return, making a tax payment, receiving a notice of audit or delinquency) could disqualify the applicant from voluntary disclosure relief for that tax type. Anonymous inquiries to a department of revenue regarding filing requirements, how to compute tax, and similar general information issues will not be considered sufficient prior contact with a state to deny eligibility.

Email applications in PDF format to <u>Nexus@mtc.gov</u>. The telephone number for questions about this form is (202) 695-8140. Email inquiries can also be sent to nexus@mtc.gov.

# Application for Multistate Voluntary Disclosure Multistate Tax Commission National Nexus Program

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By submitting this Application, applicant acknowledges the obligation to timely amend this Application to reflect any material changes, errors or omissions in the factual representations contained herein occurring before execution of the voluntary disclosure agreement by all parties.

The Multistate Tax Commission protects the identity of all applicants for voluntary disclosure. It will not disclose that identity except: (1) at the request of the applicant; (2) to a state with which the taxpayer has a signed voluntary disclosure agreement; or (3) pursuant to a proper court order. Provide below the name of a contact person, telephone number and email address. The contact person may be an employee of the taxpayer or an outside tax representative.

### **GENERAL:**

1.	PRIMARY CONTACT (tax representative or other):			
	Name:			
	Address:			
	Telephone:	E-mail Address:		
	SECONDARY CONTACT (if any):			
	Name:			
	Address:			
	Telephone:	E-mail Address:		
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4.	What is the d	ate of the en	d of applicant	's tax year?	
	If it has chang applicable tin	_	past four years,	please list all t	ax year-end dates and the
5.	Describe the	applicant's bu	siness activities	s:	
6.	Please provid	le the reason(s	s) for submittin	g this Applica	tion (examples: prior reliance
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7. Prior to submitting this Application, has the applicant contacted or been contacted by the state or the Multistate Tax Commission on behalf of the state regarding potential liability or filing status for the type of tax sought to be covered by this voluntary disclosure application?

Yes No

If so, please describe (contact with the state prior to commencement of the voluntary disclosure may disqualify the applicant from voluntary disclosure.):

Is the applicant under IRS audit?

Yes No

8. Please provide any additional information:

#### **STATE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:**

A. Which type(s) of tax liability will the applicant disclose? The Multistate Tax Commission assists with disclosures

for: SUT Sales/UseTax

IFT Income/FranchiseTax (including Hawaii's GET and Washington's B&O).

B. If the applicant is not disclosing for both sales/use and income/franchise tax obligations, why is one tax type excluded? (Examples: application of Public Law 86-272, or making only sales exempt from sales/use tax)

C. What type of property does applicant own, lease, license or otherwise use in the state and indicate ownership status:

Owner Lessor Lessee Licensor

Licensee

Please describe (include real property, personal property, and intangible property such as intellectual property, trademarks or patents) the activity the property is used in, and the month/year when such activity commenced:

D. Are any personnel (employees, independent contractors, marketplace facilitators, referrers, or other representatives) acting on behalf of the applicant in the state? Include all such contacts, even if transitory. Describe their activities, month and year when such activities commenced, amount of time spent in the state, and relationship to the applicant:

E. Please describe any other business activities not previously described that the applicant conducted in the state that the applicant engaged in and the month and year when such activities commenced:

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F. Provide your good-faith estimate of the amount of tax liability for the prior four tax years, broken out by tax type. National Nexus Program staff will not process an application when the good-faith estimate for all tax-types for the look- back period is less than \$500 in that state.

Tax Type Tax Year Estimate

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G. Is the applicant organized under the laws of this state?

Yes No

If the applicant is a natural person, is the applicant a resident of this state?

Yes No

H. If this Application concerns sales/use tax, has the applicant ever collected but not remitted sales/use tax, registered, filed a return, paid interest or penalty, or paid any sales/use tax to this state (other than to a collecting vendor)? If yes, please describe:

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- I. If this Application concerns income/franchise tax, has the applicant ever withheld but not remitted withholding tax, filed a return or requested an extension, paid any tax or made an estimated payment? If yes, please describe:
- J. Please state the month and year in which sales began in the state. The answer to this question will not be considered an admission of nexus.

Month Calendar Year

- K. For Louisiana: please describe all business activities in the state after December 31, 1997; if none for any portion of this period please identify such period. This information is requested to comply with state constitutional and statutory requirements related to voluntary disclosure; it does not mean that back tax must be paid from this date. The answer to this question will not be considered an admission of nexus. [Is this still needed?]
- L. Please indicate the applicant's sales volume and number of sales per year to customers in the state for the prior year

Tax Year Sales Volume Number of Sales

M. With respect to Utah only, please provide an estimate of the amount of potential tax liability prior to the look-back period that the state would waive. Assume that the look-back period is three years from the date of this Application. Providing this estimate is not an admission that nexus existed:

Tax Type Estimate Tax Year

N. For Arizona, in what year did the taxpayer's activities or sales begin in Arizona? [Is this still needed?]