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Tremaine Smith receives national medal for leadership in interstate tax cooperation

Washington, D.C., June 1, 2009 — Two national tax administration organizations today named Tremaine Smith the recipient of a national medal for his leadership in improving tax administration through interstate cooperation.

The Federation of Tax Administrators and Multistate Tax Commission named Smith, senior assistant director of operations for the Department of Revenue, winner of the Wade Anderson Memorial Medal for Leadership in Interstate Tax Cooperation. The medal is one of the highest honors in tax administration, and recognizes Smith's 31 years of leadership in addressing tax issues of crucial importance to states.

The tax organizations cited Smith's extensive work to improve cooperation and effectiveness among state tax collection agencies, and participating in a national effort to encourage online and mail order sellers to collect sales tax.

"Trim has shown us what skillful communications, diplomacy, persistence and persuasion can achieve," Department Director Cindi Holmstrom said.

In his current role, Smith oversees the agency's Tax Account Administration, Audit, Compliance, Taxpayer Services, Property Tax and Special Programs divisions. He also leads the development of organizational performance standards for the agency.

The medal has been awarded annually since 2004 in memory of Wade Anderson, a Texas tax administrator who died in 2003.

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