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State Revenue Official Named Winner of National Tax Leadership Award



**ADOR Deputy Commissioner
Michael E. Mason**

Montgomery, Ala.—Michael E. Mason, Deputy Revenue Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Revenue, was awarded the Wade Anderson Memorial Medal for Leadership in Interstate Tax Cooperation at the annual meeting of the Multistate Tax Commission in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Aug. 1, 2012.

The Wade Anderson Memorial Medal is awarded annually by the Multistate Tax Commission (MTC) and the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) to the individual who best exemplifies a commitment to fairness, simplicity, and consistency in state tax administration through interstate cooperation. Mason is the ninth recipient of the medal.

“This is the first time that a representative of the Alabama Department of Revenue has received this honor,” said State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee. “Deputy Commissioner Mason’s enthusiasm for making tax administration better for the state, the country, the taxpayers, and the administrators is exemplified in the many areas and activities in which he is and has been involved throughout his distinguished career with the ADOR,” added Magee.

Mason began his 38-year career with the Alabama Department of Revenue as a revenue field examiner, working his way through the ranks to various management positions in the department. In 2008, he became Deputy Revenue Commissioner after serving more than a dozen years as the head of what is now called the department’s Tax Policy and Research Division.

Medal winners are chosen by representatives of the FTA Board of Trustees and the MTC Executive Committee, selected from nominations submitted by state tax agency employees. The medal has been awarded annually since 2004 in memory of Wade Anderson, a Texas tax administrator, who died in 2003. The Wade Anderson Memorial Medal was established after his death to commemorate his tireless and creative efforts to promote interstate cooperation among tax agencies and between tax administrators and taxpayers.

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