

# 2012 Utah Taxes Now Conference

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Taxes & Spending

### Improving Utah's Economy, by Improving Utah's Tax Structures

Sponsored by: Utah Taxpayers Association,  
Workers Compensation Fund and Chevron

Tuesday May 22, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Moderated by Association President Howard Stephenson

and Association Vice-President Royce Van Tassell



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| 7:30  | <b>Registration</b>  | Governor Gary Herbert  |
| 8:00  | <b>Welcome</b><br>Kent Stanger, Secretary, Utah Taxpayers Association  | 10:55 <b>Structure of Utah's Income Tax</b><br>Rep. John Dougall: R&D Tax Credit (HB 365)<br>Sen. John Valentine: Life Science & Technology Tax Credit (SB 23)<br>Dr. Laura Nelson (SB 65)<br>Royce Van Tassell (HB 101, HB 250 and HB 312)  |
| 8:05  | <b>What do the Supreme Court's oral arguments on the Affordable Care Act portend for federal taxes?</b><br>Attorney General Mark Shurtleff   | 11:20 <b>The Structure of Utah's Sales Tax and Distributing Local Sales Taxes</b><br>Sen. Wayne Niederhauser: What is the Base-Remote Sellers (HB 384, HB 385 & HJR 14)<br>Rep. David Butterfield: What is the Base – Sales Tax Exemptions?<br>When Do You Pay? (HB 323)                   |
| 8:25  | <b>Tax Litigation</b><br>Max Miller: Is the Restaurant Tax discriminatory?<br>Dish v. Cable<br>Larry Barusch: Contaminated Property & Property Value   | 11:50 <b>Legislative Round Up</b><br>SB 129: Unemployment Insurance Tax from 9% to 7%<br>HB 41: Raising personal property exemption to \$15,000<br>HJR 6: How should we spend/save severance taxes?<br>HB 81: The only tax increase of the 2012 Session                                    |
| 8:45  | <b>Dynamic Scoring of Fiscal Notes</b><br>Ron Bigelow<br>Jonathan Ball   | 12:00 <b>Luncheon: Grand Ballroom/Speaker/Awards</b><br>Lifetime Service Award, Taxpayer Advocate of the Year Award<br>Speaker: Congressman Jim Matheson and Mayor Mia Love  |
| 9:05  | <b>Transportation funding in a 40 mpg world: Local</b><br>Jamie Davidson, Orem City<br>Ken Bullock, Utah League of Cities and Towns  | 1:30 <b>Using Technology to Improve Student Achievement</b><br>Sen. Howard Stephenson (SB 178, SB 290)<br>Ken Grover, Salt Lake City School District<br>Rep. Merlynn Newbold (HB 514)<br>Sen. Wayne Niederhauser (SB 196)<br>Sen. Jerry Stevenson (SB 248)<br>Sen. Steve Urquhart (SB 284) |
|       | <b>Transportation funding in a 40mpg world: State</b><br>Rep. Brad Daw<br>Sen. Kevin Van Tassell<br>Carlos Braceras, UDOT  |  |
| 9:35  | <b>SB 27: Refunding Erroneously Paid Sales Taxes</b><br>David Crapo<br>Marc Johnson, Utah State Tax Commission   |  |
| 9:50  | <b>When are Digital Goods and Services Taxable</b><br>Steve Young, HB 35 (2011) and HB 36 (2012)<br>Scott Smith, Utah State Tax Commission   |  |
| 10:00 | <b>Refreshment Break</b>   |  |
| 10:15 | <b>Property Taxes and Tax Shifts</b><br>Sen. John Valentine: Property Taxes on Water (SB78)<br>Sen. Luz Robles: Veterans Property Taxes (SB 116 & SJR 8)<br>Sen. Scott Jenkins: Property Taxes on Open Space (SB 46) | 1:50 <b>Tying Teacher Compensation to Performance</b><br>Judi Clark (SB 67)<br>Sen. Aaron Osmond (SB 64)   |
| 10:35 | <b>Utah Continues to Lead the Nation</b>   | 2:10 <b>Miscellaneous Education Reforms</b><br>Sen. Mark Madsen (SB 82)<br>Rep. Keith Grover (HB 106, HB 350)  |