Executive Order 2012-01
Transaction Privilege Tax Simplification Task Force

WHEREAS, Arizona has one of the most complex transaction privilege tax (TPT, commonly identified as the sales tax) systems in the country;

WHEREAS, taxpayers have expressed very clearly their desire to see reforms enacted that will modernize and simplify the TPT;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of taxpayers and state and local governments to make the tax code easier to understand, comply with, and administer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby establish the Transaction Privilege Tax Simplification Task Force ("Task Force") and order as follows:

Membership of the Task Force shall include but not be limited to the following:

1) An expert in TPT collections and audit representing a municipality that participates in the DOR sales tax program
2) An expert in TPT collections and audit representing a municipality that does not participate in the DOR sales tax program
3) A representative of a statewide organization of cities and towns with expertise in TPT
4) A representative of a statewide taxpayer organization with expertise in TPT
5) A tax practitioner representing the private sector with experience in TPT in multiple jurisdictions within this State
6) A person who is a member of a statewide organization of small businesses
7) A tax practitioner representing a retail company with experience in TPT in multiple jurisdictions within this state
8) A member of a private sector business organization with knowledge of both public and private finance
9) The Governor of the State of Arizona or her designee, who shall serve as chairman of the Task Force.

The following members shall serve as non-voting advisory members:

10) The Director of the Department of Revenue or his designee
11) A member of the Arizona State Senate
12) A member of the Arizona House of Representatives

1. The Governor shall appoint all members of the Task Force, and in the Governor's sole discretion may appoint additional voting or non-voting members with knowledge and experience in TPT.
2. The Task Force may engage subject-matter experts to offer professional advice regarding measures that can be taken, both legislative and administrative, to simplify the TPT in order to make this area of the tax code easier to understand, comply with, and administer.

3. The Task Force is charged with reviewing, identifying, or developing proposals that would simplify the TPT code and TPT practice in order to alleviate taxpayer frustration, improve compliance, and avoid redundancies. Specific areas of focus shall include, but not be limited to:
    a. options for a single point administration to avoid redundancies;
    b. identification of differences between state statute and the Model City Tax Code; and
    c. standardization of definitions of taxable transactions between taxing authorities.
4. The Governor or her designee may appoint subcommittees when appropriate.
5. The Task Force shall provide its recommendations of any statutory, administrative, or procedural changes to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the State Senate, no later than December 31, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janice K. Brewer

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona this 11th day of May in the Year Two Thousand Twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

Ken Bennett

SECRETARY OF STATE