

## **Multistate Tax Commission (MTC) to Hold Transfer Pricing Group Meeting with Third-Party Contract Auditors**

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On October 6 and 7, 2014, the Multistate Tax Commission (MTC) will hold an Arm's-Length Adjustment Service (ALAS) Advisory Group Conference at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. On the first day, third-party contract auditors will give presentations on transfer pricing issues. An ALAS Advisory Group meeting will be held on the second day.

This past year, the MTC has been designing a joint transfer pricing program. So far, nine members have committed money to the development of this program: Alabama, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, New Jersey and North Carolina.

Dan Bucks, former executive director of the MTC and former director of the Montana Department of Revenue, is the project facilitator. In the lead-up to the event, he discussed arm's-length issues with numerous third-party contract auditors. On October 6, the contract auditors will explain how they believe a multistate transfer pricing program should work and how the MTC would best use their services to conduct transfer pricing audits on behalf of member states.

The list of contract auditors includes Chainbridge Software, Economics Analysis Group, Economists Incorporated, NERA, Peters Advisors, RoyaltyStat and WTP Advisors. While project facilitator, Dan Bucks, has indicated that this meeting is not an audition for a procurement process, the discussion seems to be headed in that direction and the MTC has not ruled out utilizing third-party audit assistance in the transfer pricing program.

Businesses concerned with the overall direction of the ALAS Advisory Group, including the possibility of subjecting taxpayers to [Chainbridge-style audits](#) on a nationwide scale, should contact the authors. For more information on the conference, please visit the [MTC ALAS webpage](#).

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