

39th Annual Meeting

Including COST Company Members-Only Audit Sessions.

General Information

Location: The Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa is located at 1900 Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830; 407.827.2727; www.buenavistapalace.com. The Palace is located inside the Walt Disney World Resort in the heart of the Downtown Disney area. Complimentary transportation to all Disney attractions is provided. The Palace is about 30 minutes from Orlando International Airport.

Program: Early Registration and Reception for the 39th Annual Meeting is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21st. Task Force and Committee Meetings for COST Company Members only begin at 8:30 a.m., and the General Session for all attendees begins at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 22nd and concludes at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 24th. This year, the Tax Policy Conference and Legal Symposium will be an integral part of the Annual Meeting and will run concurrently through breakout sessions. The program level is an overview and no advanced preparation is needed.

Registration Fee:

On or Before 9/21/08	COST Company Members - \$695
	COST Practitioner Connection Subscribers – \$895
After 9/21/08	COST Members - \$795
	COST Practitioner Connection Subscribers – \$995

The registration fee includes all food functions and materials. Spouses/Guests may register with COST to attend all food functions for \$75.

Admission Restriction: The 39th Annual Meeting is open to COST Company Members, Associate Members (e.g. State Chamber of Commerce representatives), and Practitioner Connection subscribers. However, attendance to the COST audit sessions, Task Force and Committee Meetings are strictly limited to COST Company Members only.

Cancellation Policy: A \$50 cancellation fee will be imposed for cancellations received on or before September 21st; cancellations after the 21st will not be refunded. For more information regarding COST’s complaint and refund policies, please email Karen Galdámez.

Reservations: Rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$179.00 single/double. **We encourage you to make your room reservation early as we anticipate this conference to sell out.** The hotel reservation cut-off date is October 1st. To make your reservations, please call the Palace directly at 407.827.2727 and let them know you are attending the Council On State Taxation “COST” 39th Annual Meeting. Should the COST room block sell out prior to the cut-off date, rooms may be charged at a higher rate so we encourage you to make your room reservation early.

Continuing Education: COST will assist you in applying for Continuing Education credit for the 39th Annual Meeting. COST is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have the final authority on the acceptance of individual courses. Complaints regarding sponsors may be addressed to NASBA, 150 Fourth Ave. North, Ste 700, Nashville, TN 37219-2414, 615.880.4200. The 39th Annual Meeting is **tentatively** approved for 17 CPE hours. COST will also assist in securing CLE credits with state bar associations.

Weather/Dress: October’s average high in Orlando is 70-75 degrees and the average low is 50-55 degrees. Dress for the conference is business casual. *We encourage you to bring a sweater or jacket to the meeting as the meeting rooms tend to be on the cooler side.*

Information Web Sites: For more information about the Orlando area, check out the Orlando Convention & Visitors Bureau at www.orlandoinfo.com.

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