

COST 40th Annual Meeting

Including COST Company Members-Only Audit Sessions

General Information

- Location:** The Caesars Palace is located at 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; 866.227.5938; www.caesarspalace.com. Caesars is located within minutes of McCarran International Airport. Caesars offers complimentary transportation between all of the Harrah's properties.
- Program:** Early Registration and Reception for the 40th Annual Meeting is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th. General Session begins at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21st and concludes at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23rd. On Friday afternoon/evening, COST is hosting a separate tribute to pioneers of the SALT profession.
- Objective:** To bring a group of multistate tax professionals together in a group live environment that allows for interaction and exchange of information as well as updates on key SALT issues and insights regarding state tax trends and opportunities. The program level is an overview and no advanced preparation is needed.

Registration Fee:

REGISTRATION FEES	
On or Before 9/25/09	
COST Member Companies	\$750 - First person attending \$550 - Second and more persons attending from same company as first person
COST Practitioner Subscribers	\$950 - First person attending \$750 - Second and more persons attending from same company as first person.
Additional Registration Fee if you plan to stay at a hotel other than the Caesars Palace.	\$250
Spouse/Guest Registration	\$75
Attending Friday Afternoon/Evening Tribute <u>Only</u>	\$50
After 9/25/09	
COST Member Companies	\$850 - First person attending \$650 - Second and more persons attending from same company as first person.
COST Practitioner Subscribers	\$1050 - First person attending \$850 - Second and more persons attending from same company as first person
Additional Registration Fee if you plan to stay at a hotel other than the Caesars Palace	\$250
Spouse/Guest Registration	\$75
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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 40th 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 25th; cancellations after the 25th will not be refunded. Companies must be in good standing with COST at

time of registration and time of program for employees to attend. For more information regarding COST's complaint and refund policies, please email Karen Galdámez.

- Reservations:** Rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$169.00 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 September 28th. To make your reservations, please call Caesars directly at 866.227.5944 and let them know you are attending the Council On State Taxation "COST" 40th 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. If you'd like to make your reservation online at the group rate, please use this link:
<http://www.harrah.com/CheckGroupAvailability.do?propCode=CLV&groupCode=SCCST9>
- Continuing Education:** COST will assist you in applying for Continuing Education credit for the 40th 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 40th 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 Las Vegas is 75-80 degrees and the average low is 55-60 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 Las Vegas area, check out the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority at www.lvcva.com.
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