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Two Leaders Named Recipients of the FTA Harley T. Duncan Award for Leadership and Service

Kentucky and Washington State tax leaders to be honored at FTA Annual Meeting

The Federation of Tax Administrators has named two state tax leaders as recipients of the 2026 Harley T. Duncan Award for Leadership and Service. Elizabeth “Beth” Hertweck, Chief Information Officer of the Kentucky Department of Revenue, and Tim Jenrich, Senior Assistant Director of Tax Policy at the Washington State Department of Revenue, were each recognized for careers defined by innovation, collaboration, and lasting contributions to tax administration.

Elizabeth “Beth” Hertweck — Kentucky Department of Revenue

Hertweck has spent her entire 19-year career at the Kentucky Department of Revenue, working her way up through a series of increasingly responsible roles. She started as a Resource Management Analyst, advanced to Branch Manager, then Assistant Director and Division Director, and now serves as Chief Information Officer. She also served as Test Team Lead and then Chief Product Owner for the doris integrated tax system project, giving her direct, hands-on responsibility for the agency’s largest technology undertaking in recent memory. She holds a Certified SAFe® 6 Practitioner credential and has built her career around aligning technology strategy with organizational goals, fostering collaboration across teams, and driving continuous improvement in complex regulatory environments.

Hertweck led the successful implementation of Kentucky’s Department of Revenue Integrated Tax System, known as doris, along with the MyTaxes taxpayer portal. The project was five years in the making and required sustained coordination across an agency that administers more than 100 different tax types. Since go-live, she has kept her team focused on stabilizing, enhancing, and expanding both platforms, with a view toward long-term success rather than simply completing a project. Over the past year, her team expanded digital services for taxpayers and completed a major shift to a least privilege security model, a significant undertaking that reduced risk and strengthened protections for taxpayer data across the agency.

In nominating Hertweck, Commissioner Tom Miller, describes Beth as a leader who sets a high bar and works alongside her team to meet it, logging extensive hours during critical project phases to ensure preparation was thorough, documentation was complete, and communication to stakeholders was timely. Equally important, she used those moments to

mentor and develop the people around her.

“It has been our honor and privilege to work with Beth, and we can think of no one more deserving of this award. The Department and the State of Kentucky are better because of her contributions, and our future is brighter because of them.”

— Beth Hertweck’s nominators

Tim Jennrich — Washington State Department of Revenue

Jennrich began his career as a corporate counsel and contract attorney before entering public service. He holds a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Washington, has completed the Harvard Executive Program in Comparative Tax Policy and Administration, and currently oversees five divisions at the Washington State Department of Revenue: Administrative Reviews and Hearings, Interpretations and Technical Advice, Legislation and Policy, Research and Fiscal Analysis, and Property Tax.

Over nearly 20 years in public service, Jennrich has led work that extends well beyond Washington State. He organized nearly a dozen public listening sessions for ESSB 5814, a major 2025 tax change affecting more than 90,000 businesses, drawing over 1,000 attendees and setting a new standard for stakeholder engagement. He developed Interim Guidance Statements to get businesses needed information faster, championed a dedicated position to resolve complex long-standing tax issues, helped implement Washington’s spirits tax after liquor privatization, crafted tax rules following the legalization of cannabis, and serves as executive sponsor of the Department’s AI Governance Board.

Beyond Washington, Jennrich chairs the Multistate Tax Commission’s Digital Products Uniformity Project, was a key voice in reshaping the federal Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act to protect state revenue and has prioritized building government-to-government relationships with Washington Tribes. He is also leading the development of a first-in-the-nation state and local tax clinic through the Washington State Bar Association and the University of Washington. He served as president of the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board in both 2020 and 2022.

“It’s pretty rare that someone with extreme technical expertise can communicate it well to a wide range of people and then bring them together to collaborate and reach an understanding.”

— Craig Johnson, Executive Director, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board

“Beth Hertweck and Tim Jennrich are truly deserving of this recognition. Beth has dedicated nearly two decades to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, moving through a range of leadership roles and ultimately delivering a technology transformation that the state will model for years to come. Tim has committed nearly two decades to state service, making tax policy clearer, fairer, and more practicable for taxpayers and their representatives, not just in Washington, but nationally, as well. Beth and Tim are exemplary leaders who epitomize the innovative and collaborative spirit of the prestigious Harley T. Duncan Award, and FTA is proud to honor them for their leadership and dedicated service.”

— FTA Executive Director Sharonne Bonardi

About the FTA Harley T. Duncan Award for Leadership and Service

The FTA Harley T. Duncan Award for Leadership and Service is a distinguished honor presented to leaders in tax administration who possess exceptional vision and innovation, commitment to open communication, devotion to continuous learning, and willingness to adapt and embrace change.

The Federation of Tax Administrators is a Washington DC based non-profit serving its government tax administration members from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, New York City, and Philadelphia. It provides its members with the knowledge, tools, and relationships in support of tax administration, which furthers voluntary compliance while preserving, protecting, and enhancing tax revenue.

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