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**NH Department of Revenue Administration Recognized with National
Award for Innovative Auditing Program**

*Federation of Tax Administrators honored NHDRA for its Meals & Rooms Tax Monitor
Forward Audit Program*

Concord, NH – The [New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration](#) (NHDRA) recently received a 2022 [Federation of Tax Administrators](#) (FTA) Award for its strategic and innovative Meals & Rooms Tax Monitor Forward Audit Program. To both increase compliance with the state’s Meals & Rooms Tax obligation and to ease the burden on New Hampshire’s restaurants, the Monitor Forward Audit Program allows auditors to initially review a single tax period, rather than an entire year, providing an immediate and accurate picture of sales, without requiring businesses to provide a full year of data. NHDRA was one of seven states honored in the FTA’s 2022 Awards, which create an opportunity for state tax administrators to share the best ideas and practices nationwide.

The FTA is a nonprofit association composed of the taxation and revenue agencies in the 50 states, District of Columbia, New York City and Philadelphia that works to improve the standards and methods of tax administration. NHDRA presented its Meals & Rooms Tax Monitor Forward Audit Program during the annual FTA conference this past June.

“We are honored to receive this national award recognizing our Meals & Rooms Tax Monitor Forward Audit Program, which has been an extremely effective and innovative tool, providing a real-time sales picture and enhancing our team’s overall efficiency,” said NHDRA Commissioner Lindsey Stepp. “We knew the restaurant industry in New Hampshire and beyond was hit extremely hard during the COVID-19 pandemic and as the economy reopened, we knew we needed to adjust our approach to allow us to meet

our tax obligation, but in a way that was the least burdensome on an industry that is still struggling to overcome what had to be the most challenging business experience of their lives.”

With a Monitor Forward Audit, rather than audit a full year, NHDRA auditors only review a single Meals & Rooms Tax period for each operator. By initially auditing a single tax period, it allows NHDRA to capture a more immediate and accurate picture of an operator’s sales. The review process is more efficient, and it is less stressful on both the auditor and operator.

The program also provides a pathway to improve compliance if operators are not compliant. Further, since the operator receives the audit from the tax period that immediately happened, they can correct mistakes in real-time. While the Monitor Forward Audit has not replaced traditional auditing, the program is another highly effective and accurate tool at NHDRA’s disposal.

NHDRA also received an FTA award in 2020 for its development of a 12-month, customized communications plan to deliver core messages to key stakeholders.



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About the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) is responsible for fairly and efficiently administering the tax laws of the State of New Hampshire. NHDRA collects approximately 80% of New Hampshire's general taxes. During Fiscal Year 2021, NHDRA collected \$2.4 billion in taxes, most of which went to the New Hampshire General Fund and Education Trust Fund. NHDRA also assists municipalities in budgeting, finance and real estate appraisal.

NHDRA administers and collects the following taxes at the state level: Business Enterprise Tax, Business Profits Tax, Communications Services Tax, Interest and Dividends Tax, Meals and Rooms Tax, Medicaid Enhancement Tax, Nursing Facility Quality Assessment, Tobacco Tax, Taxation of Railroads, Utility Property Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax; and the following taxes at the local level: Property Tax, Excavation Tax, Timber Tax. To learn more about NHDRA, please visit www.revenue.nh.gov.

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