

EVENT ADVISORY: Teleconference Previewing Tax Reform in the States Dec. 19, 2012

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Press Call: Previewing Tax Reform in the States; National Trends and State-specific Prospects for 2013

Washington, DC – Following an election that left half the states with veto-proof legislative majorities, 39 states with one-party rule and more than a dozen with governors who put tax reform high on their agendas, 2013 promises to be a big year for changes to state tax laws.

State tax codes are almost universally inadequate and in need of modernization. From the National Governors Association to the State Budget Crisis Taskforce, there is widespread consensus that most states have been patching and punting for too long and their tax systems are no longer able to provide adequate and sustainable revenue to deliver services that citizens rely on.

This Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP) phone briefing outlines challenges and solutions with a focus on state tax fairness, and goes into greater depth on fifteen states most likely to undertake major tax overhauls in 2013 (CA, IA, KS, KY, LA, MN, MO, NC, NE, NY, OH, OK, OR, VA, WI).

The briefing materials include a complete list of relevant states' current tax proposals and prospects and a state tax policy brief. All materials are being made available at: <http://www.itep.org/taxreformpreview2013.php>.

WHAT: State Tax Policy Briefing with experts from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP) who will also take questions.

WHO: Matthew Gardner, Executive Director; Meg Wiehe, State Policy Director; Carl Davis, Senior Analyst

WHEN: Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 10:30 AM Eastern

WHERE: Journalists can dial 866-952-1907 and use Conference ID: STATE

The teleconference is organized by the **Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy** (ITEP), a non-profit, nonpartisan research organization based in Washington, DC that focuses on federal and state tax policy. ITEP will be releasing an updated edition of its landmark **Who Pays? A Distributional Analysis of Tax Systems in All 50 States** in January 2013. More at www.itep.org.