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BOE Executive Director Named 2012 Tax Administrator of the Year

Sacramento – *State Tax Notes* named Cynthia Bridges, Executive Director for the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), as its 2012 Tax Administrator of the Year, BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton announced today.

“Ms. Bridges brings an energetic and proactive record of success to the California State Board of Equalization,” said Chairman Horton. “She is most deserving of this recognition for her outstanding accomplishments.”

State Tax Notes, a publication of [Tax Analysts](#), is a leading national provider of state tax news, analysis, and commentary. The Tax Administrator of the Year is awarded to the official who influences administration and collection nationwide. Award recipients are selected based on interviews, informal polling, and input from the *State Tax Notes* editorial staff. The article announcing Ms. Bridges’ award is available at: <http://bit.ly/taxadminYR>.



“I am humbled to be chosen for this honor,” said Ms. Bridges. “I’m looking forward to continuing my work to meet taxpayer needs, and enhance voluntary compliance and operational effectiveness here at the BOE.”

Last year, *State Tax Notes* chose Bridges as one of the nation’s “Top 10 Tax Administrators,” and the *Baton Rouge Business Reports* named her as one of the “Most Influential Women in Business” in 2007.

Prior to joining the BOE as Executive Director in August 2012, Bridges served as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, a position to which she was appointed by three Louisiana Governors. During her 12 years in that role, Bridges helped transform the agency into a recognized leader in customer service, one of many accomplishments during her 30-year career with the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Bridges is a Certified Public Accountant, and a graduate of the Strategic Leadership Program at Duke University and the Revenue Management Program at the Wharton School of Executive Education in Philadelphia.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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