

Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators 1st Quarter Conference March 6-8, 2019

Dear Fellow LATA Members & Guests:

The Natchitoches Tax Commission has the privilege of hosting the 1st Quarter 2019 LATA Conference in Natchitoches at the Natchitoches Event Center, March 6-7, 2019. Conveniently located at 750 Second Street in the heart of the Oldest Permanent Settlement in the Louisiana Purchase Territory and in the middle of the 33-block National Historic Landmark District, one of only two in the entire state of Louisiana. The Natchitoches Event Center is also within walking distance of scenic Cane River Lake, Beau Jardin water gardens, unforgettable shopping at downtown shops and boutiques, including the oldest continuously operated business in Natchitoches-Kaffie-Frederick Mercantile-established in 1863 as well as delicious cuisine at local restaurants and Natchitoches' newly opened downtown anchor hotel, Chateau Saint Denis, the largest inn in downtown and home of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum.

We hope you will join us as we show-off our purple pride, Natchitoches style. For hotel reservations at the <u>www.ChateauSaintDenis.com</u> at the group rate of **\$105.00** per night (not *including the \$9.95 Value Added Package*), you may call the Reservation Center at 1-318-951-4105. Space is limited, so please <u>make your reservations early!</u> Callers should use group code <u>LATA</u> for group rates when making reservations. The group rate will be available for reservations made until <u>February 15, 2019</u>.

Additional rooms will be available at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Natchitoches, 150 Hayes Ave., which is in a rural location, within a 15-minute drive of Cane River National Heritage Area. This hotel is 9.7 miles from Los Adaes State Historic Site and 13.8 miles from Cane River Creole National Historical Park. Please call 318-354-8007 for reservations using the group code LATA for group rate of \$98.00. The group rate will be available for reservations made until February 15, 2019.

Registration forms are being sent via email through <u>WildApricot</u>. Early registration is \$225 for members and \$275 for non-members. A late fee of \$25 will be added to registrations received after **February 20, 2019** so please register early. Guests are welcome, but there will be a \$50 guest registration fee.

Join us Wednesday at Lounge 1714 located in Chateau St. Denis Hotel for drinks and hors d'oeuvres before taking a quick stroll down Front Street to view a beautiful display of fireworks by Pyroman, L.L.C. at 7 p.m. Once the fireworks are over you are free to enjoy the restaurants available in the downtown area. Thursday evening will include a cocktail reception in the McCullen Hall Ballroom of the Natchitoches Event Center, followed by a buffet dinner and entertainment.

We hope you will join us for this memorable conference and feel free to contact our office with any questions or comments you may have at (318) 357-8871 or email <u>ntcim@cp-tel.net</u>. We look forward to seeing you in March!

Sincerely,

Jerry W. McWherter Tax Administrator