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TEI PUBLISHES SURVEY OF CORPORATE TAX DEPARTMENTS

The preeminent association of corporate tax executives has published a comprehensive survey of corporate tax departments. Tax Executives Institute's *2004-2005 Corporate Tax Department Survey* — a 184-page printed commentary and representative tables, accompanied by a CD-ROM containing more than 12,000 tables — is intended to enable tax executives to benchmark more effectively and efficiently. TEI, founded in 1946, has more than 5,400 members who work for companies in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

Approximately 1,400 companies participated in the 56-question TEI survey. TEI President Judith P. Zelisko called the response rate for the survey gratifying, noting that 57 percent of the 2,400 companies surveyed responded. "We have sliced and diced the survey questions in many ways," she explained, "to produce data by company size, tax department size and budgets, and industry. The result is an impressive array of benchmarking information that TEI members and others will find invaluable."

Ms. Zelisko noted that major findings of the study include:

- Almost 4 in 5 respondent companies had worldwide revenues of \$5 billion or less with three-quarters coming from operations in the United States.
- 3 in 4 Senior Tax Executives (STEs) have the title of Director of Tax/Corporate Tax Director or Vice President.
- Regardless of title, the STE most often reports to the Chief Financial Officer.
- Half of the tax departments have 5 or fewer employees. In addition they are responsible for an average of 31 legal entities and 7 in 10 are located at a single location.
- More than half of the tax departments have budgets of \$750,000 or less, and one-third have budgets of \$1 to \$5 million annually.
- During the last 3 years, the typical tax department has increased by fewer than 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) while its budget has increased by 12%.

- 7 in 10 companies reported that they are subject to the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and an additional 1 in 7 of those not subject to the law plan to follow it.
- The most commonly considered control areas for the purposes of Sarbanes-Oxley deal with the calculations of the U.S. tax provisions, deferred accounts, and rate reductions.

2004-2005 Corporate Tax Department Survey (including the CD-ROM) will be available April 1 and may be purchased by downloading the order form from TEI's website or by contacting TEI at 202.638.5601. The price of the survey is \$125 for TEI members who did not participate in the survey and \$500 for non-members.



Tax Executives Institute is located in Washington, D.C. The Institute's 5,400 members represent more than 2,800 of the largest companies in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia. TEI members are responsible for managing the tax affairs of their companies and must contend daily with the provisions of the tax law relating to the operation of business enterprises. TEI's mission is to enhance and improve the tax system and to serve its members, their employers, and society generally by facilitating interaction among, and the training of, members and their staffs, by effectively advocating its members' views, and by promoting competence and professionalism in both the private and government sectors. TEI is dedicated to the development of sound tax policy, compliance with and uniform enforcement of tax laws, and minimization of administration and compliance costs to the benefit of both taxpayers and the government. These goals can be achieved, TEI believes, only through the members' voluntary actions and their adherence to the highest standards of professional competence and integrity.