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**Hayes Named SEATA Vice President**

*Montgomery, Nov. 5, 1999*—The Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA) recently elected Alabama Commissioner of Revenue James P. Hayes Jr. to serve as second vice president of its 12-member state tax and revenue agency organization for the 2000 service year, announced the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA), Nov. 1, 1999.

Prior to being appointed Alabama Commissioner of Revenue in January 1999, by Gov. Don Siegelman, Hayes, 52, served as president of J.P. Hayes & Co., Inc., a Birmingham financial consulting firm. A native of Brewton, Ala., Hayes graduated from T.R. Miller High School and received BS and MS degrees in industrial engineering from the University of Alabama.

"I look forward to this opportunity to serve on the SEATA board and contribute to objectives aimed at improving voluntary tax compliance among the southeastern states. I sincerely appreciate the confidence that my colleagues in neighboring states have placed in me," Hayes said, commenting on his appointment.

Other SEATA officers announced by FTA were: president, Robin Capehart, West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue; first vice president, Elizabeth Carpentier, South Carolina Department of Revenue; and secretary-treasurer, Darrell Smith, Florida Department of Revenue.

SEATA, a state tax and revenue agency organization dedicated to improving the standards of tax administration throughout the southeastern region, is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.