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COST's Spring Meeting and Audit Sessions April 30 – May 3, 2024 Boston, MA

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Please note that all attendees are welcome to attend any session except for the Audit Sessions. Those sessions, as always, are only open to COST industry members.

	TUESDAY, APRIL 30 th
1:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Registration – Amesbury Prefunction
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	State Tax Legislative Update – Amesbury A/B Open to all registered conference attendees, this session will focus on state income/franchise tax and sales tax legislative trends and hotspots in 2024. Active participation by attendees is encouraged.
	Panelists: Stephanie Do, COST Aziza Farooki, COST Karl Frieden, COST Leonore Heavey, COST Fred Nicely, COST Patrick Reynolds, COST
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Marilyn Wethekam, COST Welcome Reception - Sponsored by EY and Scott Douglass & McConnico – Charles View Ballroom 16 th Floor

	WEDNESDAY, MAY 1	ST
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration – Amesbury Prefunction	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Networking – Inman Square/Porter Square/H	larvard Square/Riverside Pavilion
8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks – Amesbury C/D	
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	now with Covid behind us that federal funding has largely dried up. He seeking revenue from other sources. The speakers in this session will c taxpayers. Curiously, even as the Covid funding disappears many state	keep things going and federal funding helped to make that possible. But owever, many of the states' programs continue. As a result, states are now over the various ideas the states have come up with and their impacts on s are reducing personal income taxes and/or residential property taxes (it er tax sources (e.g., sales tax, DSTs, delivery fees). The speakers will also
	Moderator: Karl Frieden, COST	
	Speakers: Nikki Dobay, Greenberg Traurig* Ryan Maness, MultiState* Scott Roberti, EY* Jennifer White, Reed Smith*	
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Refreshment Break & Networking – Amesbury Prefunction	
10:15 – 11:10 a.m.	SALT in the Wound – Amesbury C/D States continue to test the constitutional limitations on their taxing authority, and are sometimes successful in doing so. The panel will discuss the pivotal cases and the application of those decisions by the states to expand their reach to impose their taxes. Specifically, the application of cases covering sales factor apportionment (<i>Moorman</i>), separate geographic accounting (<i>Butler Brothers</i>), worldwide combined reporting (<i>Container, Barclays</i>), sales tax on services (<i>Goldberg, Jefferson Lines</i>), and nexus (<i>Wayfair</i>) will be discussed. Additionally, the panel will address the future of <i>Complete Auto Transit</i> 's dormant Commerce Clause restriction on state taxation.	
	Moderator: Marilyn Wethekam, COST	
	Speakers: Jeff Friedman, Eversheds Sutherland(US)* Lynn Gandhi, Foley Lardner* Nicole Johnson, Blank Rome* Alysse McLoughlin, Jones Walker*	
11:15 a.m.– 12:05 p.m.	In-House and Outside Counsel Privilege – How to Protect It – Amesbury C/D What is the impact of the Supreme Court's dismissal of In re Grand Jury on privilege? This session will discuss communications involving legal and non-legal advice from both an in-house attorney and outside counsel perspective, when is that communication protected. More importantly, what should a taxpayer consider in terms of the	Accounting for SALT – Amesbury A/B The accounting for state and local tax consequences can be intimidating to say the least. This session seeks to demystify it and provide practical advice for taxpayers navigating the subject. Topics covered include a description of the application of ASC 740 and ASC 450, valuation allowances, and deferred tax assets. In addition to covering the basics, the discussion dives into specific hypotheticals that are intended to provide practical application of some not-so-practical accounting rules.

	work-product doctrine, attorney-client privilege, and how to best protect your tax positions. Speakers: Bill Backstrom, Jones Walker* Rich Call, McDermott Will & Emery* Richard Fry, Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs*	Speakers: Todd Betor, Eversheds Sutherland(US)* Amy Letourneau, RSM* Glenn Todd, KPMG*
12:05 – 1:05 p.m.	Lunch & Networking – Inman Square/Porter Square/Harvard Square/R	iverside Pavilion
1:05 – 1:55 p.m.	Income Tax Update – Litigation – Amesbury C/D The speakers in this session will bring you up to date on the latest developments in the state income tax litigation arena. The speakers will cover the most important recent cases and their projections of the cases' impacts on other issues and other jurisdictions.	The Manufacturing Exemption Today – <i>Amesbury A/B</i> Although most states provide a manufacturing/industrial processing exemption, emerging technologies complicate the application of those exemptions. This session will discuss what a taxpayer needs to establish to obtain the exemption.
	Speakers: Jordan Goodman, Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton* Leah Robinson, Mayer Brown* David Shipley, Stevens & Lee* Mark Wood, Andersen*	Speakers: Rachael Averett, Advantous* Marc Grossman, Crowe* Matthew MacNeil, Avalara*
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Challenges in Separate Company States – Amesbury C/DThis panel would cover challenges in separate company states, including attempts by South Carolina to force combined reporting through the use of alternative apportionment, issues with transfer pricing with intercompany transactions, and attempts by states to add-back intercompany expenses (e.g. Pennsylvania).Moderator:	Keeping up with Marketplace Developments – Amesbury A/B The lack of conformity in the marketplace collection laws have fundamentally changed how sales and use taxes are collected across state and local jurisdictions A number of states have revised their marketplace laws and guidance to expand the concepts to other taxes and fees. This session will discuss the new developments and the consequences on both marketplaces, as well as sellers who engage in transactions on marketplaces.
	Doug Lindholm, COST* Speakers: Aaron Johnson, Lane Powell* Jennifer Karpchuk, Chamberlain* R. Gregory Roberts, Roberts Law Group*	Speakers: Kathleen Cornett, Alston & Bird* David Hughes, Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton* Larry Mellon, Vertex* Kelly R. Smith, Evolve Vacation Rental Network
2:50 – 3:05 p.m.	Refreshment Break & Networking – Amesbury Prefunction	1
3:05 – 3:55 p.m.	Hot Topics in Transfer Pricing and Intercompany Transactions – Amesbury C/D Transfer pricing challenges have become one of the most frequent issues faced by taxpayers. States' use of third-party consultants and their own methods and practices need to be reviewed. This session will discuss transfer pricing methodologies employed by the states and address how to counter a state's aggressive assertions of profit shifting.	Al and Its Present and Future Impact on the Tax Operations Area of Tax Departments – Amesbury A/B The speakers in this session will dive deeper into the implications of AI on the Tax Operations and the reliability of responses obtained from AI programs. They will also discuss how it is being utilized presently and what they foresee as possible uses of AI in the near and distant future. Moderator: Masha Yevzelman, Fredrikson & Byron*

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	Drew Hemmings, Baker & McKenzie*	Tim Kirkpatr	ick, PwC*		
	Steve Kranz, McDermott Will & Emery*		reenberg Traurig*		
	Matthew Lindeman, PwC*	Diane Yetter			
	Jeana Parker, KPMG*				
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Big Gain Hunting – Amesbury C/D	4:00 - 5:15	Indirect Tax – Audit Session – (COST Industry Members		
	The apportionment and taxation of non-reoccurring gains from one-	p.m.	Only) – Amesbury A/B		
	time transactions continues to evolve, pushing the boundaries of the		This is the opportunity for all of the indirect tax experts to		
	external consistency test and extraterritorial taxation. This session		share their audit experiences and receive advice and		
	will discuss the evolution of apportionment theories including the		support from their fellow COST members. Come ready to		
	use of investee apportionment to source gains.		discuss everything that's bothering you and help everyone		
	Speakers:		else with their issues.		
	Jeremy Abrams, Foley Lardner*		Moderators:		
	Zachary Atkins, Pillsbury*		Toni Mincic, Lumen Technologies		
	Mitchell Newmark, Blank Rome*		Fred Nicely, COST*		
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5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Reception – Sponsored by Blank Rome and Ryan – Charles View Ballro	oom 16 th Floor	· · ·		
7:00 p.m.	Group Dinner – Everyone is invited to join other COST members for dinner at Legal Seafoods! Don't miss this opportunity to mingle		eafoods! Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with fellow		
·····		-	tax professionals and expand your professional network! Please stop by the Registration Desk to let us know you will be there, or contact Judy		
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	Multinational businesses are experiencing significant state tax impacts, pitfalls, and exposure. In this session we will discuss the state tax complexities associated with a global business including the state taxation of foreign source income, state-specific considerations for foreign entities, and state tax implications of global corporate structures. Moderator: Marilyn Wethekam, COST Speakers: John Fletcher, Jones Walker* Evan Hamme, Pillsbury* Jess Morgan, EY*	States are increasingly expanding their sales tax base to include more services and digital products. This session will cover the history of the states' sales tax systems and address how traditional manufacturing and sale-for-resale exemptions do not work when states expand their sales tax base to services and digital products. While focused on how states can avoid multitiered sales taxes on digital products, these same concepts are applicable to many services. This session will address efforts (successful and unsuccessful) that some of the states have used when expanding their tax bases to mitigate taxing business-to-business transactions. Moderators: Karl Frieden, COST Fred Nicely, COST
		Speakers: Will Ault, Crowe* Mark Loyd, Dentons* Michael Wynne, Jones Day*
10:35 – 11:25 a.m.	State Tax Implications of Pillar Two for Multinational Companies – Amesbury C/DPillar Two is reshaping perspectives of the influence state and local tax has on an organization's global tax profile. With the impact of Pillar Two across the globe, multinational companies with operations in the US will have to address the state tax implications. This session will explore the impacts, considerations and opportunities related to Pillar Two. We will also discuss how filing group composition and items like GILTI impact state taxes for Pillar Two purposes.Moderator: Karl Frieden, COSTSpeakers: Dan De Jong, KPMG* Alexis Morrison-Howe, Deloitte* Mark Yopp, Baker & McKenzie*	Issues in Computing Gross Income for Gross Receipts Taxes – Amesbury A/B One of the most common issues arising in gross receipts tax jurisdictions is the meaning of gross income and the treatment of pass-through or amounts received as an agent. The panelists will start with the meaning of gross income for federal income tax purposes and the treatment of reimbursements. They will then address common meanings of gross income, whether it is tied to the federal meaning, and then describe the treatment of pass-through or agency receipts. In doing so, the panelists will discuss and analyze the following terms, what they mean, and why they are relevant to the measure: Gross Income, Consideration, Compensation, Cash Received, Accrued, Realized, Purchase Price Adjustment, Reimbursement, Agency and Pass-Through. Moderator: Michael Carchia, Capital One Speakers: Gregg Barton, Perkins Coie* David Froling, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease* Robert Hoyt, Ryan*
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Beyond Population: How Companies Can Use Alternative Datasetsand Methods to More Effectively Apportion Their Service Receipts –Amesbury C/DThe overwhelming trend for apportionment has been the transitionto a single sales factor along with market sourcing for	Indirect Tax Update – Litigation – Amesbury A/B The speakers in this session will bring you up to date on the latest developments in the state indirect tax litigation arena. The speakers will cover the most important recent cases and their projections of the cases' impacts on other issues and other jurisdictions.

	services. Whereas cost-of-performance focused on the taxpayer's own activities, market sourcing requires taxpayers to consider their customers' perspective. With limited information about customer usage or where benefits are derived, taxpayers often resort to estimates based on relative population or GDP. In this session, we'll discuss how technology companies can use alternative datasets (including both internal datasets and 3rd party datasets) to more accurately apportion their services receipts. Using real-world examples, we'll demonstrate how taxpayers can not only reduce their potential tax liability, but also make their compliance process more efficient. We'll discuss how to identify and leverage 3rd party datasets such as retail data, financial data, and cell phone location data. We also discuss techniques and best practices for analyzing raw data, tools for visualizing the results, and telling an effective apportionment story. Moderator: Marilyn Wethekam, COST Speakers: Dave Gutowski, Reed Smith*	Speakers: Carolynn Kranz, Industry Sales Tax Solutions* Curtis Osterloh, Scott Douglass & McConnico* Marc Simonetti, State Tax Law*
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1.20 - 2.10 μ.π.	Among the many issues an affiliated group of corporations has to face when filing a combined report is the varied, and ever-changing, treatments states impose on foreign affiliates and 80/20 companies within the group. This presentation will review the global reach of state unitary tax regimes with an in-depth look at different states' approaches to the 80/20 rule treatment of foreign income and any potential relief from double taxation that may result from that treatment. Speakers: Craig Fields, Blank Rome* Breen Schiller, EY* Maria Todorova, Eversheds Sutherland(US)*	Practice of State Indirect Taxes – Amesbury A/B The speakers in this session will discuss which technologies are being used in modern tax departments and how you can approach the implementation of technology in yours by: understanding which technologies are available in the indirect space; understanding what's needed in a modern tax department (resources/knowledge base); learning how to apply data wrangling/other technologies; how to approach a technology project; and, identifying characteristics for a good business case for technology to be applied. Speakers: Jaye Calhoun, Kean Miller* Mike Czupowski, Deloitte*
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2:15 – 3:05 p.m.	Disposition of Pass-Through Interests - State Treatment of Realization Events and Structuring Alternatives in Anticipation of a Realization – Amesbury C/D Dispositions of passthrough interests can have unexpected issues from a state and local perspective if proper planning is not deployed. In this session, panelists will discuss; 1) Day 1 structuring	Mixed and Bundled Transactions and the True Object Test – Amesbury A/B This session focuses on a grey area of sales tax determinations. Flipping a taxability switch on/off is black and white. But, what's the right answer when the transaction includes a mix of taxable and non-taxable elements? Some states use a "true object" test to determine the

	to mitigate the state impact of realization events; 2) state considerations and planning opportunities around realization events, 3) recent activity in multiple jurisdictions addressing the treatment and sourcing of gain realized on sales of pass-through entity interests, and 4) a discussion of the MTC project related to it. Speakers: Elil Arasu, BDO* Shawn David, Deloitte* Will Thistle, Bradley Arant*	 taxability answer. But, how should that test be applied? Or, does any taxable portion taint the entire sale? We'll help you make the right decision: Is it taxable (or not)? Or, is part of the sale price taxable? Speakers: Angela Acosta, BDO* David Blum, Akerman* Eric Fader, Duane Morris*
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	Moderators: Michael Carchia, COST Chair, Capital One Marilyn Wethekam, COST	Facilitators: Jonathan Mieritz, Corteva Agriscience Rita Pop, BP America
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	There will be lots of giveaway's, food, and activities. And at the end of	various service and product providers host our Spring Meeting Vendor Fair. the Vendor Fair there will be several drawings for some fantastic prizes. lot of fun!! Special Note: THEME: Revolutionary War Period Costumes!!!!
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7:00 am – 12:20 pm	Registration – Amesbury Prefunction	
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Networking – Inman Square/Porter Square/H	larvard Square/Riverside Pavilion
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.		st ethics developments relevant to state tax professionals. This r, there's much more to this session than getting an hour of Ethics CPE/CLE. a host of ethical issues on a daily basis. Some issues are obvious, others eal with them in a thoughtful and effective manner. (<i>PLEASE NOTE</i> –
	Speakers: Glenn McCoy, Ryan* Kristen Sanocki, Thompson Coburn*	
8:45 – 10:25 a.m.	Audit Session – ALL TAX TYPES (COST Industry Members Only) – Ame COST audit session during which participants share recent audit and lit (States covered in this session: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Carolina and Virginia)	igation experiences involving all types of state and local taxes.

	Moderators:	Facilitators:
	Jamie Laiewski, Charter Communications	Jesse Hereford, Walmart Inc.
	Arthur Parham, Retired General Tax Advisor of Entergy Services	Frances Sewell, Pfizer Inc.
10:25 – 10:40 a.m.	Refreshment Break, Networking, and Hotel Check Out – Amesbury	Prefunction
10:40 a.m. – 12:20	Audit Session – ALL TAX TYPES (COST Industry Members Only) – An	nesbury C/D
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12:20 p.m.	New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermor Moderators: Mollie Miller, Fresenius Medical Care North America	nt, West Virginia) Facilitators: Bonnie Baskin, AirLiquide/Airgas, Inc.,

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