

NAVIGATE BUSINESS & TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR

# OPERATING IN THE U.S.

MASTERING STATE & LOCAL TAX COMPLIANCE

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## AGENDA

- Overview of State Tax Landscape
- Sales and Use Taxes
- State income tax
- Property Tax
- Other Taxes
- Credits and Incentives

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Evolving nexus rules and their impact on state income tax filings

Overview of US sales tax considerations

State personal property tax filings and incentive programs

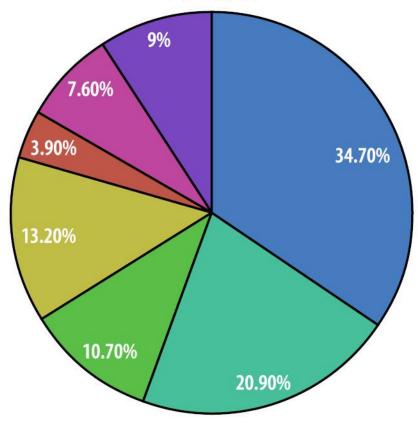


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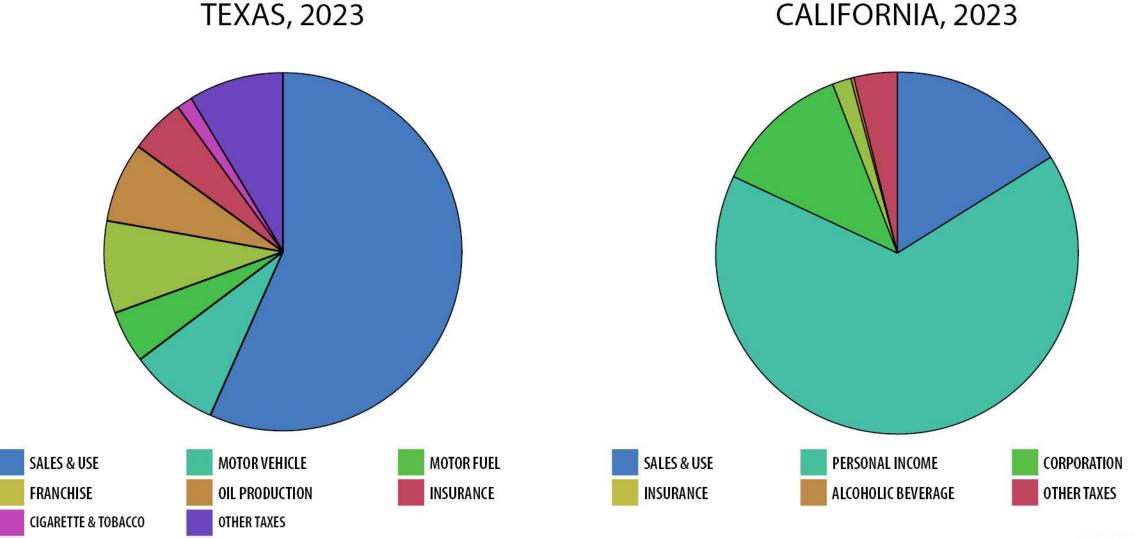




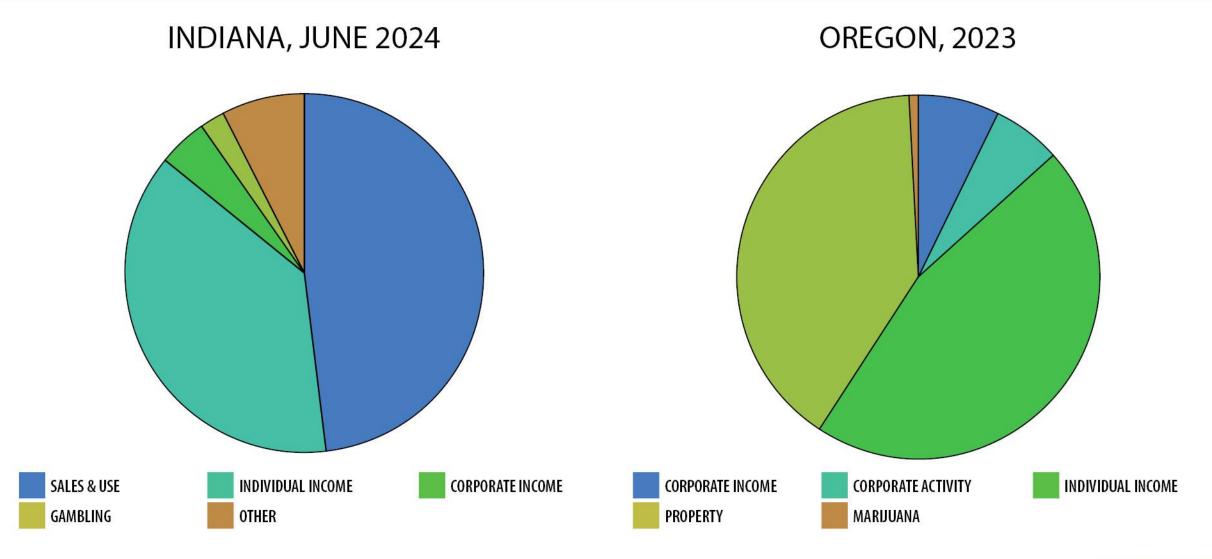
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## STATE COMPARISONS OF TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE



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## SALES TAX VS. VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT)

#### **SALES TAX**

- Collected by seller at final stage of supply chain
- Resellers issue exemption certificate and do not pay tax
- Purchaser remit complimentary use tax when sales tax is not collected
- Exemptions available on use
- About 13,000 taxing jurisdictions

#### **VALUE-ADDED TAX**

- Collected by all sellers in each stage of supply chain
- Resellers pay tax to the vendor and reclaim VAT paid on inputs
- Purchaser calculates and reports a reverse charge when necessary
- No exemptions available on use of product
- Taxing authority at federal level



## SALES TAX NEXUS

#### Sales tax nexus can be created in two ways:

- 1. Physical presence
- 2. Economic presence (remote seller)
- South Dakota v. Wayfair was a pivotal US Supreme Court Case
- Each state has created their own standards
  - Click-through nexus
  - Agency nexus
  - Independent contractors



	ECONOMIC NEXUS THRESHOLD				
Jurisdiction	Revenue	AND / OR	Transactions	Timing Requirements	Includable Sales
Alabama	\$250,000	-	-	Prior Calendar Year	Retail
Arizona	\$100,000	-		Prior or Current Calendar Year	Gross
Arkansas	\$100,000	OR	200	Prior or Current Calendar Year	Taxable



### MARKETPLACE FACILITATOR

- A Marketplace Facilitator is an entity that owns and operates a marketplace (or platform), and it directly or indirectly processes transactions on behalf of marketplace sellers.
  - Examples include Amazon and eBay
- Marketplace Facilitators may be required to collect sales tax on behalf of the marketplace seller.
- The thresholds for a Marketplace Faciliators are similar to those of a remote seller.





## TAXABILITY OF TRANSACTIONS

- Understanding what the customer is receiving
  - True Object determination
  - Contracts and invoicing are key to determination
- TPP vs. Services vs. Digital Goods
- Understanding who the customer is
  - Resellers
  - Direct pay holders
  - Non-profit organizations
  - Manufacturer



## **EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES**

- If a customer provides the seller with an exemption certificate, sales tax is not charged on the sale.
- Retention of exemption certificates is extremely important, especially in the case of an audit.
- Validity periods of the exemption certificates may require an updated certificate at a frequency determined by the state.



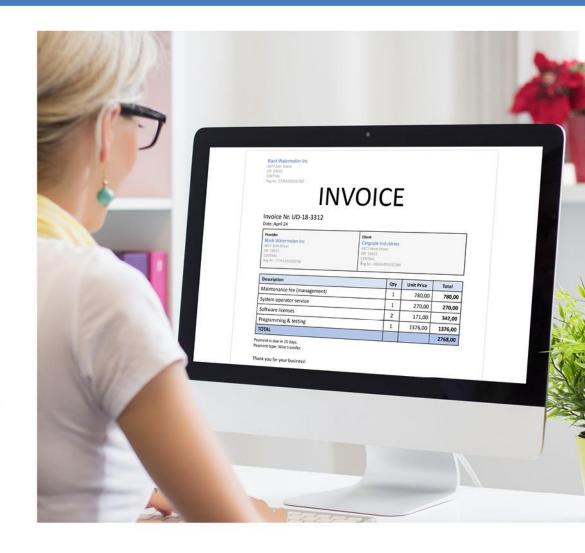
## **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- Each state has separate agencies for separate registrations.
  - Secretary of State
  - Department of Revenue
  - Department of Labor
- There may be registration fees associated with the registrations depending on the state and agency.
- Once registration is processed, account is issued to company and a filing frequency if assigned.



## SALES TAX PROCESS EXAMPLE

- Invoice to customer including sales tax (November 27, 2024).
- The return and tax amount are remitted to the state
  - Assuming monthly filing frequency was assigned, the return and payment are submitted in December 2024.
  - Invoice amount and tax amount are placed on the next sales tax return (November 2024 filing period).
- Customer pays invoice (January 2025).





## **SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS**

- There are several software solutions on the market
- Typical software solutions assist with:
  - Determining economic nexus thresholds have been met
  - Calculate sales tax on taxable transactions
  - Submit sales tax registrations and returns



## PAST EXPOSURE REMEDIATION

- Remediation options are usually based on amount of exposure and business' risk tolerance
  - Voluntary Disclosure Agreements
  - Remit tax on historical periods and pay penalties & interest
  - Remit tax on prospective periods



## STATE INCOME TAX



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#### People

- Working in an office
- Working at home
- Job Function
- Traveling into state more than on occasion
- COVID remote work considerations

#### Property

- Office/Rent
- Inventory
- Fixed Assets

#### Economic Nexus



## MODIFICATIONS FROM FEDERAL TAX

- Follow most Book to Tax Differences
- Depreciation is accelerated more for Federal than State
- State Tax Expense
- GILTI



## APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME

- Apportionment Factors (in-state vs. everywhere)
  - Payroll
  - Property
  - Sales (customer location)
- Service or Intangible
  - Cost of Performance
  - Market Based
  - Generally over or under 100%
- Tangible Property 100% apportionment



## APPORTIONMENT EXAMPLE

Federal Taxable Income	\$100
State Depreciation Adjustment	\$5
State Taxable Income	\$105

State A Sales \$50 Everywhere Sales \$500 State A Apportionment 10%

Subject to Tax \$10.5



## **FRANCHISE TAXES**

- Additional tax on Equity
- Similar Apportionment Factors
  - Sales, Property, Payroll
- Minimum Taxes
  - Examples include California for \$800



## STATE INCOME TAX COMPLIANCE

- Annual tax returns due with the Federal return or 30 days after
- Estimated tax payments similar to Federal



## STATE INCOME TAX ESTIMATES

- Similar considerations to Federal
- Safe Harbor vs. Current Year Estimate
- Growing online payment mandates



## FEDERAL TREATY CONFORMITY

- Treaties are applicable at the federal level.
- Many states do not directly adopt treaty provisions.
- Indirectly, most states will follow federal return position.
  - Minnesota does not
- State apportionment may not follow federal treaty.



## STATE APPORTIONMENT EXAMPLE - TREATY

Federal Taxable Income (Treaty Protection)	\$0
State Depreciation Adjustment	\$0
State Taxable Income	\$0

State A Sales \$50

**Everywhere Sales** \$500

State A Apportionment 10%

Subject to Tax \$0



## **AUDITS**

- No statutory audits
- Audits are selected at random
- Customer is audited
- California audits about 1% of accounts per year



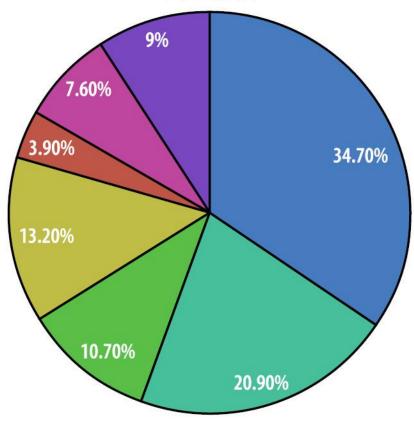


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## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CONSIDERATIONS

- Local jurisdiction property tax can include:
  - Fixed Assets
  - Inventory
- Need to maintain a good fixed asset schedule
- Assessment date
- Annual return
- Low tax rate



## REAL PROPERTY TAX CONSIDERATIONS

- Value determined by tax assessor
- Annual notification of value



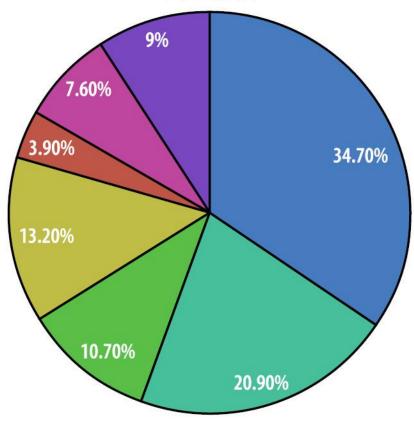


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## OTHER REVENUE GENERATING FILINGS

- Business Licenses
- Miscellaneous fees
  - Retail Delivery Fee





## TAX INCENTIVES

- Opportunity for state and local funding or tax credits to support growth
- Factors to consider:
  - Capital Investment (rent, equipment)
  - Number of employees
  - Wage of employees
- Secure before signing a lease agreement or publicly announcing





## **PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS**

- Local governments can abate property tax
  - Usually prorated abatement over a span of 5 10 years
- Abatements available for bother real property and tangible personal property



## **INCENTIVES COMPLIANCE**

- Securing tax credits at various levels:
  - City of County Council
  - Development Commission
  - Local Economic Development Corporations
- Compliance steps needed:
  - Annual reporting
  - Annual council approval
  - Annual audit, depending on type of incentive received

