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## **Michael Bryan, Experienced Tax and Accounting Professional, Named Acting Director of New Jersey's Division of Taxation**

TRENTON – New Jersey Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff has appointed Michael J. Bryan as the new acting director of the Treasury's Division of Taxation.

Bryan took the oath of office for the position today in the Treasurer's Office at the State House and assumed responsibility for managing a staff of 1,300 employees who administer 40 taxes and fees and provide information and assistance to members of the public on tax questions. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the division collected \$24.8 billion in tax revenues for the State of New Jersey.

Bryan is a tax and accounting professional with more than 20 years of private and public sector experience. Most recently, he served as senior director for tax audits and international tax for Comcast Corporation in Philadelphia. In that capacity he managed all tax controversy issues for the communications and entertainment company as well as its centralized records management.

"Mike Bryan brings a broad and deep background in tax, audit and accounting matters to the division along with strong managerial experience. We are pleased that New Jersey will benefit from the services of a professional of his caliber," Sidamon-Eristoff said.

"His experience in handling tax and audit issues both from the government and private client perspective will be particularly valuable as he manages the division's interactions with taxpayers."

“Mike also has a strong interest in how tax agencies deal with the public,” Sidamon-Eristoff added, “and I believe he is the right person to lead the division as we seek to enhance the communications and support it provides to taxpayers to help them fulfill their legal responsibilities.”

Bryan will serve on acting basis pending the advice and consent of the New Jersey Senate.

He began his tax career in 1987 as a revenue agent conducting field examinations for the Internal Revenue Service in Philadelphia. He then joined Coopers & Lybrand as an associate and assisted clients with tax and audit matters. His career at Comcast began in 1994 when he joined the company to manage tax examinations.

He is a CPA and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Drexel University and a Master of Science degree in Taxation from Temple University.

Bryan is a lifelong resident of New Jersey. He currently resides in Haddonfield with his wife Rebecca and their two children.