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Tax Administrator Sullivan leaving for private-sector job
Held dual positions as Acting DOR Director and Rhode Island Tax Administrator

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Rhode Island Tax Administrator and Acting Director of the Department of Revenue (DOR) David M. Sullivan will leave both positions next month to take a job in the private sector. Sullivan, who has served the State of Rhode Island for nearly 10 years, will join Ryan LLC, a global tax services firm.

Governor Gina M. Raimondo said, “David has been a pleasure to work with. He is a talented leader who has handled multiple tasks skillfully while holding down two jobs for the State, and he will be sorely missed. We wish him the very best in his next adventure.” Sullivan said, “I am very proud of what we have accomplished at the Department of Revenue over the last several months, and at the Division of Taxation over the last 9 ½ years.” Sullivan’s last day as Tax Administrator and Acting DOR Director will be December 11, 2015.

Governor Raimondo has asked Marilyn Shannon McConaghy, DOR Administrative and Legal Support Services Administrator, to serve as Acting DOR Director, and has asked Neena Savage, Associate Director of Revenue Services and Assistant Tax Administrator, to serve as Acting Tax Administrator, and both have accepted. “We have in place a team of professionals at the DOR and at Taxation who will keep the agencies running well while the transition takes place and we engage in a search for permanent replacements,” Governor Raimondo said.

“I appreciate the support that Governor Raimondo and her Administration have given me in my job at DOR these last few months. I know that I am leaving the DOR in capable hands,” Sullivan said. “At the Department of Revenue, and at the Division of Taxation, it has been my pleasure to work with such a fine team of dedicated, hard-working state employees.” At the Division of Taxation, Sullivan oversees an agency with more than 200 employees that collected more than \$2.88 billion in tax revenue in fiscal year 2015 through more than 50 taxes and fees. “We accomplished a lot together, including converting to a new agency-wide computer system – a project that will be finished next fall. We’ve also worked together to implement major tax reforms – of the personal income tax and the corporate income tax – as well as two tax amnesties,” Sullivan said.

“At the same time, I am very excited to start the next chapter in my career,” he said. Ryan LLC, which is based in Dallas, Texas, provides state, local, federal, and international tax advisory and consulting services, including audit defense, tax recovery, tax appeals, tax compliance, and strategic planning. Sullivan will become Director, Legislative Consulting, for Ryan Advocacy Services, a unit of Ryan LLC, and will work out of the company’s Providence office, dealing with clients’ tax matters.

Sullivan was appointed Rhode Island Tax Administrator for the Rhode Island Division of Taxation in July 2006, and Acting DOR Director in April 2015. He previously worked for the State of Delaware Division of Revenue for 10 years, serving as a manager in the Business Tax Section and as Deputy Director of Revenue for the last five years. Well-known in national tax circles, he is a past president of the Federation of Tax Administrators’ Board and has served as Treasurer for the North Eastern States Tax Officials Association. This year, he has helped implement a nationwide anti-fraud effort in collaboration with the Internal Revenue Service, other states, and the tax preparation and software industry.