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Tax department receives national award

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The state Tax Department has been named the 2010 recipient of the Federation of Tax Administrators "Award for Outstanding Management and Organizational Initiative."

The department is receiving the award for its modern, integrated tax system.

The Legislature appropriated \$22 million for the system in 2006. The department has been rolling it out during the past several years.

Manchin said the honor "is a reflection of the willingness of Tax Department employees to embrace change and improve the business process within the department."

With the new system, the department has been able to increase collections and reduce processing times, said Acting Tax Commissioner Craig Griffith.

The award will be presented at the Federation of Tax Administrators annual meeting June 7 in Atlanta.