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### **RIPEC Executive Director John C. Simmons to Receive National Award** *The Washington D.C.-based Tax Foundation Awards Simmons and RIPEC for its dedication to smarter tax policy*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (October 2014) – Today, John C. Simmons, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council (RIPEC), will be presented with the Tax Foundation’s annual Outstanding Achievement in State Tax Reform Award at RIPEC’s 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

Representatives from the Tax Foundation, a non-partisan research think tank based in Washington, D.C., have selected Simmons as one of six individuals honored due to their “extraordinary efforts to advance the cause of simpler, smarter tax policy in the previous year.” Aside from Simmons, the 2014 list of awardees includes: New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-NY); Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman (R-NE); Michigan Governor Rick Snyder (R-MI); Indiana Senator Brandt Hershman (R-IN); and DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D-DC). Previous winners include Indiana Governor Mike Pence, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, North Carolina Senator Phil Berger, Wisconsin Representative Dale Kooyenga, and Ohio activist Ron Alban.

“One must not go any further than the Tax Foundation’s analysis of tax policy to find evidence of the need to make Rhode Island more competitive. This award recognizes Rhode Island’s recent tax reform changes which could not have happened without the unwavering leadership of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and the steadfast commitment of Rhode Island’s business community. I am humbled and honored to accept this recognition on their behalf and I look forward to continuing our work on making Rhode Island even more competitive,” remarked Simmons.

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