



## **Governor Rendell Announces Tom Wolf as Revenue Secretary**

Thomas W. Wolf was nominated as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in January 2007 by Governor Edward G. Rendell and confirmed on April 25, 2007. Wolf was appointed by the Governor to serve on the 12-member Pennsylvania Business Tax Reform Commission, which issued a report in 2004 recommending changes to make business taxes fairer, simpler and more competitive with other states.

Wolf last served as Chairman of the Board and President of the Wolf Organization, Inc., a family-owned building materials business based in York, Pa. The Wolf Organization distributes building materials through 30 branches located along the eastern seaboard. It was ranked among the top 50 Best Places to Work in PA in 2006. Wolf earned his doctorate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981, and his master's degree in philosophy from the University of London in 1978. He graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972. Wolf has a long history as a volunteer for many community and charitable organizations. He has served as President of Better York, Inc.; Chair of the Board of Trustees for York College of Pa.; Board Member of the Keystone Research Center and the Pennsylvania Business Roundtable; Chair of the Lancaster York Heritage Region, York County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of York County, WITF, Inc., and The York County Community Foundation. Wolf was born November 17, 1948 in York, PA.

Reference: **PA State Gaming Board Website** <http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us/?p=64>

**Harrisburg-** Governor Edward G. Rendell today announced that Department of Revenue Secretary Tom Wolf is stepping down, effective Nov. 30 2008, and said Stephen Stetler, executive director of the Pennsylvania Economy League, will be the next Revenue secretary. "Tom brought a wealth of sound, private-sector business and economic experience to state government," Governor Rendell said. "Under his leadership, the Department of Revenue applied quality principles from the corporate world to improve its customer service and its operating processes for individuals and businesses.

"His work on my 12-member Pennsylvania Business Tax Reform Commission, which issued a report in 2004 recommending changes to make business taxes fairer, simpler and more competitive with other states, continues to guide the tax and economic policies that helped strengthen our economy before this national downturn and will help us weather the economic storm." At Revenue, Wolf oversaw implementation of Act 119, which converted the commonwealth's corporate tax from its antiquated settlement system to an assessment system. He continued to push the department's modernization effort, which:

- Helped more than half of Pennsylvania's six million personal income taxpayers file their 2007 returns electronically, saving the department \$2.67 million in administrative costs;
- Expanded electronic filing to corporations in 2007 and small businesses in 2008; and
- Increased delinquent tax collections to more than \$900 million in 2007-08, a 59.6 percent increase in collections from the \$564 million collected in 2002-03.

During Wolf's tenure, Pennsylvania's Property Tax and Rent Rebate program expanded to nearly double the number of seniors receiving rebates from 313,907 in 2006 to more than 600,000 by the end of 2008. The Pennsylvania Lottery continued to grow, delivering its sixth consecutive year of record sales in fiscal year 2008.

Prior to joining the commonwealth, Wolf was chairman of the board and president of the Wolf Organization Inc., a family owned building materials business based in York. "Tom's experience and great leadership style will serve him well in future endeavors," said Governor Rendell.

*Reference: Press Release Nov. 12, 2008 contact: Chuck Ardo 717-783-1116: Governor Rendell Announces Resignation of Tom Wolf, Appointment of Stephen Stetler as Revenue Secretary*