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Assessment Progress Introduction

On-time property tax billing is a culmination of a year's worth of work of locally elected officials. The process can be separated into two stages: Assessment-to-Budget and Budget-to-Tax billing. Because these two stages are closely tied, delays in any of the steps in these two stages can have an affect on the timing of property tax bills.

The first step in on-time billing is timely completion of the assessment process, also known as trending, a function of the office of the county assessor. Once the county assessor has completed trending, a report called a "ratio study" is submitted to the state for review and approval. Once the ratio study is approved, the assessor submits the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who then applies deductions and exemptions to determine the final net assessed values of properties. This information is then used to determine tax rates, which translate in tax bills for property tax payers.

The following five reports contain information provided by the county to show their progress in completing the 2007-pay-2008 assessment process.

The first two separate reports are of the Real Property and Personal Property status in a particular county. They show detailed synopsis of progress made, problems or delays encountered, and goals set by the county assessor. Information provided in these reports has been taken from correspondence and conversations with county officials.

The third report is of the status for the county's seven "Data Submissions." While some datasets show a significant "Number of Days Late," there are many factors which cause delays in submission of data that are outside a county official's control. These factors include but are not limited to: prior administration's delays, computer program glitches/problems, delays in receiving required information from other locally elected officials, vendor delays and legislative changes.

The last two reports are charts showing the progress of the county as updated by the county assessor. These visual aids illustrate the timeline of the "year in the life of a county assessor" and show where the county assessor falls in their steps toward on-time tax billing. The summary version shows only the key steps required for completion before their values are submitted to the county auditor. The detailed version shows each of the specific steps and the very detailed processes involved in arriving at a county's final gross assessed values.

Because each report is very technical in nature, please feel free to visit our website at www.in.gov/dlgf/2339.htm for a glossary of terms used.

Vigo County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property

Compliance Status: r-nr

County Official Responsible: Deborah J. Lewis

Date Took Office: 1/1/2003

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level II

Workplan Submitted: 12/18/2007

Workplan Detail Requested by DLGF: 12/21/2007

Workplan Detail Submitted: 12/27/2007

2007 Pay 2008 Ratio Study Received: 2/6/2008

Workbook Values: Received

Ratio Study Approved: 2/25/2008

Estimated Date for Completion:

2/8/2008

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

developing trending multipliers, add to CAMA system by 1/5/08. Review trending application by 1/12/08. Complete ratio study analysis by 2/7/08. Submit ratio study by 2/8/08

Roll to Auditor?

Date for Splits and Combinations Entered? completed

2007 Pay 2008 New Construction Entered? completed

Date for completed 2007 Sales Disclosures entered? 3/1/2008

Date for Neighborhood Analysis? completed

Date for Sales Analysis? completed

Date for Land Valuation? completed

Date for Improvement Valuation - Cost Approach: completed

Date for Improvement Valuation - Income Approach: completed

Date for Improvement Valuation - Sales Approach: completed

Current Vendor:

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines? no- cannot hold them accountable for meeting deadlines if cannot hold Twps to same deadlines.

Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly?

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline?

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009? no

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

Vigo County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

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Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property

Compliance Status: r-nr

Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:

Twps work additional full time jobs because pay is not enough to allow them to devote all their time & energy to assessing duties, therefore are unable to attend classes necessary. No pay raises, extra staff or computer systems, education, and support were given. Twps were too full of pride to ask for help.

How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

Documentation exists to show the data has been requested multiple times, county Commissioners & Council are aware of situation. County has no statutory authority over Twps, so no recourse to enforce deadlines. Recently had to pick up \$30mil in omitted assessments in 4 Twps.

Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

Delays include: having to submit historical data, involved having to find software & vendors to support old data, additional monies requested for project, contracts approved & signed. Errors on Auditor's abstract for 2006 PP data compliance. Approx 3000 appeals due to extension of appeal deadline, that were complaints about taxes not assessments, approx 100 days of additional hearings (15 appeals heard/day).

Vigo County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Personal Property

Compliance Status: Pending

County Official Responsible: Deborah J. Lewis

Date Took Office: 1/1/2003

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level II

Estimated Date for Completion:

12/5/2007

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

completed & submitted

Roll to Auditor?

Date for 2008 Mobile Home Valuation:

Current Vendor: AS2, INC

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines?

Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly?

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline?

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009?

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

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Vigo County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

ABSTRACT

<i>Office - Auditor</i>	2007
<i>Date Data Due</i>	3/15 of the Pay Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	48
<i>Compliance Status</i>	

BUDGETORDER

<i>Office - Auditor</i>	2007
<i>Date Data Due</i>	2/15 of the Pay Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	77
<i>Compliance Status</i>	

PARCEL

<i>Office - Assessor</i>	2007
<i>Date Data Due</i>	10/1 of the Assessment Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	4/24/2008
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	207
<i>Compliance Status</i>	r-nr

PERSPROP

<i>Office - Assessor</i>	2007
<i>Date Data Due</i>	10/1 of the Assessment Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	11/30/2007
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	60
<i>Compliance Status</i>	Pending

RATIOSTUDY

<i>Office - Assessor</i>	2007
<i>Date Data Due</i>	6/1 of the Assessment Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	2/6/2008
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	250
<i>Compliance Status</i>	Approved

Note: Number of Days Late refers to the most recent submission with Compliance Status noted.

Note to County Official: If you disagree with these dates, please submit a written explanation with supporting documentation to data@dlgf.in.gov.

Vigo County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

SALEDISC

Office - Assessor *2007*

<i>Date Data Due</i>	3/1 of the Pay Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	3/2/2008
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	2
<i>Compliance Status</i>	r-nr

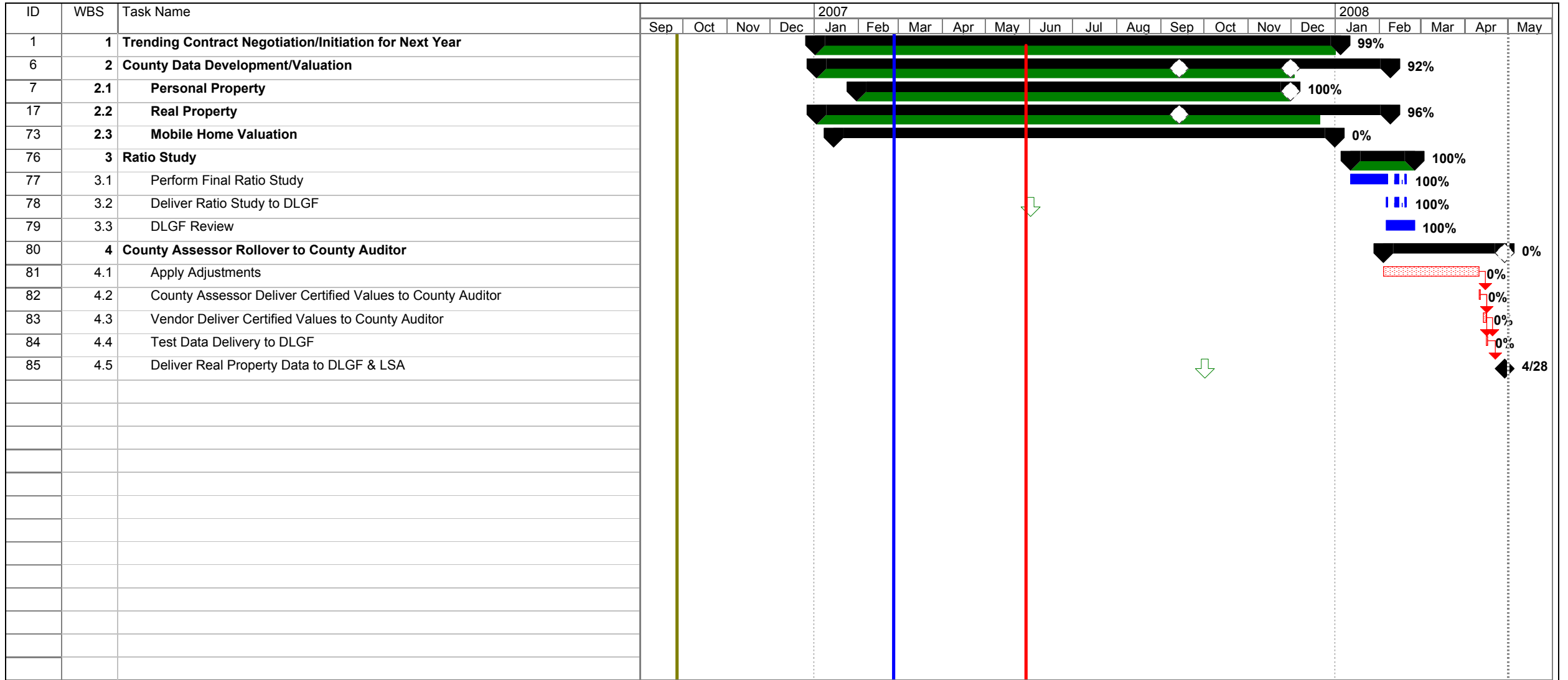
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Office - Auditor *2007*

<i>Date Data Due</i>	3/1 of the Pay Year
<i>Date Loaded</i>	
<i>Number of Days Late</i>	62
<i>Compliance Status</i>	No data

Note: Number of Days Late refers to the most recent submission with Compliance Status noted.

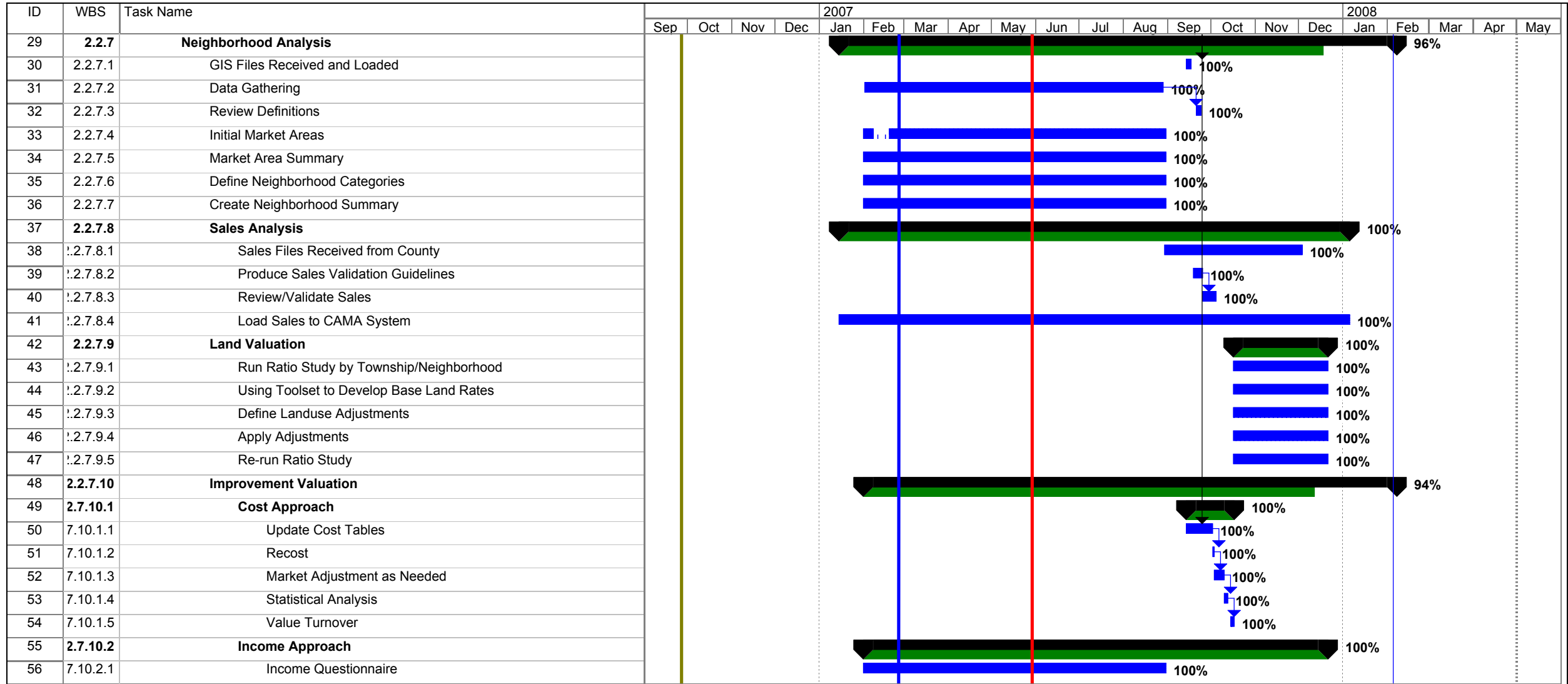
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Date: Thu 5/1/08

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