

# Indiana

Department of Local Government Finance



*Committed to a fair and equitable property tax system for Hoosier taxpayers.*

## **Indiana Chamber Tax Policy Committee**

**Department of Local Government Finance**

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# Presentation Overview

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- Mission & Vision of the Department
- Expectations
- Experience
- Initiatives



# Mission & Values

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- The mission of the Department is to ensure a fair and equitable property tax system for Indiana taxpayers.
  - Put Taxpayers First.
  - Respect Local Control.
  - Excellence in all we do.



# Expectations

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- On-time: I.C. has specific deadlines for each of the following.
  - Ratio Studies
  - Cyclical Assessments
  - CNAV's
  - Budgets
  - Tax Billing
- Everyone is expected to meet or exceed these requirements.



# Expectations

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- Accurate:

It is incumbent upon everyone to be accurate.

- Assessments of Real & PP
- Reporting
- Guidance and Instructions
- Policy & Code



# Expectations

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- Professional Service:

The department has high expectations of itself, and for those it partners with, to provide the best and highest level of customer service possible.



# Expectations

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- CE & Training:

The Department and its employees are required to enhance their knowledge and to continuously train in their respective discipline. It's in the best interests of local units to do the same.



# Experience

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- There's a lot to learn:
  - Assessments
  - Timetables
  - Rules
  - Indiana Code
  - School Funding
  - New People



# Initiatives

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- Budget Certification by December 31.
- Online Personal Property Filing.
- Cyclical Reassessment.
- Update to Sales Disclosure Form.
- Updates to:
  - Website
  - Software & Databases
  - Rule-making
- Ag Base Rate.
- 2019 Session.



# Budget Certification by 12/31

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- **This is a big lift for the Department:**
  - Six weeks earlier than usual.
  - No change to the budget calendar for taxing units.
  - New funds and rules for schools.
  - Changing the mindset of thousands of elected and appointed officials.



# Online Personal Property

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- This Initiative was started by Courtney.
  - RFI in Development w/INDOA.
  - Early Feedback is Positive.
  - Reduce Time, Paperwork, and Cost to File.
  - More Accurate & Timely.



# Update to SDF

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- This initiative is a result of discussions originating with county assessors and other stakeholders.
  - Current form is dated.
  - Cumbersome.
  - Too much paper.
  - Needs to be electronic.



# Cyclical Reassessment

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- The first four year cycle just concluded.
  - 25% of the parcels are assessed each year.
  - The Department oversees the process.
  - The first four year cycle went very well.
  - Parcel clean up benefited from this process.
  - Enables local assessors to better plan & manage their time.



# 2019 Legislative Session

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- HB 1104
  - Residential Property in TIF Areas
  - Application of Deduction & Exemptions
  - Technical Corrections:
    - Form 22 Submissions
    - GIS Coordinator
    - Tax Adjustment Board language
    - Budget Rulemaking



# Other Initiatives

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- Ag Base Rate: Move the date to allow for to better work flow at the county level.
- On-line Survey
- Others Yet to be Named



# Resources

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- User Guides
- Information Icons 
-  Training Videos
  - [www.youtube.com/user/DLGFgateway](http://www.youtube.com/user/DLGFgateway)
- DLGF Memos (Budget Calendar and more!)
  - [www.in.gov/dlgf/2444](http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2444)
- Email
- Call





# Contact the Department

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