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1. TIF Update – Release of the 2006 TIF Reporting Forms

The TIF reporting forms for the period ending December 31, 2006 have been released. An e-mail with important information, including the password for all authority representatives, has been sent by the TIF Division. These reports are to be filed with the Office of the State Auditor by August 1, 2007.

The on-line reporting system provides TIF authorities with forms that have been pre-populated with prior years' information. This enables each authority to complete the current year information, review prior years' information, and upload their reports as soon as completed.

If your authority representative has not received this information from our office, please contact the TIF Division at (651) 296-4716 or (651) 297-8342 or by e-mail at tifdivision@state.mn.us as soon as possible. The staff of the TIF Division is available to answer questions and provide assistance as needed.

2. Avoiding Pitfalls - Cooperative Purchasing Venture

Vendors sometimes market their businesses by claiming that local units of government can purchase from them without bidding. Vendors may

emphasize that they are part of the “state contract” and will sell at the “state contract price.”

Public entities should be cautious before proceeding with these purchases. Public entities cannot avoid the normal bidding requirements simply by purchasing from these vendors. Instead, this exception to the bidding requirements applies only to governmental units that have joined the Cooperative Purchasing Venture, a members-only joint powers program operated by the Minnesota Department of Administration. The Cooperative Purchasing Venture allows members to purchase goods and services under contract terms established by the State of Minnesota, for an annual fee.

More information on the Cooperative Purchasing Venture, and how to become a member, can be found at the following link:

www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/cpv2.htm

3. New Statement of Position – 2007-3001 TIF Market Value Homestead Credit

A new Statement of Position is available on our website at <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=Statements>. **Statement of Position, 2007-3001 TIF Market Value Homestead Credit** explains that parcels located in TIF districts receiving Market Value Homestead Credit revenues must treat it as “tax increment,” and describes how the TIF Act calculates Market Value Homestead Credit as part of the captured increment.