

# TIF Division Newsletter



## 2008 TIF Legislative Report

The 2008 TIF Legislative Report was released by the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) on February 8th. The OSA is required to provide an annual report summarizing the TIF reports and audits to the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over TIF matters. This report summarizes the data received from approximately 2,048 unaudited TIF reports for the year ended December 31, 2008, and summarizes the violations cited in the audits concluded by the OSA in 2009. A copy of the report can be found on our website at: <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20100208.000>

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## SAFES Authorization Form

Authority representatives may now authorize an auditor or consultant to directly access and submit the authority's online TIF reporting forms. Previously, only the individual(s) designated as the TIF authority's primary contact, who was also an employee of that entity, was allowed access to the online reporting forms. Effective January 1, 2010, a unique user login may now be assigned to an entity's auditor or consultant so that he or she may access forms directly from the State Auditor Form Entry System (SAFES) website on behalf of the authority.

A copy of the form required to be submitted to authorize an auditor or consultant to access forms online has recently been mailed to authority representatives. The form can also be found on our website at: [https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/Forms/SAFESAuthorization\\_10.pdf](https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/Forms/SAFESAuthorization_10.pdf). The consultant's SAFES access will be valid through the end of the calendar year. A unique username and password will be provided to the authorized user, so the TIF authority representative should not share his or her login information. Your user login serves as your signature and must be kept confidential.

## 2009 County Information Reminder

The Office of the State Auditor is collecting TIF district information for property taxes payable 2009 from each county. This annual information is used by the OSA to prepare the 2009 TIF reporting forms and to assist authority representatives. This information is due to our office by Friday, **March 12, 2010**. Counties can find the two-page form on our website at: <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20090112.001>. Questions can be directed to Jenna Braband at (651) 296-7001 or [Jenna.Braband@state.mn.us](mailto:Jenna.Braband@state.mn.us).