

TIF Division Newsletter



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State Auditor Form Entry System Online Training

A five-minute online training session on how to use the State Auditor's Form Entry System (SAFES) has been posted on the State Auditor's website. The training session demonstrates how to log into SAFES, how to reset your password, and shows recent updates to SAFES. [Click here](#) for more information to view this online training session.

Deadline to Submit the TIF Enforcement Deduction Form

Friday, June 11th, is the deadline for counties to submit their [2009-2010 TIF Enforcement Deduction Form](#). The TIF Act requires the county to deduct an amount equal to .36 percent of all tax increment distributed to any authority or municipality.¹ The amounts deducted are paid to the Commissioner of Management and Budget, deposited into the state general fund, and then appropriated to the State Auditor.

Questions about this form may be directed to Jenna Braband by phone at (651) 296-7001 or by email to TIF@auditor.state.mn.us.

2010 TIF Legislative Changes

Here are some highlights of the technical amendments to the TIF Act, enacted as part of the Omnibus Jobs Bill of 2010, Chapter 216. The TIF Act now:

- Allows for the creation of a Compact Development District with a duration limit of 25 years to finance specific authorized costs until June 30, 2012;
- Extends the authority to finance tourism projects within economic development districts to Region 1 counties;
- Eliminates obsolete language from the restrictions on economic development districts and allows temporary authority to use tax increment from economic development districts for any type of project subject to certain conditions; and
- Allows the use of surplus or excess increment for construction of new or substantial rehabilitation of existing buildings, if certain conditions are met, through December 31, 2011.

For more detailed information regarding the statutory changes, please refer to the [Omnibus Jobs Bill](#) or the [House Research Summary for HF 2695](#).

¹ Minn. Stat. § 469.177, subd. 11.