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West Virginia Tax Department Updates The Property Tax Equalization Study Barbour and Taylor Counties

CHARLESTON, W.V.—The West Virginia State Tax Department today announced sales questionnaires will be mailed to property owners in Barbour and Taylor Counties, West Virginia as of April 13, 2009 in order to continue the Statewide Property Tax Equalization Study.

As part of the West Virginia State Tax Department's Property Tax Equalization Study, independent appraisers with Farley, Mendoza and Voss, LLC have been reviewing property assessments on behalf of the State of West Virginia. These appraisers will be distinguished by an identification card which includes a photograph of the individual appraiser and identifies the individual as a contractor of the State Tax Commissioner.

In order to accurately complete the study and to validate sales, as of April 13, 2009 the appraisers will be sending sales questionnaires to the buyer, seller, or other person(s) with adequate knowledge of the sale. The State Tax Department asks those individuals who receive such communications answer the appraiser's questions truthfully and completely. Please be aware, at no time will an appraiser ask for your personal information such as your social security number or other sensitive information.

Farley, Mendoza and Voss, LLC have been visiting property locations to complete the study. All field personnel and their vehicles are registered with the Barbour and Taylor County Sheriff's office as well as the local police departments and Barbour and Taylor County Assessor's office. If any property owner questions the validity of the contractor, the property owner should contact the local County Assessor's office.

The purpose of this project is to evaluate the quality of property assessments in all 55 of the State's counties. In order to do this, approximately one third of the State's counties will be subject to review each year.

For additional information regarding the property assessment project, property owners can contact the State Tax Department at (304) 558-3940.