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Tax Increment Financing Division Newsletter

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Online Reporting System – “Heads Up”

The Online Reporting System we unveiled in mid-May is up and running very well!!

One issue that authorities need to be aware of is that when signing into the Online Reporting System, an authority’s TIF report list may contain *all* the TIF districts that authority *ever* had. Thus, an authority will need to fill out reports *only* for TIF districts that had outstanding tax increment revenues in the TIF district’s fund as of 12/31/2003, and / or have not decertified prior to 2004.

This is a minor imperfection in the new Online Reporting System. Our IT professionals are currently working on eliminating the superfluous districts from the Online Reporting System.

Auditor’s Alert: Interfund Loans

The TIF Act specifies that an authority may advance money to finance eligible TIF expenditures (including administrative expenses), from its general (or any other) fund. The advance must be authorized by resolution of the governing body *before*

loans under one or more TIF plans or for one or more TIF districts. The terms of the loan must be in writing and include, at a minimum, the principal amount, interest rate, and maximum term.

The full statutory language can be found at Minn. Stat. §469.178, subd. 7: <http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/statutes.asp>

This Month’s TIF Tip

In line with the TIF Act’s disclosure and reporting requirements, TIF reports must be submitted to the *state auditor*, and copies provided to the *county auditor* and to the *governing body of the municipality*, if the authority is not the municipality.

TIF Workshop Space Available

Last minute space remains available for the Crookston TIF Workshop. Please contact Marsha Pattison to make reservations. Her contact information is listed below.

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