

Comptroller Connection

to Indiana's Local Government Leaders



MESSAGE FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER

Greetings, new and returning officials and staff members! We are at your service!! We are happy to provide our quarterly newsletter – a tool created to communicate directly with our local government partners to keep all parties informed and updated.

I personally want to thank everyone who contributed to a successful settlement this year. My team and I greatly appreciate your efforts and our collaboration. In 2024, we replaced the FTP submission process step with an email communication, and we hope it was helpful in your work to get settlement across the finish line. Thank you, again, for all your efforts.

Please reach out to us if you need any further information or assistance. I look forward to working with you in this new year to continue bringing improvements and streamlining the processes that connect us.

At your service, State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla

HELPFUL RESOURCE

- Tax Distributions & <u>Remittances</u>: monthby-month schedule of all distributions & remittances with due dates
- Cyber Attack & Fraud Prevention Resource Guide: helpful resources to assist local units to diminish risks and prevent fraud



NEW WEBSITE

Our Local
Government Division
is getting a new
website in February!
Stay tuned for
additional resources
and helpful
information for you
to explore!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- Judges Supplemental: As required by <u>IC 33-38-5-6</u>, counties that have adopted a supplemental salary for judges are required to quarterly remit amounts to cover supplemental salaries to the Comptroller's Office. The quarterly remittance amount is equal to one-fourth of the supplemental salary and one-fourth of the employer's share of FICA (Medicare is 1.45% and Social Security is 6.2% of the supplemental amount). The first payment for applicable counties is due on **February 14, 2025**.
- County Certified Engineer: If your county currently employs a full-time county highway engineer, then he or she is eligible for an engineer grant-in-aid subsidy under IC 8-17-5-10. To certify an engineer for your county, complete the County Engineer Certification Form (State Form 56519) and email it along with a copy of the current calendar year paystub by February 14. Eligible counties will receive the grant in April.

ACH NOTIFICATION UPDATES

Each time the Comptroller's Office distributes funds to your office, we will send the money to the bank account on file. Along with the money, we will also send an email notification with information about the payment provided by the state agency that initiated the payment. If you, or your staff are not already receiving for ACH Notifications, we can assist you with getting enrolled.

FUND CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

The Comptroller's Office is participating in the fund reconciliation project with the Department of Local Government Finance and the State Board of Accounts. Our goal is to provide a uniform chart of accounts for local officials, linking budgeting and spending reporting more effectively, and reducing the reporting burden on local officials.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If anyone on your team is new to the office, please ensure we have their updated contact information:

- Email us at <u>localgovernment@comptroller.in.gov</u> with any questions or requests for information.
- Visit us at www.in.gov/comptroller/departments/ for available local government resources.
- Follow us on social media at "Indiana State Comptroller" to see regular updates.
- Stop by the office if you are ever at the Statehouse in Indianapolis!

