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Assessment Progress Introduction

On-time property tax billing is a culmination of a year's worth of work of locally elected officials. The process can be separated into two stages: Assessment-to-Budget and Budget-to-Tax billing. Because these two stages are closely tied, delays in any of the steps in these two stages can have an affect on the timing of property tax bills.

The first step in on-time billing is timely completion of the assessment process, also known as trending, a function of the office of the county assessor. Once the county assessor has completed trending, a report called a "ratio study" is submitted to the state for review and approval. Once the ratio study is approved, the assessor submits the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who then applies deductions and exemptions to determine the final net assessed values of properties. This information is then used to determine tax rates, which translate in tax bills for property tax payers.

The following five reports contain information provided by the county to show their progress in completing the 2007-pay-2008 assessment process.

The first two separate reports are of the Real Property and Personal Property status in a particular county. They show detailed synopsis of progress made, problems or delays encountered, and goals set by the county assessor. Information provided in these reports has been taken from correspondence and conversations with county officials.

The third report is of the status for the county's seven "Data Submissions." While some datasets show a significant "Number of Days Late," there are many factors which cause delays in submission of data that are outside a county official's control. These factors include but are not limited to: prior administration's delays, computer program glitches/problems, delays in receiving required information from other locally elected officials, vendor delays and legislative changes.

The last two reports are charts showing the progress of the county as updated by the county assessor. These visual aids illustrate the timeline of the "year in the life of a county assessor" and show where the county assessor falls in their steps toward on-time tax billing. The summary version shows only the key steps required for completion before their values are submitted to the county auditor. The detailed version shows each of the specific steps and the very detailed processes involved in arriving at a county's final gross assessed values.

Because each report is very technical in nature, please feel free to visit our website at www.in.gov/dlgf/2339.htm for a glossary of terms used.

Blackford County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property

Compliance Status: Pending

County Official Responsible: Fred Tobey

Date Took Office: 1/1/2003

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level II

Workplan Submitted: 12/14/2007

Workplan Detail Requested by DLGF: 12/20/2007

Workplan Detail Submitted: 12/26/2007

2007 Pay 2008 Ratio Study Received:

Workbook Values:

Ratio Study Approved:

Estimated Date for Completion:

3/14/2008; extended from 12/14/2007

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

1/25/08- Software conversion causing severe delays; new construction, splits and transfers have not yet been entered into new software; Ratio study submittal will be delayed 60-90 days at this time. Ratio study & workbook was to be submitted 12/10; Individual responsible had a heart attack; vendor would submit on 12/14

Roll to Auditor?

Date for Splits and Combinations Entered? values assigned when CAMA software change is complete

2007 Pay 2008 New Construction Entered?

Date for completed 2007 Sales Disclosures entered? 3/1/2008

Date for Neighborhood Analysis?

Date for Sales Analysis? 1/31/2008

Date for Land Valuation?

Date for Improvement Valuation - Cost Approach:

Date for Improvement Valuation - Income Approach:

Date for Improvement Valuation - Sales Approach:

Current Vendor: GUTS

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines? yes

Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly? deadline

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline?

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009? no

Blackford County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property

Compliance Status: Pending

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:

None

How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

email/telephone only

Blackford County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Personal Property

Compliance Status: **r-nc**

County Official Responsible: Fred Tobey

Date Took Office: 1/1/2003

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level II

Estimated Date for Completion:

12/14/2007

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

Roll to Auditor?

Date for 2008 Mobile Home Valuation:

Current Vendor:

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines?

Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly?

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline?

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009?

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:

How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

Blackford County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

ABSTRACT

Office - Auditor

2007

Date Data Due

3/15 of the Pay Year

Date Loaded

Number of Days Late

48

Compliance Status

BUDGETORDER

Office - Auditor

2007

Date Data Due

2/15 of the Pay Year

Date Loaded

Number of Days Late

77

Compliance Status

PARCEL

Office - Assessor

2007

Date Data Due

10/1 of the Assessment Year

Date Loaded

12/17/2007

Number of Days Late

78

Compliance Status

Pending

PERSPROP

Office - Assessor

2007

Date Data Due

10/1 of the Assessment Year

Date Loaded

12/17/2007

Number of Days Late

78

Compliance Status

r-nc

RATIOSTUDY

Office - Assessor

2007

Date Data Due

6/1 of the Assessment Year

Date Loaded

Number of Days Late

336

Compliance Status

Note: Number of Days Late refers to the most recent submission with Compliance Status noted.

Note to County Official: If you disagree with these dates, please submit a written explanation with supporting documentation to data@dlgf.in.gov.

Blackford County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

SALEDISC

Office - Assessor

2007

Date Data Due

3/1 of the Pay Year

Date Loaded

Number of Days Late

62

Compliance Status

No data

TAXDATA

Office - Auditor

2007

Date Data Due

3/1 of the Pay Year

Date Loaded

Number of Days Late

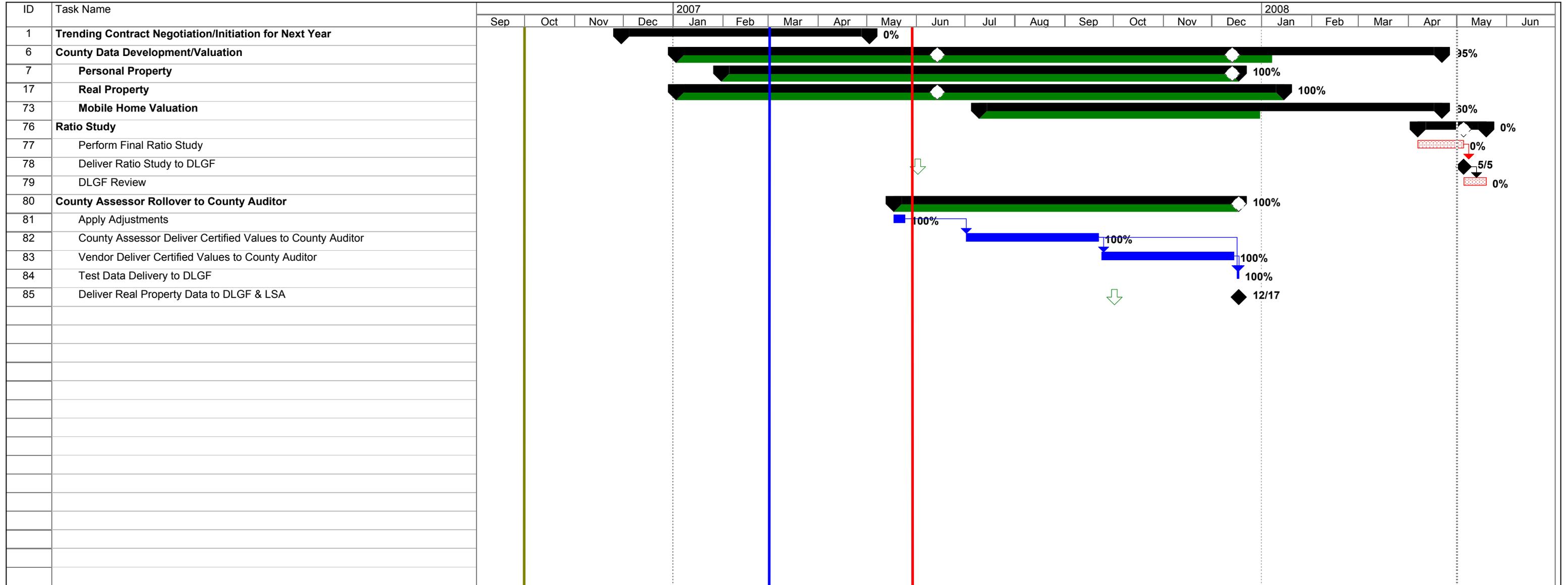
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Compliance Status

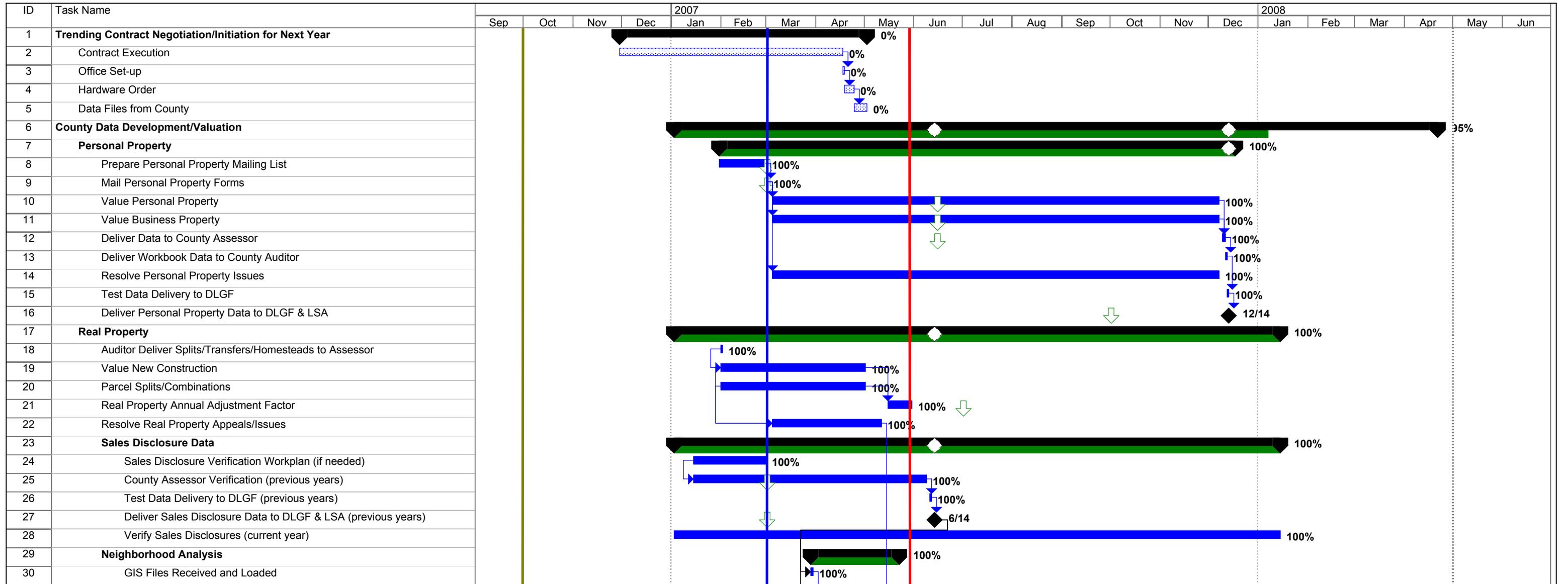
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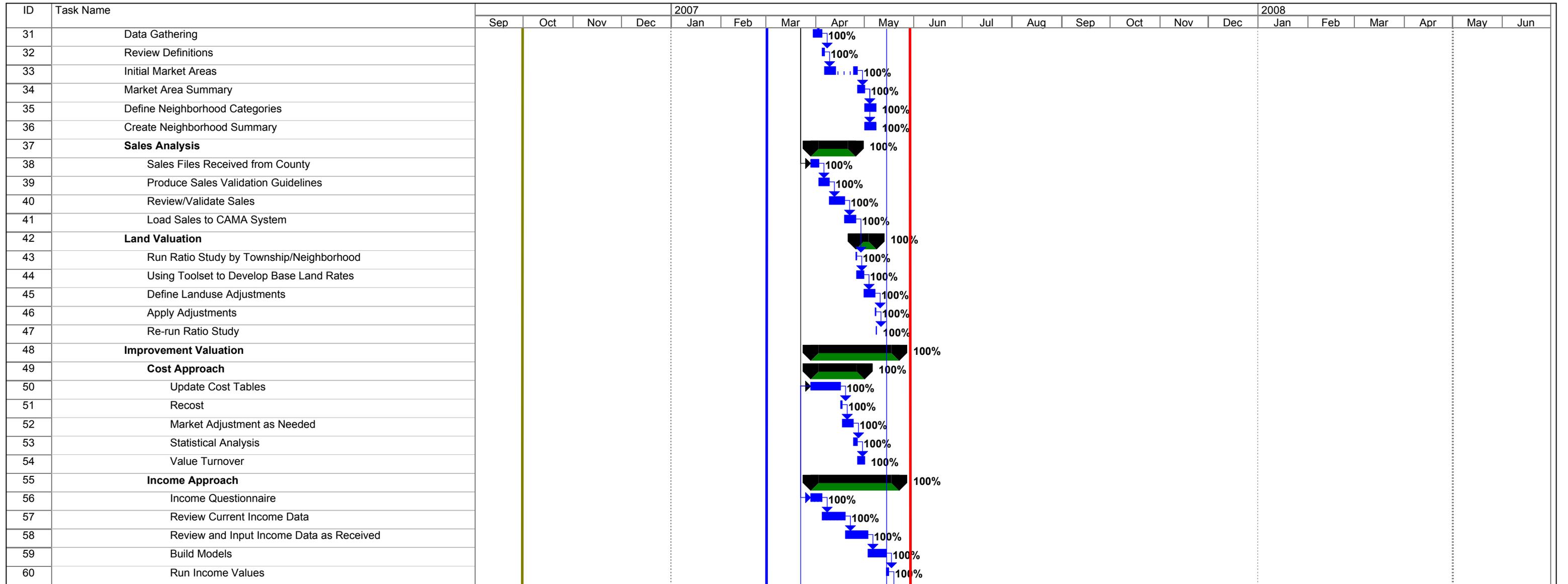
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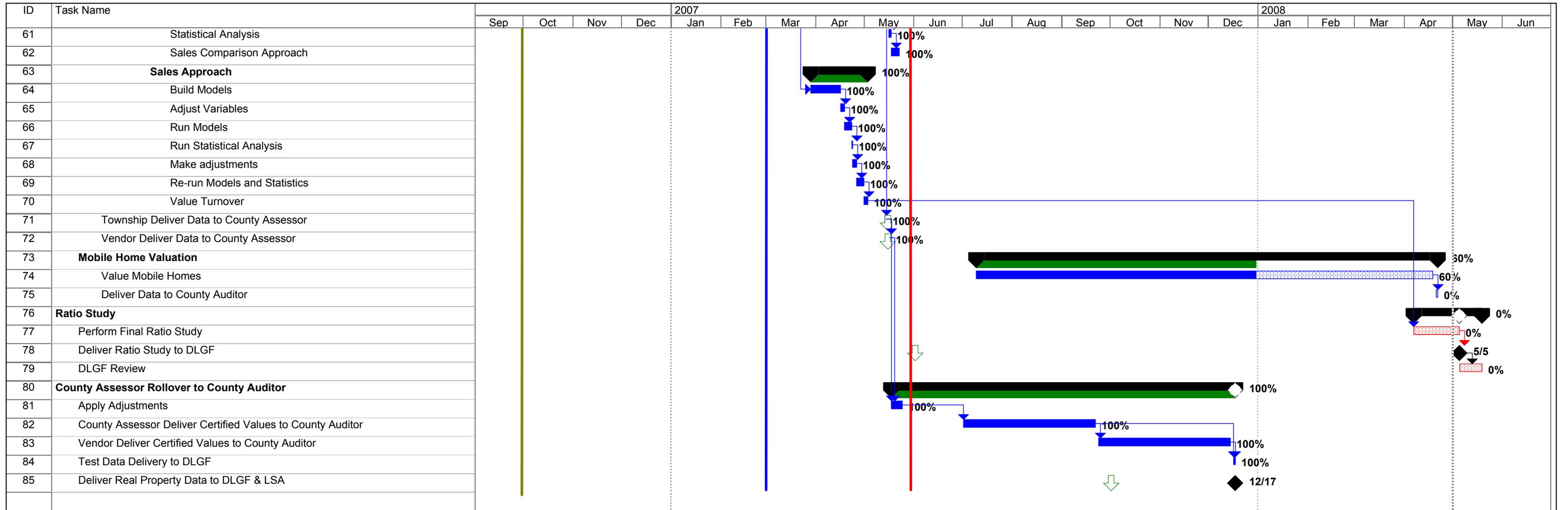
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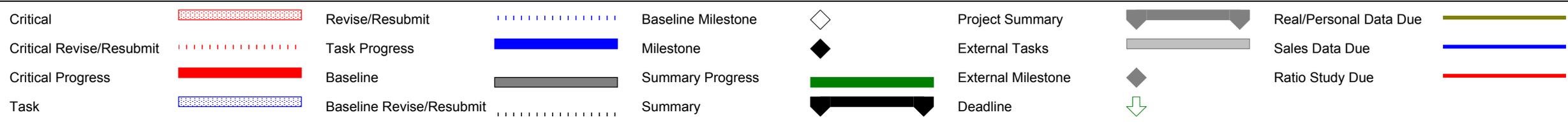
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Date: Thu 5/1/08



Note: Revise/Resubmit denotes data exchange between County and/or State