

## Washington County Reassessment Contractor has local ties

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Data collectors are currently gathering information about new construction in Washington County. This fulfills the state requirement that counties update their parcel inventory on an annual basis, including new construction, as of March 1. The county has contracted with Tyler Technologies' CLT Division to perform data collection on new construction as well as the upcoming general reassessment.

"While the CLT Division office is located in Dayton, Ohio, data collectors are hired local," explains Washington County Assessor Jason Cockerill. "They're very familiar with the area."

Data Collector Lekisha Loveday has lived in Washington County for 16 years. She is working on her Level II certification and will be done by the end of the year. Level II Certified Indiana Appraiser Lane Freiburger has lived in the county for 13 years.

When all information has been gathered on new construction, project personnel will begin preparing for the 2011 general reassessment. During this phase, locally hired data collectors will be reviewing information about each property to confirm the accuracy of the assessor's existing property record.

The Assessor's Office and all project staff have the utmost respect for the taxpayers' property and their safety. Data collectors must show their photo identification badge to residents. Each data collector has submitted personal and vehicle information that is listed with local law enforcement, the county assessor's office, and the CLT office. Employees' vehicles will also have a sign indicating that they are part of the Washington County Reassessment Project.

Washington County hired CLT to update new construction and conduct the reassessment to help ensure fairness and equity. CLT employs trained appraisal professional and has been a pioneer in the mass appraisal profession since 1938. Since the start of the 2002 reassessment, CLT has valued over 1.3 million parcels of real property in Indiana.

Cockerill provided the following information on Tyler Technologies, CLT Division:

Tyler's CLT Division, formerly know as Cole Layer Trumble Company has conducted more than 2,500 major projects in 46 state and 23 state capitals. CLT was founded in 1938 and has a long history of conducting property reappraisals.

Based in Dallas, Texas, Tyler Technologies is a leading provider of end-to-end information management solutions and services for local governments. Tyler partners with clients to make local government more efficient. Tyler's client list includes nearly 6,000 local government office throughout all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Untied Kingdom. Forbes Magazine named Tyler one of the "200 Best Small Companies" in America in 2007, ranking #64 on the list.

Some company facts:

Approximately 1200 employees

Approximately 330 employees in CLT Division

More than 50 million parcels valued.