MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL EARNED INCOME TAX OFFICE

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The following is a proposal for the Municipal & School Earned Income Tax Office to be the collector for Northumberland County. Please consider the following when making your final decision:

- 1. We have been the Earned Income Tax Collector for 6 school districts and 48 municipalities over the past 45 years and have always had a good relationship. At the present time, we collect for 29 municipalities and 4 school districts. We collect only earned income tax.
- 2. Our office is centrally located in Northumberland County on the island between Sunbury and Northumberland and is currently open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have two full-time and three part-time employees in addition to myself with a combined total of forty years experience who all live in Northumberland County and know the area well.
- 3. Because our office is physically located within the county we serve, we offer customer service such as completing forms for taxpayers and can provide forms for employers and taxpayers. All questions are answered by our staff, as we do not utilize an automated telephone system and calls are always answered in a timely manner.
- 4. We are a not-for-profit entity, we are able to pass all cost savings onto you as the customer. For example, the interest earned on revenue collected for the last two years was \$112,170.44 which in turn was applied against the cost of operation to give an adjusted cost of operation for the school districts and municipalities this office collects for. Once again, we are not striving for a profit we allocate our expenditures after deducting all interest earned.
- 5. As a non-profit and because of the manner in which our office operates, I cannot provide a locked-in rate for any particular year. I can provide an <u>estimate</u> of what the average rate will be for the next three years..... <u>2.28 percent</u> and the next five years...... <u>2.38 percent</u>. This rate is based upon our projected cost of operations for the next three and five years and <u>estimated</u> revenue collected using the 2008 DCED figures for the Mount Carmel and Shamokin School Districts and their municipalities. Actual numbers for revenue collected in 2009 were used for the Milton, Shikellamy, Warrior Run and Line Mountain School Districts and their municipalities.

For your information, here are the actual rates over the last 10 years for the school districts and municipalities we serve...... 1.5, percent, 1.6 percent, 2.2 percent, 2.3 percent, 1.9 percent, 1.2 percent, 1.2 percent, 1.9 percent and 2.0 percent.

6. The cost of the system upgrade for the Act 32 changes would be \$99,300. See attached page. This system was established by two not-for-profit tax bureaus and can only be used by a not-for-profit taxing entity. Individuals and employers would be able to file electronically as Act 32 regulations require.

In closing, if our office is not chosen as the collector the first year, it will close and this would mean the loss of jobs for six persons who live and pay taxes in Northumberland County. In addition, if Northumberland County wants to seek proposals in the future, we would not be a competitor at that time. Please carefully consider all these factors when making your decision for the tax collector in Northumberland County.

Sincerely,

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Income Tax Administrator

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Initial Set-up Cost to Upgrade System

Municipality/School District	Weighted Vote	Cost
Herndon Borough	0.18%	\$178.74
Jackson Township	0.48%	\$476.64
Jordan Township	0.38%	\$377.34
Little Mahanoy Township	0.19%	\$188.67
Lower Augusta Township	0.54%	\$536.22
Lower Mahanoy Township	0.84%	\$834.12
Upper Mahanoy Township	0.27%	\$268.11
Washington Township	0.33%	\$327.69
West Cameron Township	0.26%	\$258.18
Zerbe Township	0.91%	\$903.63
East Chillisquaque Township	0.36%	\$357.48
Milton Borough	3.08%	\$3,058.44
Turbot Township	0.97%	\$963.21
West Chillisquaque Township	1.39%	\$1,380.27
White Deer Township	2.22%	\$2,204.46
Centralia Borough	0.01%	\$9.93
Kulpmont Borough	1.38%	\$1,370.34
Marion Heights Borough	0.33%	\$327.69
Mt Carmel Borough	2.80%	\$2,780.40
Mt Carmel Township	1.32%	\$1,310.76
Coal Township	4.39%	\$4,359.27
East Cameron Township	0.28%	\$278.04
Shamokin City	3.34%	\$3,316.62
Shamokin Township	1.27%	\$1,261.11
Northumberland Borough	1.99%	\$1,976.07
Point Township	2.02%	\$2,005.86
Rockefeller Township	1.27%	\$1,261.11
Snydertown Borough	0.18%	\$178.74
Sunbury City	4.74%	\$4,706.82
Upper Augusta Township	1.42%	\$1,410.06
Anthony Township	0.69%	\$685.17
Limestone Township	0.51%	\$506.43
Delaware Township	2.20%	\$2,184.60
Lewis Township	0.97%	\$963.21
McEwensville Borough	0.16%	\$158.88
Turbotville Borough	0.37%	\$367.41
Watsontown Borough	1.16%	\$1,151.88
Gregg Township	1.40%	\$1,390.20
Line Mountain School District	4.32%	\$4,289.76
Milton Area School District	14.94%	\$14,835.42
Mount Carmel School District	5.63%	\$5,590.59
Shamokin Area School District	9.15%	\$9,085.95
Shikellamy School District	11.71%	\$11,628.03
Warrior Run School District	7.65%	\$7,596.45
Total Cost	100.00%	\$99,300.00