

## **Interlocal Agreement and Designated Assessor Contract Checklist**

This Interlocal Agreement and Designated Assessor Contract Checklist is provided to serve as a guide to assist counties in complying with the requirements found in the General Property Tax Act of 1893, as amended by Public Act 660 of 2018, and State Tax Commission guidance. The items below are illustrative of the information the State Commission will review and consider in approving a Designated Assessor. These items should not be considered an exhaustive list.

### **Background Information**

- Name of the county and proposed Designated Assessor
- Identification of all the assessing districts within the county
- Current SEV County totals by class, including special act values
- Total number of parcels, by classification, including special act rolls, within each local unit
- List of any unique, complex or high value properties within the County
- Length of the agreement
- Agreement effective date
- Place of performance of duties
- Signature of the Designated Assessor, the majority of County Board of Commissioners, and a majority of Township Supervisor or City Manager within the county

### **Qualifications of Proposed Designated Assessor**

- Current assessor certification level and number
- Identification of current employment status and specific assessing or equalization responsibilities
- Description of prior local unit assessing experience of the proposed Designated Assessor
- Conflict of interest disclosures

### **Scope of Services Provided by Designated Assessor**

- Preparation of assessment rolls – satisfaction of Supervising Preparation of Assessment Roll
- Plan to correct deficiencies found in audit - timeline for delivery of documents and execution of forms
- Attendance at Boards of Review meetings
- Duties and responsibilities related to property tax appeals, both Small Claims and Entire Tribunal, appeals filed with the Michigan Tax Tribunal
- Reporting requirements and responsibility to meet with local unit officials
- Any and all obligations of local unit assessing staff members
- Responsibilities of Designated Assessor during the period in which they are not acting as an assessor of record for an assessing district within the county
- Requirement to remain certified and in good-standing
- Non-exclusivity of assessing services, if applicable

### **Duties and Responsibilities for Local Unit Contracting with Designated Assessor**

- Providing the Designated Assessor with reasonable access to records, documents, databases and information
- Advise Designated Assessor of any applicable policies and procedures including technology, equipment, facility, etc.

### **Cost and Compensation for Designated Assessor**

- Payment terms and fee structure (i.e., payor, timeline for payment or payments, reimbursement terms if the county pays the retainer upfront, hourly rate, dollar/parcel, amount/assessed value)
- Payment responsibility (i.e., county or assessing district) for when Designated Assessor acting as assessor of record
- Retainer or base rate information, if applicable
- Payment in the event of death or disability of the proposed Designated Assessor
- Cost reimbursement for when the Designated Assessor is acting as assessor of record
- Identification of payment of certain costs including appraisal, expert witness or attorney fees related to MTT appeals, and employing additional assessing staff to bring assessing unit into compliance