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January 22, 2015

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NEW YORK — [Property tax relief on the way?](#)

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NEW JERSEY — [Morristown sues medical center over property tax exemption](#)

WISCONSIN — [Veterans, surviving spouses might be eligible for property tax credit](#)

MAINE — [Property tax proposed for even mid-size nonprofits in Maine](#)

BRITISH COLUMBIA — [Canadian communities study tax impact of proposed LNG facilities](#)

ILLINOIS — [TurboAppeal aims to take the turbulence out of property tax appeals](#)

FLORIDA — [Bad blood over property taxes \(OpEd\)](#)

TEXAS — [Property Tax Post: How will plummeting oil prices impact property taxes? \(blog\)](#)

ONTARIO — [OFA concerned about farm land taxation](#)

ARIZONA — [Vetoed Arizona church tax bill returns to Legislature](#)

MINNESOTA — [Transparency issue raised about GOP led meetings on property taxes](#)

NEBRASKA — [Legislator suggests legalizing poker to offset property tax hikes](#)

ALASKA — [Anchorage budget commission recommends ending some property tax exemptions](#)

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LATEST & GREATEST



Research Grants Available

The Academic Partnership Program invites applications for research grants from students and faculty of accredited colleges/universities. The APP's goal is to encourage and financially support research on the property tax. Benefits to faculty and students include:

- Funding for 1 year of \$2,500 to \$5,000.
- Free IAAO membership with the award.
- Published article in the JPTAA
- Opportunity to present at an IAAO professional conference.
- Facilitated access to assessment data.

Research grants are available for students and faculty for the 2015-16 academic year. Application deadline is February 15, 2015.

Please review the application guidelines and cover sheet on our [web site](#) and distribute these to students and/or faculty who might have an interest.

[Student Application](#)
[Faculty Application](#)

AROUND THE CORNER



[Animating Your Vision Webinar](#)

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015
12:00–2:00 pm CST**

Changing the culture of an office can be one of the most challenging tasks an organization will ever face. This presentation will guide participants through a new administration's first year in office and demonstrate how it brought its vision to life through a comprehensive strategic planning process, employee morale initiatives, and technological innovations. **Note: Two (2) CEUs will be given for this webinar.**



19th Annual GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference

**March 2-5, 2015
Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel
Oklahoma City, OK**

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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Free Journal Covering Property Tax and K-12 Education

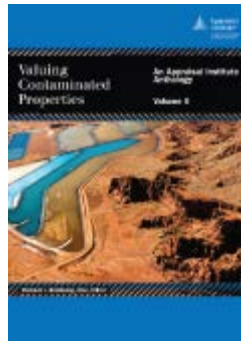
A special issue of the journal *Education Finance and Policy*, devoted to new research on the property tax and the financing of K-12 Education, is now available. Thanks to funding from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, anyone can download, without charge, the eight articles in the Fall 2014 issue of the journal from the Association of Education Finance and Policy [website](#).



IAAO 2015

Call for Presentations

IAAO is now accepting educational session presentation submissions for the 2015 Annual Conference, to be held in Indianapolis **September 13–16**. Potential presentations must be submitted by **Monday, January 26, 2015, 5:00 pm CST**. To view the submission guidelines and submission form, please visit IAAO.org and click on the 2015 Conference Call for Presentations link, under What's New. You will be notified by **March 20, 2015** on the status of your submission. For questions, contact Leann Ritter via email or by phone at 816-701-8161.



New Professional Resource

Valuing Contaminated Properties: An Appraisal Institute Anthology, Volume II
Appraisal Institute/ 2014
Richard J. Roddewig

Includes significant articles, seminar material, and professional guidelines on the topic published since 2002, when the first volume of the series was released.

Books can be borrowed for a three-week loan period (members only). [E-mail](mailto:email) the library for more information or to borrow this book.

[Appraisal Institute Members Contribute to Landmark Solar Valuation Study](#)

International Property Tax Conference - Sustainable Strategies for Local Revenue Mobilization: Public and Private Sector Perspective

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the International Property Tax Institute (IPTI), in partnership with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, are pleased to present this event.

This event is being held on **March 25-26, 2015, in Brasilia, Brazil**. The conference will be in English with simultaneous translation in Portuguese.

For more details please see our brochure [here](#). Please register [here](#).

The next public meeting of the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) is approaching. Please take the time to [register](#) for this meeting if you plan to attend.

Date/Time:
Friday, February 6, 2015
9:00 am–12:00 pm

Location:
Le Pavillon Hotel
833 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

On December 16, 2014 the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) issued the [Fourth Exposure Draft of Proposed Changes to the 2016-17 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice \(USPAP\)](#). Written comments are due by February 2, 2015, and verbal comments will also be accepted at this public meeting.



Fannie Mae to Introduce Collateral Underwriter™

[Collateral Underwriter \(CU\)™](#) is a proprietary model-driven tool developed by Fannie Mae that provides an automated appraisal risk

Looking for more online news and information?

Check out the digital edition of *Fair & Equitable* magazine!



AROUND THE WORLD

SCOTLAND — [Scottish government revises property tax after UK stamp duty changes](#)

GREECE — [An election that hinges on a property tax](#)

IRELAND — [200,000 yet to pay property tax](#)

EL SALVADOR — [El Salvador needs ambitious fiscal reform, says IMF](#)

SAUDI ARABIA — [Saudi housing minister says aiming to tax undeveloped land](#)

INDONESIA — [Indonesia scraps land tax to encourage oil and gas exploration](#)

AUSTRALIA — [Council rates capped from mid-2016](#)

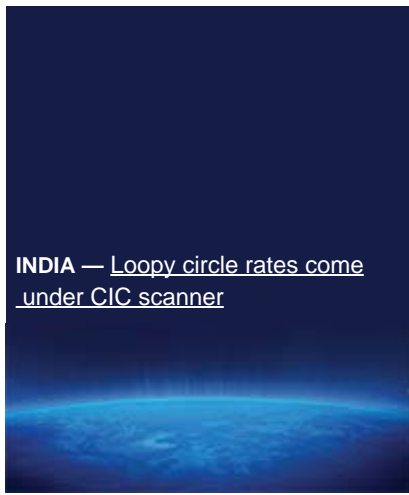
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO — [Land tax may come back](#)

SINGAPORE — [Decline in value and tax on Singapore homes](#)

UKRAINE — [Ukraine imposed tax on property](#)

MALTA — [Property tax to have an adverse effect on market: Malta Chamber](#)

UNITED KINGDOM — [Authorities set to defy Government on Council tax rates](#)



INDIA — [Loopy circle rates come under CIC scanner](#)

PROUD PARTNERS

[The GIS Guide for Elected Officials](#)

A new Esri-ICMA publication helps executives and elected officials learn how GIS technology is being used by governments across North America.

[New Appraisal Institute Book Addresses Latest Methods for Valuing Contaminated Properties](#)

Blue Marble is pleased to announce the release of [Global Mapper version 16.0](#). This update to Blue Marble's popular desktop GIS software offers many new and improved features and functions. This major release includes many significant updates and new tools for working with 3D data. This release also features dramatically improved processing speeds, new graphing/charting tools and many LiDAR enhancements and of course, many new formats. If you would like to download this version it is available here for [download](#).



Have questions?
Find the answers on AssessorNET!



2015 Membership Dues

Thanks to those who have paid their 2015 IAAO Membership dues. A second membership dues invoice was recently sent to those who have not paid their membership dues. If you need another invoice, please [email](#) Shaun York, Membership Data Coordinator.

Need Help with Membership Dues?



Check out the Membership Renewal Assistance Grant (formerly the Hardship Grant). Grants are available in the amount of \$100. Click [here](#) to apply.

NEWBIES & NOTABLES



New Members

IAAO would like to welcome all the new members who joined during December. For a list, click [here](#).

assessment to support proactive management of appraisal quality.

The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has issued the following: [December 2014 Q&As](#).

The Appraisal Foundation Seeks Candidates for Vacancies on Board of Trustees

The Appraisal Foundation is searching for qualified candidates to serve on its Board of Trustees (BOT). Completed applications for vacancies on the BOT must be received by **April 1, 2015**. There are four At-Large Trustee seats to be filled. Click [here](#) to download the application packages for the At-Large Trustee vacancies.



The 2014-15 USPAP is now available to IAAO members by clicking [here](#).

The Appraisal Practices Board (APB) of The Appraisal Foundation is seeking valuation professionals for a national talent pool to serve as a resource to the Board. **The recruitment program has been changed from project specific solicitations to a more general call for developing a broad pool of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).** If you are willing to share your expertise, click [here](#) for an application.

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