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PROPERTY APPRAISER
"GREG BROWN"

Honorable Greg Brown
Santa Rosa County Property Appraiser
Post Office Box 606
Milton, Florida 32570-0606

Dear Mr. Brown:

House Bill 5061 requires the Property Appraiser in counties with a population greater than 25,000 to pay the Department of Revenue an amount equal to the cost of providing aerial photographs at least once every three years pursuant to Section 195.002, Florida Statutes. The payment required is equivalent to the direct cost to the Department of obtaining the aerial photographs. The Department of Revenue will continue to coordinate the aerial photography needs and schedules of other local, state and federal agencies to ensure that all counties receive high-quality aerial photographs at the lowest possible cost. In anticipation of House Bill 5061 becoming law, the Department has estimated the cost for your aerial photographs to be \$139,185 for the current three-year cycle.

Your county is scheduled to be flown in the 2009-10 fiscal year. You have the option of paying two-thirds of the estimated cost of your aerial photographs to the Department by April 1, 2009, with the balance due by April 1, 2010. By taking this option, one-third of the estimated cost of your aerial photographs will be included in your budget each fiscal year subsequent to 2008-09. Alternatively, you may pay the entire cost during the year in which your aerial photographs are provided.

We request notification of your payment plans no later than July 1, 2008. Should you choose to budget two-thirds of the estimated cost in the 2008-09 fiscal year, the proper amount will appear in line item code 4952, Aerial Photos, when you receive preliminary approval of your budget request on July 15, 2008. We will provide assistance and support to you throughout the budget process to ensure adequate funds are available in your 2008-09 budget as well as in future years. Per F.S. 195.002, the Department will deposit all payments into the Certification Program Trust Fund.

For questions regarding your budget or notification of payment plans, please contact Jessica West at (850) 922-7986, or e-mail: westje@dor.state.fl.us. For questions about aerial photographs or scheduling, please contact Charles Russell at (850) 922-7956, or e-mail: russellc@dor.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

James McAdams, Director
Property Tax Oversight

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cc: Board of County Commissioners

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