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ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSORS OFFICE TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR NEW ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM.

WHERE: 1300 Perdido Street, 4th floor

WHEN: 8 a.m.

On July 20th, the Orleans Parish Board of Assessors will sign a \$11.9 million contract to collect assessment data on every property in Orleans Parish to be imputed into a new, state of the art, computerized mass appraisal system. CLT, a division of Tyler Technologies, Inc. and the recipient of the contract, is the largest firms that provide appraisal software support for tax assessors around the country.

Data collection will now involve measuring, photographing, and assigning a GPS location for every property in Orleans Parish.

In the past, tax assessors have relied on information provided by property owners, which has made it more difficult for them to have accurate information on every property in Orleans Parish.

This new contract will begin in September of 2007, and end in March of 2010. At the conclusion of the contract, the Orleans Parish Board of Assessors believe that they will have the fundamental data necessary to ensure uniformity in assessments in the future.

The OPBA computerized assessment system will be interactive with the cities building permits system and occupational license system. For more information, contact the Orleans Parish Board of Assessors office.