



SALT: Property Tax Services

Property Tax Outsourcing

Companies have been outsourcing a variety of internal services for years: security, catering, shipping, printing and other services related to corporate infrastructure. Many companies are now finding it is advantageous to outsource corporate financial activities, such as the preparation and filing of their property taxes returns.

Why outsource your company's property taxes?

Outsourcing is More Cost Effective

While your company may employ one in-house tax or accounting expert, an outside service provider can offer a widespread – often national - network of resources. They have access to new, automated property tax compliance systems that make processing returns fast and efficient (and allow companies to better track assets).

While outsourcing still requires someone from the company to manage this often sophisticated business relationship, it can result in better service and greater resources.

It is a Better Use of Your Resources

Property tax returns are subject to an endless array of filing deadlines. In the months from January through June there are state, county, and city-level deadlines. Hiring property tax experts to prepare and file your returns frees up your company's staff to focus on the essentials: making your company profitable.

It Assists in Risk Management

Outsourcing also gives companies the peace of mind that another set of eyes is looking at their taxes. They can be confident that they will be in compliance with all city, state and county rules – rules that most companies do not have the time nor the resources to devote to “keeping current.”

It Can Help You Realize Tax Savings

Many companies inadvertently overpay their property taxes. Unless someone discovers the overpayment and files an amended return, the company may be losing out on tax savings that directly affect the bottom line. Property tax experts will look for those savings. They will remove nontaxable items and find ways to reclassify them on your tax returns, which is allowed under property tax law, and does not impact your GAAP balance sheet. These savings, which can be substantial, are also an annuity for the future, providing a benefit year after year.

It Can Streamline Your Entire Tax Process

Using a set of outside experts to prepare your property tax returns also affords your company the opportunity to take advantage of other related services. For example, companies that outsource may also need help with budgeting, as it relates to taxes. The services provider essentially becomes your corporate tax department, offering advice on a variety of inter-related tax matters.

When considering whether or not outsourcing property tax compliance is right for your company, remember that outsourcing has benefits far beyond the obvious efficiencies of resources management. It can minimize your compliance risks and help realize bottom-line tax savings.

Let us be your guide forward



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