

Dear Tax Commissioners and Staff,

For the DRIVES initiative, the Department of Revenue (DOR) sent out a survey to our county partners to find out information regarding the equipment that was being used as well as internet connection speeds. This information was used to create budget appropriation requests for the Georgia legislature to consider. In the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019, appropriations to fund equipment and network connectivity were not included.

Barring any changes, it will be necessary for each county to prepare to fund the equipment and connectivity necessary to access the new DRIVES system. To aid in procuring this equipment, DOR is providing minimum equipment specifications to our county partners.

Additionally, DOR will be conducting a feasibility study on the network connectivity requirements for each county as the requirements may be different on a county-by-county basis. Preliminary connectivity guidelines are being provided for planning purposes.

**Please note:** The specifications that we are communicating are the *minimum* specifications that will be necessary to connect to the new DRIVES system.

For those counties who will be assisting the DRIVES team with testing, equipment needs to be in place by July 31, 2018. All counties need to have equipment in place by September 30, 2018 in order for performance testing to occur.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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