

## *On Local Government*

**Workshop Title:** Local Budgets and Circuit Breakers

**Instructor:** Professor Larry DeBoer, Purdue University, Department of Agricultural Economics

**When:** Thursday, **June 26, 2008** from 1:00 to 3:30 CDT

**Where:** This program will be delivered via 2-way video and can be viewed from multiple locations across the state. The location closest to you is the **Purdue Extension LaPorte County Office at 2358 N. U.S. 25, LaPorte.**

**Who Should Attend:** All individuals involved in county and local government budgeting (county councils and commissioners, mayors and city councils, town boards, school boards, library boards, townships, etc.)

**Cost and Registration:** The workshop is free. To register, contact the County Extension Office by phone at **219-324-9407** or email **kulman@purdue.edu**. Please say you are registering for the "Local Government Finance" program. **Please register by noon, Wednesday, June 25, 2008.**

**Why:** Indiana's new property tax reforms include tighter circuit breakers. These are limits on tax bills, calculated as fixed percentages of assessed value. Taxpayers whose tax bills exceed the circuit breaker limits receive an extra tax credit, which will not be funded by the state. Local governments lose this revenue. And, since the circuit breakers are based on the total tax rate in each tax district, losses are distributed among all local governments. This means the budgets of all local units are interdependent. No one can budget until everyone budgets.

Larry DeBoer will discuss this new challenge for local budgeting. He will review the circuit breaker mechanism, look at which taxpayers are likely to benefit, and which local units are likely to lose revenue. He will look at the many interactions of the circuit breakers with other features of Indiana's local tax and budget process. **And, he will offer a detailed method for calculating potential circuit breaker losses during the budget process.**

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