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OPPAL Available to Help Businesses on Oct. 1

Filing business personal property returns will be easier than ever

MONTGOMERY, Sept. 28, 2016 — Beginning Oct. 1, Alabama businesses will be able to report equipment, tools, machinery and other business personal property through the Optional Personal Property Assessment Link (OPPAL) online system.

OPPAL is an optional, free, reporting-only portal. The electronically filed return will contain all information included in the standard paper tax return. There is no charge to the taxpayer for utilizing this service. The OPPAL Web portal will be available to accept taxpayer information from Oct. 1 of each year until the following Jan. 31.

OPPAL was designed per the requirements of Section 40-7-56, Code of Alabama, 1975, that states the Department of Revenue will develop, maintain and administer an online business personal property tax filing system to allow any taxpayer required to file a business personal property tax return with any county assessing official or applicable agency the ability and option to file the return electronically.

“We are always looking for better and more efficient ways businesses can interact with state and local governments. OPPAL provides that and I’m appreciative for the support of those who helped build it, especially the OPPAL Advisory Council made up of representatives from county governments and the business community,” said Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee.

For more information on OPPAL, visit <http://oppal.alabama.gov/>.

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