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## **THE FUTURE IS NOW**

Come January 2007, we will see a new administration take the reins of government in our great state. Regardless of who wins the coming November election, both political parties have pledged to make property taxes a priority. We have a choice of being proactive or reactive in assisting the future administration in identifying the problems facing our collective profession - we choose to be proactive.

With this in mind, the New York State Assessors' Association, the County Directors' Association and the Office of Real Property Services have joined together to solicit your thoughts, comments and suggestions on how to improve the way we conduct the business of our profession. A series of meetings have been scheduled throughout the state in the coming weeks.

The sessions are designed to gain input from the real property tax administration and information technology communities regarding assessment equity, the information systems arena, as well as thoughts, issues, problems and solutions. Your participation is critical.

In order to initiate any process to further improve the system we need to understand the issues and current practices from a local perspective:

Do we know the roadblocks?

Do we know how we can best facilitate improved equity?

Can we implement policies that will get us there?

Do we know what is working and why?

Can we build on existing good practices?

Location	Date	RSVP	Phone
Ray Brook	Nov 6	Robin Muldoon	(518) 891-1780
Syracuse	Nov 13	Corinne Duck	(315) 471-2347
Hauppauge	Nov 14	Kate Drennen	(845) 567-2648
Batavia	Nov 15	Peggy Sacheli	(585) 343-6329
Saratoga	Nov 16	Lori Houseknecht	(518) 486-4403
Newburgh	Nov 21	Kate Drennen	(845) 567-2648

This is your chance to be heard. If you can't attend one of these meetings, please take the time to fill out the questionnaires, as soon as possible, available on the ORPS website at:

<http://www.orps.state.ny.us/rpta/rptEquityOutreach.cfm>

You can be part of the problem or part of the solution.