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Programming Areas

- General topics of local governance
- Local government finance and budgeting
- Topics of current interest (see Current Issues WisLine series at the LGC website)

Audience and Partners

- Local government officials and their associations (Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Towns Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities)
- County UWEX educators
- Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service
- Other state agencies (Department of Administration, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Department of Natural Resources)
- Nonprofit associations (i.e., Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance)

Team Membership

- CNRED Support Team for State Specialists
- Local Government – Local Government & Finance

Educational Resources

Publications

- 2007, "Frequently Asked Questions About Fire Departments," Kate Lawton for 2007 Town Official Workshops.

- 2007, "The Annual Town Budget" and "Statutory Requirements for Municipal Budgets," by Kate Lawton.
- 2006, "Property Tax Within State and Local Finance," by Kate Lawton.
- 2005, "Property Tax Timeline," by Kate Lawton and Sonia Dubielzig.
- 2005, "Property Tax Base," "Property Tax Rate," "Equalized Value," and "Assessed Value," by Kate Lawton.

Workshops, Wislines and Other Programs

- Annual Fall Budget and Finance workshops for town and village officials.
- New Officials Spring Workshops (town officials in odd-numbered years and county officials in even-numbered years).
- Current Issues Affecting Local Government Officials WisLine annual series (includes certified training for board of review members).
- Specific presentations to local government officials with county faculty and at local government conferences.

Online Tools

- "Conducting the Annual Board of Review" online program. Participants must register and pay for the program.
- All programs from the Current Issues WisLine series are audio-streamed and available online.
- GREAT (Graphing Revenues, Expenditures and Taxes) software.

Research and Outreach

- I am currently working with county faculty and campus specialists on a basic education program on rural community and economic development, further development of the GREAT software education programs, and various basic financial resources.