

## **Birmingham Business License Ordinance Update**

Below you will find information regarding the Birmingham Business License Ordinance. Please make sure you share this information with your accounting department.

- A group of contractors did receive a letter yesterday regarding the ordinance and how the City of Birmingham would implement the ordinance as of January 1, 2016. This ordinance in the words of the Finance Director of the City of Birmingham was sent by error. The remainder of the letters that were schedule to go out the rest of the week will not be mailed out.
- The City of Birmingham is developing their letter of interpretation regarding the ordinance today. This letter will clearly define their definition of gross receipts, applicable deductions, etc. The city plans to share that draft letter with the coalition of contractors that is working to resolve our concern.
- We will also have an internal workshop with the city early next week and perform a self-audit sample of 5 contractors and based on this ordinance what their applicable tax would be.

The above two action items will then give us a clear definition of the measurable impact the ordinance will have on contractors working and/or domiciled in the city. Having this data will then allow the coalition and each board of directors represented within the coalition to develop our next step.

As a member, you can expect a coalition update by the end of next week. In the meantime, please continue to direct any questions you have to [jay@abc-alabama.org](mailto:jay@abc-alabama.org).