



# RTS News – April 2005

*A digest of information about the Registration and Title System, published for county tax offices*

## POSSP Implementation Nears Completion

Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP) implementation continues to move forward smoothly. There are only 25 counties remaining to be implemented, and we expect those to be completed within the next few weeks.

**Williamson County Pilot:** Williamson County is piloting the full POSSP system which supports transactions at the tax office, authorized subcontractors and auto dealerships. Statewide distribution will begin this month.

**Lessons Learned:** We are responding to feedback from the Williamson County pilot, as well as the TACA Liaison Committee, regarding registration grace periods at subcontractor sites. We will distribute a “fix” to accommodate a grace period in RSPS and will include this feature in all future implementations.

**Thank You!** We extend many thanks to the POSSP pilot counties – Bastrop, Caldwell, Harris, McLennan, Angelina and Williamson. We appreciate your willingness to participate and your patience as we identified and responded to issues. Your involvement has helped make the POSSP system a success! Here’s what some of you have shared:

“There were a few bumps on the way, but it turned out beautifully,” said Bill Shanklin, Angelina County tax assessor-collector.

“The new POS stickers are a great improvement,” said Buddy Skeen, McLennan County tax assessor-collector. “They reduce our liability and concerns regarding sticker inventory, speed up processing, and link a sticker to a specific vehicle, helping taxpayers and law enforcement.”

### ***Equipment Replacement and Retention***

The equipment replacement project is moving along on schedule. We will begin distributing the new monitors and printers this summer.

Counties have the option to retain, at no cost, the old monitors and printers. We encourage you to keep the equipment. Counties that choose to keep the equipment have several options. For example, they can continue to use the equipment in their offices for non-RTS functions, or they can donate it to local schools, programs or charities. This may be a great way to support your community!

TxDOT’s General Services Division (GSD) will send a Certificate of Acquisition Form and an equipment list along with instructions for retaining the equipment. Counties should return the forms to GSD by April 30.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office.

### ***IVTRS Update***

We are pleased to welcome Comal County and Stephens County to IVTRS. We now have 104 participating counties! March Internet renewals totaled 60,073, close to a 12 percent increase over February’s total. Please contact your regional office to enroll.

### ***Good Luck, Diana!***

Diana Caskey, a systems analyst, retired in March after 21 years with TxDOT VTR. Her new calling will take her to Africa where she will minister and teach. We wish Diana the best in her retirement.