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Dear Fellow Appraiser(s),

Are you ready for IDFPR APPROVED FREE CE classes including the “2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP” to assist in renewing your appraisal license for September 30, 2027? We have them for you! We are offering these to you for... FREE. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. You must purchase your USPAP 2026-27 books direct from The Appraisal Foundation Store [Store – The Appraisal Foundation](#) Other than this requirement for you to buy your physical books in advance and have them with you, there is no other pre-requisite. The 3 books **purchased by you in advance** (one you should already have) are mandatory to receive credit.

These classes are open and are offered to you for FREE. Why are we doing these for FREE? All of our staff Appraisers must take USPAP and this is a great opportunity for you to meet with your peers. We also want to expose Illinois Appraisers to Eminent Domain and Appraisal Issues and Income Property Valuation Techniques that we previously offered this past summer, again in April. This will also provide a conduit of information to both our existing appraisers and potential new appraisers about our policies and procedures. There will be significant information that will be of benefit to all appraisers and will provide insight into Eminent Domain. If you took the Eminent domain and Appraisal Issues and Income Property Valuation Techniques during the summer of 2025, you are eligible to take them again and you will be able to receive credit for the same classes in a new license renewal period. You do NOT have to be an appraiser to attend these classes. Anyone is welcome to register and attend. Purchasing the USPAP books is only required for Appraisers that need to take USPAP as a requirement for their Appraisal License. If you are not an appraiser, you do not have to purchase the USPAP books, although it is still recommended for you to best be able to follow along for the USPAP class.

We are offering [2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP](#) which is approved by IDFPR for 7 Hours Continuing Education for Appraisers, [EMINENT DOMAIN AND APPRAISAL ISSUES](#) which is approved by IDFPR for 5 Hours Continuing Education for Appraisers and [Income Property Valuation Techniques](#) which is approved by IDFPR for 4 Hours Continuing Education for Appraisers.

The current scheduled dates and locations for 2026 are as follows

2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP

Registration Link [2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP](#)

2 locations (3 different dates)

Date: Wednesday February 4th or 18th, 2026 Location: IDOT, DISTRICT 1, 201 W Center Ct, Schaumburg, IL 60196

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Location: Lower level (basement) auditorium Illinois Department of Transportation 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764

EMINENT DOMAIN AND APPRAISAL ISSUES and Income Property Valuation Techniques

Registration Link [EMINENT DOMAIN AND APPRAISAL ISSUES and Income Property Valuation Techniques](#)

1 Location

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 Location: IDOT, DISTRICT 1, 201 W Center Ct, Schaumburg, IL 60196

If you have any questions, please let me know.

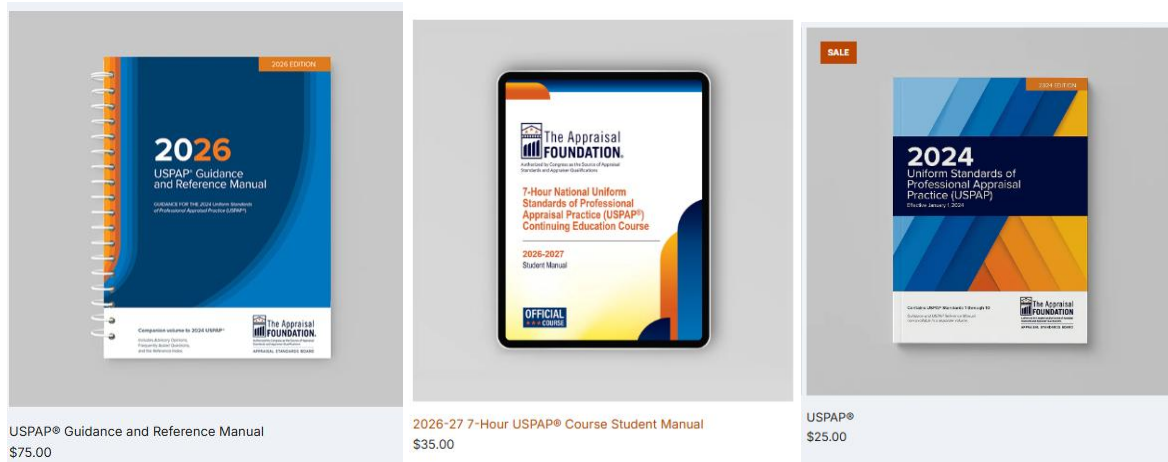
The following is the rest of the very important information that you need to know.

CLASS MATERIALS: If we have time you may wish to follow along with the use of an HP12C calculator for the Income Property Valuation Techniques Class. For the USPAP class it is mandatory for you to bring (3 books) your 2024 USPAP you should already have AND the 2 new 2026-27 USPAP Books that are shown below. If you don't have ALL 3 books required, you will be able to stay, but you will NOT receive credit toward renewing Appraisal License. The USPAP class is the mandatory class we take every 2 years required for maintaining your Appraisal license. This is The Appraisal Foundation's class which must be taken to renew your license in Illinois by September 30, 2027. The new 2026-27 7-hour National USPAP class is licensed through IDFPF as of 10/09/2025 through 12/31/2026. We have not applied for credit in any other state. I advise you to purchase the USPAP books well in advance, read them and be prepared for discussion. We will have significant case studies.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE YOUR USPAP BOOKS IN ADVANCE

- **2026 USPAP Guidance and Reference Manual = \$75.00.** USPAP has not changed, but this manual did change.
- **2026-27 7-Hour USPAP Course Student Manual = \$35.00**
- **2024 USPAP – this book you should already have, and you MUST also bring with, if you misplaced it, you must buy a new one, last I checked it was on sale for \$25.00.**

[Store – The Appraisal Foundation](#)



Lunch and snacks will NOT be provided. It is suggested that you brown bag your lunch, there is a cafeteria across the hall and local restaurants on Dirksen Parkway.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Please use the link contained in this e-mail, no later than 7 days prior to your class date. Once each class fills up, your ability to register will not be available. Please register as early as possible.

FEES Classroom Classes -0- Free. There is no charge for this offering, there is 7-hours for USPAP and for Eminent Domain and Appraisal Issues along with Income Property Valuation Techniques 9 hours Appraisal Continuing Education Credit. All three classes are currently licensed by IDFPR, through 12/31/2026.

SUMMARY OF SALIENT FACTS for each class and site (Schaumburg and Springfield)

REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM **(Please have copies of your license(s) and Government issued Picture ID – Driver's License, REAL ID or Passport, plus appraisal license pocket ID card.**

CLASS SCHEDULES: **2026-27 7 Hour National USPAP** Class begins at 8:00 a.m.

Lunch 12 Noon to 1 p.m.

USPAP will go till at least 3:30 p.m., possibly 4 p.m.

Eminent Domain and Appraisal Issues 5-hr CE 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch 12:30 to 1:30

Income Property Valuation Techniques 4-hr CE 1:30 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.

LUNCH & SNACKS: NOT INCLUDED.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEMINAR

Check your certificates for any spelling errors, license number errors, etc...BEFORE YOU LEAVE if possible.

For questions: call Don Martin at Cell: (217)-720-9575 or email Donald.Martin@Illinois.gov

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

See next page for registration links or QR codes

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK(S) TO REGISTER

YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER YOUR NAME AND PROFESSIONAL
LICENSE NUMBER **EXACTLY** LIKE IT IS ON YOUR LICENSE.

2026-27 7 Hour National USPAP

Click this link to enroll: [2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP](#)

or scan this QR Code to enroll:



EMINENT DOMAIN AND APPRAISAL ISSUES and Income Property Valuation Techniques

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Waiver: Some venues require a waiver for Covid, therefore, registrants accept all Covid risk and other risks and hold harmless the venue, IDOT and IDOT instructors.

I am looking forward to seeing you at these continuing education seminars. You are important. What you do is important. Do good work. Do your best work, every day on every assignment---you will be glad you did.

USPAP Overview

from The Appraisal Foundations Website

“The *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP®) is the generally recognized ethical and performance standards for the appraisal profession in the United States.

In 1987, the Ad Hoc Committee of appraiser membership organizations established The Appraisal Foundation® (Foundation) to implement USPAP® as the generally accepted set of appraisal standards in the United States. These organizations recognized the importance of ensuring that appraisals are based upon established, recognized standards. USPAP® was then authorized by Congress in 1989. It contains standards for appraisal disciplines, including real estate, personal property, business valuation, and mass appraisal. Compliance with USPAP® is required for state-licensed and state-certified appraisers who perform appraisals for federally-related real estate transactions.

The USPAP® standards related to real property development, reporting, and appraisal review, known collectively as Standards 1-4, are referenced by federal financial institution regulatory agencies when implementing Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (FIRREA). View Standards 1-4 [here](#).”

The 2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP COURSE is the 7-Hour from The Appraisal Foundation which will be taught by an AQB Certified USPAP Instructor. Donald J Martin is currently specifically certified to teach this class. Credit will only be given for 100% attendance, and the required books must be purchased [Store – The Appraisal Foundation](#) in ADVANCE and brought with to this class. If the student arrives without the required books, they may stay but will not receive credit.

EMINENT DOMAIN AND APPRAISAL ISSUES

The Eminent Domain and Appraisal Issues CE Class is approved by IDFP for 5 Hours. This presentation will include discussion about revisions in IDOT’s LAPP (Land Acquisition Policies and Procedures Manual) due to changes in 49 CFR Part 24 that occurred during 2024 and require implementation during 2025. The revision occurring provide an opportune time to implement changes in terminology and procedures from the FHWA, USPAP and State law. We will discuss how IDOT is implementing these changes to provide a more credible opinion of fair market value. Simple math errors and incorrect use of terminology impact credibility. Advanced eminent domain concepts will be reviewed. Continuing education to increase competency levels should be the norm in keeping with USPAP’s Competency provision. This class is designed for appraisers, review

appraisers, waiver valuers, as well as those with oversight capacity and others interested in changes impacting DOT policies and procedures manuals and corresponding templates.

Income Property Valuation Techniques

The Income Property Valuation Techniques CE Class is approved by IDFPR for 4 Hours. This presentation will include discussion of required reporting practices from LAPPM, FHWA, USPAP and State Law, as well as some elements of best practices. Included will be a discussion of different lease types, property history, sales and transfer history, overall cap rate, how to find an overall cap rate, return on vs. return of, NOI and the Mortgage Equity Technique, Cost Approach, Calculator Utilization, Fee simple, Leased Fee, Lease Hold, Substitution, Client Confidentiality, Appraisal Report VS Restricted Appraisal Report, Fees, and Certification Requirements. Both basic and some advanced techniques will be discussed. The HP12C calculator is suggested for use in this class as well as some familiarity with its use. This class is designed for appraisers, review appraisers, waiver valuers, as well as those with oversight capacity and others interested in Income Property Valuation Techniques

Donald J Martin, SCRIP, RAA, GAA, CDEI, AQB Certified USPAP Instructor, Certified General Real Estate Appraiser and Managing Broker. Don brings 48 years of experience to his current position as the Appraisal Unit Chief for the Illinois Department of Transportation. He is an instructor, course developer and published author on many appraisal topics over the last 3 decades and is currently developing classes and training for IDOT's staff and consultants.

All three classes are live and in CLASSROOM only.

Note: All students seeking credit must provide 1 of 3 State Issued Driver's License or Real ID or U.S. Passport AND Appraisal pocket ID CARD. Each class will have two 10-minute breaks, there is 1 hour for lunch between the classes. Lunch and refreshments are not included and is suggested students' brown bag their lunch, 100% attendance is mandatory to obtain credit for each class. An HP12C calculator and familiarity with is suggested for the afternoon class.

*Those seeking licensing credit, IDFPR has approved and licensed 7 hours for USPAP [2026-27 7 HOUR NATIONAL USPAP](#) a mandatory class for all appraisers this is an all-day class and 5 hours for the morning class on Eminent Domain and Appraisal Issues and 4 hours for the afternoon class on Income Property Valuation Techniques, as appraisal elective credit, for a total of 9 hour [EMINENT DOMAIN AND APPRAISAL ISSUES and Income Property Valuation Techniques](#) s. Provide your full name, license type, and license number **exactly** as it appears on your Illinois appraiser license, along with your address, e-mail and contact phone numbers. While there is no registration fee for these classes, these classes will likely be full and those that are not registered may not be allowed to attend.*

Questions? Donald.Martin@Illinois.Gov or (217)-720-9575. Registration by using the link contained in this e-mail.