MERIDIAN TOURISM RESEARCH INSTITUTE | 501(c)(3) CREDENTIALS & AP PROFILE

Institutional Credentials, IRS Verification & Research Contracting Profile

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1. Verified Entity, Tax-Exempt & Accounts Payable Profile (W-9 Summary)

Institutional Field	Verified Record (Meridian Tourism Research Institute)
Legal Entity Name	Meridian Tourism Research Institute (Delaware Nonstock Nonprofit Corporation, File #10775601)
IRS Tax-Exempt Status	IRS Section 501(c)(3) Public Charity — IRC 509(a)(1) / 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (IRS Letter 947 dated Oct. 7, 2026; Effective Sept. 28, 2026)
Federal EIN & Fiscal Year	EIN: 42-5324467 | Accounting Period Ending: December 31 | Contribution Deductibility: Yes (IRC Sec. 170)
NAICS / Academic Registries	NAICS 541720 (Research & Development in Social Sciences) | RePEc / EDIRC: RePEc:mtr & RePEc:edi:mtrinus | Harvard Dataverse DOI: 10.7910/DVN/YAQLA1
Philanthropic Directories	Every.org (0% platform fee, DAF/ACH/Card): every.org/meridian-tourism-research-institute | Benevity Cause ID: 840-425324467 | Candid/GuideStar & Goodstack Verified
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Accepted Settlement Rails	Domestic ACH / Fedwire, Institutional Purchase Order (Net 15/30), Check, Donor-Advised Fund (DAF), or Encrypted Online Settlement via Every.org

2. Open-Access Empirical Corpus & Representative Work

All baseline statutory tables, 234 U.S. municipal peer profiles, and open econometric models are freely accessible under CC BY 4.0 without login or paywall. Recent primary-microdata working papers include WP 2026-33 (audited 4-year Texas Comptroller panel of 435 cities collecting $1.056B in FY2025 HOT; DOI 10.5281/zenodo.24488490) and WP 2026-34 (18-year forensic audit and two-way fixed effects elasticity study of all 67 Florida counties; DOI 10.5281/zenodo.24492663).

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