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Galveston Businesses: Review Software's Tax Treatment—and the Workflow Behind It

Federal law restored 100% bonus depreciation for certain qualifying property, including some computer software. Learn what that may—and may not—mean for a software investment, and how SurfLocal can help businesses connect marketing with customer and team workflows.



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For Galveston business owners weighing a software investment, the tax question is only one part of the decision. Consider how a system could help your team manage inquiries and follow-up, and ask a tax professional whether the specific purchase may qualify for federal bonus depreciation.

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A business software investment may have a tax dimension as well as an operational one. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed by President Donald Trump on July 4, 2025, restored permanent 100% bonus depreciation for qualifying property acquired and placed in service after January 19, 2025. Certain computer software may qualify, potentially allowing eligible costs to be deducted in the first year instead of over several years.

That does not mean every software purchase qualifies—or that a deduction is a reimbursement or a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Hosted subscriptions, purchased software, custom development, implementation and marketing services can receive different tax treatment. Eligibility depends on the actual arrangement and circumstances, including business use, acquisition date and when the property is placed in service. State rules may differ from federal rules. Before making a decision, ask your tax professional to review the proposed contract and your specific situation.

The business case for reviewing your systems stands on its own. Missed inquiries, customer details scattered across tools and slow follow-up can make it difficult to turn marketing into a clear next step. A connected workflow can help a team keep track of what came in, who is responsible and what needs to happen next.

For example, in a hypothetical workflow, someone finds a business through a marketing page and sends an inquiry. The inquiry becomes a managed lead, a team member follows up, and relevant relationship history remains available as the conversation develops. That is a practical model, not a claim about a particular customer or guaranteed result.

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SurfLocal Media wants to help businesses move beyond a basic marketing presence toward a professional marketing and business-management system configured around their company. The right conversation starts with your goals: how customers find you, how inquiries move through your business and what your team needs to manage them. Features and applications depend on the system selected; not every feature is included in every package.

Talk with SurfLocal about a system configured around your company's goals, customer workflow and team needs at https://surflocal.us/. Separately, ask your tax professional how a proposed investment should be treated under the law.

Sources: IRS Publication 946, https://www.irs.gov/publications/p946; SurfLocal US, https://surflocal.us/; SurfLocal Pro, https://surflocal.pro/.

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