



After mass staff cuts, GTE could face city auditors in Irving.

Cities show their teeth in dealing for tax breaks

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IRVING — Jim Bridgman is not blind.

The City of Irving's chief tax collector can see that GTE Corp. is not the same company it was five years ago, when government incentives brought a major consolidation here.

Thousands of jobs have been trimmed from GTE's payroll, and more cuts are coming. At City Hall, officials are beginning to wonder if Irving is getting its money's worth.

GTE has been asked to prove it still deserves tax breaks that are saving the company \$1.5 million a year.

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