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Office of the Utah State Auditor Launches Online Training Series for Local Government Finance Professionals

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The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) today announced that it has launched a series of online training webinars for finance professionals working at local government entities such as cities and counties.

With the launch of this series, the Office continues its efforts to use technology to help accomplish the mission of the Office, ensuring the timeliness and accessibility of crucial information, while enhancing transparency and reducing costs.

The goal of this series is to deliver key information for local government finance professionals in a timely manner, ensuring these professionals have clarity on new and updated statutes and the guidelines that they are required to follow in managing the finances of their entity. In addition, because each person who needs the latest information on these topics can access it from their own computer, the series dramatically increases the availability of this key information to all local government professionals. By reducing the travel of local government personnel, as well as of Office personnel, this training series helps to reduce the time demands of training.

As each live webinar series is completed, it is posted <u>online</u> to be available "on demand" for any individuals who were not available for the live sessions, as well as for later review. The schedule for upcoming sessions and recorded webinars are available at the Office's <u>Local Government Training</u> section of <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>. Future sessions will also include topics of interest to local government elected officials and citizens.

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor

Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Utah State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>.

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