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Who Audits the Auditor?

Office of the State Auditor Successfully Completes Peer Review

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government. This includes responsibility for auditing state agencies and ensuring Utah's local government entities are following proper government accounting standards. But who audits the Auditor?

Every 3 years, the Office undergoes an external quality control review, also called a "Peer Review", required by professional auditing standards. In that process, a team of auditors from across the United States comes to Utah to review various audit engagements to ensure the Office complies with professional and government audit standards.

The Office is pleased to announce the successful completion of its most recent Peer Review. Audit Director Jon Johnson explains, "Audit organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. As it has for many years, the Office of the State Auditor received an unmodified report with a peer review rating of pass."

The review was performed by an external review team affiliated with the National State Auditors Association. The Peer Review focused specifically on the Office's audits and system of quality control for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Auditor Dougall said, "The Office continues to be recognized for its long history of quality work and compliance with auditing standards. The successfully completed Peer Review is a reflection of the quality of the work performed by the team within the Office of the State Auditor. We have a tremendously dedicated and professional team who set a high standard among state audit offices."

A copy of the Peer Review report from the National State Auditor's Association can be found on the Office's website at <http://auditor.utah.gov/about-us/external-peer-review/> .

About the Office of the State Auditor

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

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