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Office of the Utah State Auditor announces new training courses designed for elected officials in local governments

New online videos provide rapid overview of fiduciary responsibilities for existing and newly-elected local government officials

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) announces the latest addition to its online training and information resources to assist local governments. The Office launched a set of online training videos specifically designed to help elected and appointed officials of local governmental entities.

The courses provide a high level overview of key concepts related to local government administration and finance in Utah. Newly launched courses, approximately 10 minutes in length each, include:

- Introduction to Budgeting
- Introduction to the Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA)
- Introduction to the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA)
- Separation of Duties Between the Clerk and Treasurer
- Hiring an Independent Auditor

With these new training videos, 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 Office also provides recorded webinars designed to deliver key information for local government finance professionals in a timely manner. By reducing the travel of local government officials, the Office's online training resources help to reduce the time and cost demands of training.

Local officials wishing to take the free courses should visit the elected officials training page on the Office's website at <http://auditor.utah.gov/training/elected-officials-training/>. Members of the public who wish to review the content without enrolling may visit http://auditor.utah.gov/audit_reports/financial-training-courses/.

All training resources for Local Government entities are available at the Office's [Local Government Training](#) section of [auditor.utah.gov](#).

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 four years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see [auditor.utah.gov](#).

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