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**UTAH STATE AUDITOR**

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**Who Audits the Auditor?**

*Office of the Utah State Auditor Successfully Completes Peer Review*

**Salt Lake City, UTAH –**

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. 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 of the Utah State Auditor (Office) undergoes an external quality control review called "Peer Review" that is required by professional auditing standards. In that process, a team of auditors from across the country comes to Utah to review the processes and quality control systems of the Office to ensure that they comply with professional and government audit standards.

The Office is pleased to announce that the most recent Peer Review has been successfully completed. Audit Director Jon Johnson explains, "Audit organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. The Office of the Utah State Auditor received an unmodified report with a peer review rating of pass."

The review was performed by an external review team from the National State Auditor's Association. The Peer Review covered the Office's system of quality control for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, covering most of the recent tenure of State Auditor John Dougall. Mr. Dougall said, "The successfully completed Peer Review is a reflection of the quality of the team at the Office of the Utah 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 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 & 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. Additional Information at [Auditor.Utah.gov](http://Auditor.Utah.gov).

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