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**Office of the State Auditor Releases
Limited Review of State
Emergency Procurements and Emergency Response**

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today released its Limited Review of State Emergency Procurements and Emergency Response. The Office has concluded its limited review of certain actions taken by the state of Utah (State) to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The review included a high-level analysis of the State's level of preparedness prior to the pandemic and coordination in the beginning stages of the associated COVID-19 outbreak and declared emergency. These emergency procurements occurred between March 6, 2020 and May 7, 2020.

The Office acknowledges the unprecedented nature of this pandemic and recognizes that decisions were made quickly in an evolving situation with many unknowns at the time. The goal of the review was to evaluate various events and processes to identify areas where improvements can be made to safeguard both public health and public funds and to ensure that limited resources are used effectively.

This review may be found on the Office's website, auditor.utah.gov. The review is available specifically at:

<https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K0000041R3qQAE> .

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 Office also provides interactive graphical tools to help taxpayers and policymakers gain greater insight into governmental financial activities.

The 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 auditor.utah.gov.

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