



OFFICE OF THE  
STATE AUDITOR

**News Release  
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**The Office of the State Auditor Announces that  
Deputy State Auditor David Stringfellow Named Data Analytics Chair  
for the National State Auditors Association**

**Salt Lake City, UTAH –**

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today announces that Deputy State Auditor David Stringfellow was named the Chair for the National State Auditors Association's (NSAA) Data Analytics Work Group. The group consists of state auditors and their staff who apply advanced data analytics into auditing processes and financial transparency.

State Auditor John Dougall said, “NSAA’s appointment recognizes David Stringfellow’s years of experience using data analytics to deliver stronger insights into government efficiency and effectiveness as well as improved transparency and oversight. David provided critical team leadership for the Office’s, Transparent Utah, and Project KIDS initiatives. Powerful data analytics and mass analysis are the future of audit techniques, leveraging machine learning algorithms and artificial intelligence tools. This will expand the ability to review transactions and will improve confidence in the quality of those reviews.”

Deputy State Auditor David Stringfellow said, “Technology is rapidly changing how we do business, and we need to adapt to provide the public with rigorous insights and effective assessments of their governments. I'm excited to lead this effort to better analyze our data with auditors in each state across the country.”

The news release and related information may be found on the Office’s website at [auditor.utah.gov](http://auditor.utah.gov).

Details about NSAA Work and Information Sharing Groups can be found on their website at <https://www.nasact.org/content.asp?contentid=483>.

### **About NSAA**

The National State Auditors Association is dedicated to improving state government by providing opportunities for the free exchange of information and ideas and promoting accountability, transparency and the observance of professional audit standards. NSAA is a secretariat managed by NASACT, the premier organization working to bring together state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers to cooperatively address government financial management issues. For more information, see [https://www.nasact.org/nsaa\\_committees](https://www.nasact.org/nsaa_committees).

## **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. These tools include the Transparent Utah Public Finance website ([transparent.utah.gov](http://transparent.utah.gov)) as well as the award-winning Project KIDS public education analysis dashboards ([auditor.utah.gov/kids](http://auditor.utah.gov/kids)).

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](http://auditor.utah.gov).

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