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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

National Organization Names State Auditor Otto to Program Committee

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ST. PAUL (1/4/2010) – Minnesota State Auditor Rebecca Otto has been invited by the President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) to serve on the Annual Conference Program Committee. The Committee, which develops the educational program for the NASACT annual conference, is chaired by NASACT President Glen B. Gainer III, the State Auditor of West Virginia.

"I am honored to be invited to serve on this committee with other State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers from around the country," said State Auditor Otto.

Founded in 1915, NASACT is an organization for state officials who deal with the financial management of state government. The group's mission is to assist state leaders in enhancing and promoting effective and efficient management of government resources. The 2010 NASACT Annual Conference will be held August 7-11 in Charleston, West Virginia.

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The Office of the State Auditor is a constitutional office that is charged with overseeing more than \$20 billion spent annually by local governments in Minnesota. The Office of the State Auditor does this by performing audits of local government financial statements, and by reviewing documents, data, reports, and complaints reported to the Office. The financial information collected from local governments is analyzed and is the basis of statutory reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor.

Rebecca Otto is Minnesota's 18th State Auditor. A high-resolution official photo is available for download at http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/images/otto_hires.jpg. To learn more about State Auditor Otto, see <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=bio>.