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National State Auditors Association Gives the OSA a Thumbs-Up in Report

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An auditing team from the National State Auditors Association (NSAA), comprised of officials from other states and the federal government, has completed an external quality control review within the Office of the State Auditor (OSA). They found that the OSA has conformed with all professional government auditing standards.

“In our opinion,” the External Quality Control Report states, “...the system of quality control of the State of North Carolina, Office of the State Auditor...has been suitably designed and was complied with during the period to provide reasonable assurance of conforming with government auditing standards.”

The external review covered the time period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, coinciding with State Auditor Leslie Merritt’s first full fiscal year in office.

“I am proud of my auditing team’s level of professionalism,” said State Auditor Leslie Merritt. “This report confirms that the taxpayers can depend on the OSA to hold government accountable with an open and honest process.”

The NSAA is organized as part of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) for state officials who deal with the financial management of state government. The NASACT is comprised of elected or appointed state auditors, treasurers or comptrollers within the fifty states, DC and US territories.