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**State Ethics Commission Education Director / Former FBI Special Agent
to Head OSA's Investigative Division**

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Mr. Frank Perry, current Education Director for the State Ethics Commission and former Special Agent for the FBI, has been selected as the head of the Office of the State Auditor's Investigative Division. Mr. Perry will begin serving with the OSA on September 1, 2007.

"With Frank coming over from the State Ethics Commission and having served as a Special Agent with the FBI, we have the opportunity to take investigations in new directions while continuing to fulfill OSA's mandate as the 'taxpayers' watchdog' against fraud, waste and abuse in State government," said State Auditor Leslie Merritt.

Mr. Perry's most recent professional experience was serving as Education Director for the State Ethics Commission where he trained thousands of State personnel on conflicts of interest, financial disclosure and accountability pursuant to the State Government Ethics Act. Before that, Mr. Perry served as Supervisory Senior Resident Agent-in-Charge with the FBI's Raleigh Office where he was actively involved in investigations of white collar crime such as political corruption and financial fraud.

Mr. Perry succeeds Mr. David King who served with the OSA since 1994 and as head of the Investigative Division since 2005. Mr. King is leaving the OSA to serve as an Associate Vice President for Finance for the University of North Carolina General Administration.

"I would like to thank David for his years of excellent service in our Investigative Division. He has been an asset to our team and he will be greatly missed. Our loss is definitely their gain," said State Auditor Leslie Merritt.

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