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**Office of the Utah State Auditor Releases
Report on the Memorandum of Understanding between
the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind and
the Sound Beginnings Program at Utah State University**

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) today released its *Report on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind (USDB) and the Sound Beginnings Program at Utah State University (SB)*.

The Office reviewed invoices, disbursement and internal controls, and certain requirements of the MOU during the time period of July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. SB and the new administration at USDB interpreted certain clauses of the MOU differently due to the vagueness in the MOU. The Office noted weaknesses in the MOU and issues related to both parties. The Office provided several recommendations for both USDB and SB to provide corrective action and to resolve outstanding concerns.

The full report may be found on the Office's website, auditor.utah.gov, specifically at <http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2016/DBS-16-SP1MOU-SoundBeginningsUtahSchoolsfortheDeafandBlind.pdf> .

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah 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.

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