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Office of the State Auditor Announces Internal Control Audits of Three State Agencies

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The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today announced departmental audits for the Utah Labor Commission, the Utah Department of Commerce, and the Utah Department of Corrections. All three audits focused on key internal controls within the agencies.

The term "internal controls" describes the policies and processes to provide consistent and efficient operations, including reasonable assurance that public funds will be properly safeguarded. Proper internal controls include separating certain responsibilities so that no one person has the ability to misappropriate public funds without detection, including separating the responsibilities for authorization of expenditures, custody of assets, financial record keeping, and financial reconciliation.

The reports may be found on the Office's website at <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>. The specific audits may be found at:

Labor Commission:

https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=01541000002uUsDAAU Department of Commerce:

https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=01541000002uUs8AAE Department of Corrections:

https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=01541000002zuyBAAQ .

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 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 <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>.

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