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**State Auditor Balderas Partners with U.S. Government Accountability Office to
Protect Over \$1 Billion of New Mexico 's Stimulus Funds**

State Auditor Fraud Hotline to be used to hold state and local governments accountable

(Santa Fe , NM)--State Auditor Hector Balderas participated in a nation-wide conference call with Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the U.S. and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, to coordinate with State Auditors throughout the nation to ensure federal funds provided under the 2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act are properly utilized.

“The President has made it very clear that every taxpayer dollar spent on our economic recovery must be subject to unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability,” said Balderas. “I am encouraging governmental agencies and citizens alike to use the State Auditor Fraud Hotline to report fraud, waste, and abuse of public resources. New Mexico has too much at stake with the economic recovery plan not to be responsible.”

The Administration identified five critical objectives for Federal agencies to ensure that funds are properly utilized:

- Recovery funds are awarded and distributed in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
- The recipients and uses of all recovery funds are transparent to the public, and that the public benefits of these funds are reported clearly, accurately, and in a timely manner;
- Recovery funds are used for authorized purposes and every step is taken to prevent instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse;
- Projects funded under the recovery legislation avoid unnecessary delays and cost overruns; and,
- Programs meet specific goals and targets, and contribute to improved performance on broad economic indicators.

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To report any governmental fraud, waste and abuse, please contact: 1-866-OSA FRAUD (1-866-672-3728). Reports of fraud related to the economic recovery plan will be referred to the federal government because it has primary jurisdiction. For more information concerning the 2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, log onto the Office of the State Auditor website at www.osanm.org.

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