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**State Auditor Tim Keller to Release Statewide Report on Government Contracting**  
*Followed by training sessions for procurement professionals and local businesses to increase participation of New Mexico businesses*

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – State Auditor Tim Keller will release a *Report on State and Local Government Contracting*. The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) reviewed over 6,000 government contracts totaling over \$6.5 billion to analyze trends in purchasing dollars flowing out of state. This is the first report that provides a snapshot to the public and policymakers of in-state and out-of-state purchasing by state agencies and over 300 municipalities, counties, and school districts.

Awarding more government contracts to local businesses would create local jobs and strengthen local economies. Many of the contracts to out-of-state firms were non-competitive “sole source” purchases, never giving local firms a shot. The presentation of the report will be followed by networking and training opportunities for procurement professionals and local businesses.

**WHAT:** Presentation of the *Report on State and Local Government Contracting* followed by networking and training sessions for procurement professionals and local businesses.

**WHO:** State Auditor Tim Keller; Sarita Nair, Chief Government Accountability Officer and General Counsel, OSA; David Chavez, Executive Director, Cooperative Educational Services; Anna Martinez, Director, Corrections Industries Division; Renette Apodaca, Executive Director, Albuquerque Public Schools; Antonio Medina, Director of Budget and Finance, OSA.

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

**WHERE:** CNM Montoya Campus, H Building, 4700 Morris Ave. NE, Albuquerque NM 87111.

**Space is limited.** Please RSVP to [justine.freeman@osa.state.nm.us](mailto:justine.freeman@osa.state.nm.us). The full report will be available at <https://www.saonm.org>.

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