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State Auditor Wayne Johnson to Designate North Central New Mexico Economic Development Department for Special Audit

SANTA FE – State Auditor Wayne Johnson announced today that he will designate the North Central New Mexico Economic Development Department (“NCNMEDD”) for a special audit to address various concerns regarding its administration of the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging (“NMAAA”) fund. Concerns were raised in a letter from the Acting Secretary of the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (“ALSTD”) to the Auditor on December 20, 2017.

“We will be examining billing practices, vendor reimbursements, and compliance with applicable federal grant requirements as well as compliance with NMAAA’s agreement with ALSTD. The recent announcement by ALSTD to cancel its contract with NCNMEDD has also raised questions about fiscal management by NCNMEDD that must be addressed.”

This is the second special audit designation of NCNMEDD related to fiscal management. A special audit related to NCNMEDD as fiscal agent for the REDI Middle Mile Broadband Network was issued on March 28, 2016 with a report expected to be completed soon.

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