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Re: COVID-19 and 2020 Audit Rule Trainings

Greetings:

The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) takes the health and safety of New Mexicans seriously. This includes our agency partners, Independent Public Accounting firms, constituents, and all other stakeholders. As the COVID-19 pandemic becomes more widespread, and particularly after today's confirmation of three (3) cases in New Mexico by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico Department of Health, the OSA leadership has made the decision to suspend all in-person trainings related to the 2020 Audit Rule.

According to those monitoring conditions in the State, COVID-19 precautions have already begun to impact workplace activities, including travel for State and local governments, both in-state and out-of-state. We are taking proactive measures to minimize the concerns. We will employ reasonable measures to keep our stakeholders safe, including limiting risk factors, such as hosting in-person training programs.

In light of public health concerns, the OSA will provide its annual Audit Rule Training online this year. At this time, we are actively working on these alternative plans to provide the OSA's annual training on the 2020 Audit Rule updates through an online platform, and will be circulating more information regarding registration and participation as soon as possible.

In connection with the public health emergency issued today by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham associated with COVID-19, we encourage everyone to stay up-to-date with information related to COVID-19 in New Mexico by visiting the New Mexico Department of Health's website at: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/>.

We look forward to updating you on alternative plans for the online version of the 2020 Audit Rule Training in the coming weeks. Thank you for understanding as we all do our part to help keep New Mexico healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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