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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

Office of the State Auditor to hold Summer Short Courses on CTAS

~ July training sessions to take place in St. Cloud, Marshall, Mankato, Rochester, Fergus Falls, Thief River Falls, Bemidji, and Grand Rapids ~

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ST. PAUL (07/02/2007) – The Office of the State Auditor’s Government Information Division will be holding Small City and Town Accounting System (CTAS) training sessions in partnership with the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) at the MAT’s Summer Short Course series. CTAS is an accounting software package used by small cities and towns.

The purpose of the MAT’s Summer Short Course series is to provide a one-day educational program for township supervisors, clerks and treasurers; for small city administrators, clerks, financial officers, council members, and for all others interested.

The CTAS morning sessions will feature an overview for people that are new to the system, while the afternoon sessions will provide hands-on training and an opportunity for experienced CTAS users to ask specific questions.

“These training sessions will be invaluable to both communities that currently use CTAS and those that are new to it,” State Auditor Rebecca Otto said. **“Our goal is to make sure that communities who use CTAS are successful with it.”**

Following are the dates and locations:

Monday, July 9
St. Cloud
Holiday Inn

Tuesday, July 10
Marshall
Best Western Inn

Wednesday, July 11
Mankato
Country Inn & Suites

Thursday, July 12
Rochester
Ramada Inn

Tuesday, July 24
Fergus Falls
Best Western

Wednesday, July 25
Thief River Falls
Best Western

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Thursday, July 26
Bemidji
Northern Inn

Friday, July 27
Grand Rapids
Wendigo Conference Center

More information and registration details about the Summer Short Course series can be found on MAT's website at www.mntownships.org (click on "Training Events") or contact the MAT at (763) 497-2330 or (800) 228-0296.

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The Office of the State Auditor is a constitutional office that is charged with overseeing more than \$20 billion spent annually by local governments in Minnesota. The Office of the State Auditor does this by performing audits of local government financial statements, and by reviewing documents, data, reports, and complaints reported to the Office. The financial information collected from local governments is analyzed and is the basis of statutory reports issued by the State Auditor's Office.

Rebecca Otto is Minnesota's 18th State Auditor. A high-resolution headshot is available for download at http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/images/otto_hires.jpg.