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1. Reminder: Relief Association Economic Interest Statements

Every year, each volunteer fire relief association board member and chief administrative officer is required to complete a *Statement of Economic Interest*. The Statement must be filed with the chief administrative officer of the relief association and be made available for public inspection.

The chief administrative officer of a relief association must also submit a *Certified Listing of Individuals Who Filed a Statement of Economic Interest* form to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board by **January 15**. This form must list all individuals who have filed *Statements of Economic Interest* with the relief association for the preceding 12 months, along with the address of the office at which the statements are available for public inspection.

For your convenience, the *Statement of Economic Interest* and *Certified Listing of Individual Who Filed a Statement of Economic Interest* forms are available in the Pension Forms section of our website under the “Current Forms” heading, or by going to:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20070105.001>.

2. Revised: Statement of Position

The Statement of Position entitled The Importance of Internal Controls has been revised for clarity. The revised Statement can be found at:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20110607.013>.

3. Avoiding Pitfalls: Release of Not Public Data to the State Auditor

Political subdivisions sometimes ask if they can release to the State Auditor information that is classified as “not public data” under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA). Minnesota law expressly allows political subdivisions to provide the State Auditor with not public information for an examination, financial audit, compliance audit, or investigation performed by the State Auditor.

In addition, local government employees and officials may provide the State Auditor with not public information when evidence of financial fraud or the possible misuse of public funds is discovered, in compliance with the mandatory reporting obligations found in [Minn. Stat. § 609.456, subd. 1.](#)

For more information about the classification of State Auditor data, see [Minn. Stat. § 6.715](#).

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