

ENHANCING ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

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To: Chief Executive Officers
University Chancellors
Community College Presidents
Chief Deputies
Vice Chancellors
Chief Fiscal Officers
Business Officers
Internal Control Officers

From: Robert L. Powell
State Controller



Subject: Invitation to EAGLE (Internal Control) Kick-Off

Recently, your organization received a memorandum from me announcing a new statewide internal control program at the Office of the State Controller named EAGLE (Enhancing Accountability in Government through Leadership and Education). This program results from the passage of House Bill 1551 during our last legislative session. We are excited about the near-term implementation of EAGLE, and the significant benefits this program will yield to your organization and consequently the citizens of North Carolina. Your support and active involvement in EAGLE will be the key to its success.

I respectfully request that you be represented at the statewide kick-off for EAGLE on February 26, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the North Carolina State University McKimmon Center. Speakers at the meeting will include legislative sponsors, State Auditor Leslie Merritt, the EAGLE contractor, and representatives from the Office of the State Controller. We will discuss the overall goals and objectives of EAGLE, and describe our implementation plan including its impact on your organization.

Your knowledge of EAGLE and participation in the statewide kick-off will set the tone in your organization that internal control over financial reporting, efficiency of operations, and compliance with related laws and regulations is necessary and important. Please give serious consideration to attending this important event.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ben McLawhorn at (919) 981-5409 or ben.mclawhorn@ncosc.net.

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