



State of North Carolina

Office of the State Controller

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OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER TO HOLD FINANCIAL CONFERENCE DECEMBER 12

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RALEIGH – State Controller David McCoy today announced that the Office of the State Controller (OSC) will hold a financial conference **Thursday, December 12 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.** Speakers will provide economic and legislative updates and will address strategies aimed at protecting the State's financial resources.

The Second Annual OSC Fiscal Integrity Award will be awarded to the state employee who has demonstrated a record of exemplary adherence to the ethical principles of fiscal integrity and honesty, worked to sustain open government, and has an earned reputation for fairness and service to the citizens of the State. In addition, Controller McCoy, along with State Auditor Beth Wood, will present the Internal Audit Award of Excellence at the conference luncheon.

Among the presenters at the fiscal conference:

- Jim Ahler, Chief Executive Officer, North Carolina Association of CPAs
- Kristen Walker, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Senate Budget Development, NC General Assembly, Fiscal Research Division
- Rodney Bizzell, Principal Fiscal Analyst, NC General Assembly, Fiscal Research Division
- Beth Wood, State Auditor
- Michael East, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Justice, State Bureau of Investigation
- Michael Walden, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor & Extension Economist, NC State University
- Stephanie Spencer, Director of Relationship Management, First Data
- Rhonda Kirk, Relationship Manager, First Data
- Peter Ahearn, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

In attendance will be over 350 of the State's fiscal officers throughout government, the universities and community colleges. Each year, OSC holds a financial conference to update fiscal officers on key fiscal matters and to provide the State's certified public accountants with continuing professional education credit.

Media are welcome. The agenda is attached.

The State Controller is North Carolina's chief fiscal officer. The Office of the State Controller serves as an independent resource to ensure the financial integrity of the State by providing accounting, disbursing, payroll, internal control, data management, eCommerce and financial reporting systems that serve state agencies, employees and the public and by maximizing financial return through its statewide cash management plan. The OSC issues numerous financial reports including: General Fund Monthly Financial Report, IT Expenditures Report, Statewide Accounts Receivable Report, the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as well as the short, easy-to-read version of the CAFR known as the "popular" report.