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## A New Service for Local Government Officials

Welcome to our first issue of an occasional e-newsletter about topics of interest to local governments. Since this is our first issue, we have distributed this to all local government officials and auditors included in our contact listings. If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, please forward a copy to them. As we improve our e-mail contact list, we will continue to expand the distribution list.

Currently, we do not have a "Subscribe" or "Unsubscribe" option available to you, but we hope to have this option available in the future.

If there are topics you would like to see addressed in a future issue, please e-mail us at [locgov@audits.ga.gov](mailto:locgov@audits.ga.gov).

## Doug Pirkle, Jr. Named Director of NALGAD

Effective August 1, 2014, Doug Pirkle, Jr. will assume the duties as Director of the Nonprofit and Local Government Audit Division. Doug is currently the Director of the Office of Quality Assurance, and will continue to handle these responsibilities as well.

Doug began his career with the Department of Audits and Accounts in 1988 after graduating with an accounting degree from the University of West Georgia. For many years, Doug performed audits of state agencies, colleges, and local boards of education. Doug also spent several years working in our Professional Practices Division. Doug is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Governmental Financial Manager.

During his tenure with the Department, Doug has participated in the National State Auditor's Audit Standards and Reporting, Single Audit, and Peer Review Committees. Additionally, Doug has participated in numerous peer reviews to ensure that state audit agencies are adhering to the applicable auditing and reporting standards.

Doug is planning to attend the State Auditor's Training Program and looks forward to meeting you there.

## Register Now ...

*To Secure Your Seat at the  
2014 State Auditor's Training Program!*

We have scheduled the following seminars:

Gainesville: October 6-7

Tifton: October 9-10

Savannah: October 13-14

Speakers Include:

Greg Griffin, State Auditor

Rocky Joyner, Actuary for GMEBS

Paul Glick, Glick Consulting Group

Jonathan Sharpe, DCA

To Register, please go to:

[www.audits.ga.gov](http://www.audits.ga.gov)

Full participation in Seminar earns 16 hours of CPE

Registration Fee—\$219 (seats are limited)



## Biennial Retirement Submission Due

### September 30th

The Local News

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It's time to gather information on your local retirement plans! Georgia law requires the State Auditor to prepare a report every two years on local retirement plans. This report focuses on the condition and actuarial soundness of local retirement plans, and on their compliance with investment requirements.

In June, we mailed a survey to the human resources director of each city, county, and local authority. If you did not receive a survey, please e-mail us at [biennial@audits.ga.gov](mailto:biennial@audits.ga.gov) and we will send you a survey.

If you have not already returned your survey, please complete it as soon as possible. We need your completed survey by September 30, 2014 in order to meet our January 2015 reporting deadline.

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for local government resources

## Annual Immigration Reporting

Even though it's still summer, it's already time to think about immigration reporting. Every local government is required to file an immigration compliance report with the Department of Audits and Accounts each year. This year's report is due December 31, 2014, and will cover the period December 1, 2013–November 30, 2014.

The General Assembly did not make any changes to the reporting requirements. Generally, local governments that issue business licenses will need to obtain E-

Verify information from businesses with 11 or more employees. In addition, they will need to obtain the E-Verify affidavits from contractors if the contractor has employees and if the cost of services provided under the contract are \$2,500 or more. There are a few exceptions to those requirements, so visit our website at [www.audits.ga.gov](http://www.audits.ga.gov) for more information. A link to immigration resources is at the bottom of the home page.

*Every county, along with 98% of cities and 97% of local authorities filed their 2013 immigration report with DOAA.*

Gathering the information for the immigration report is the hardest part of the process. If your local government has not been collecting this data throughout the year, you should start collecting it now so you can be prepared to file your report by the deadline.

Local governments did a fantastic job filing their 2013 immigration reports. Every county, along with 98% of cities, and 97% of local authorities complied with the filing requirements. Thank you for your efforts to meet the reporting requirements.

## Audit Review Update...

We are now sending the results of your reviews of local government audit reports by e-mail. We need your help in collecting contact information for government officials and CPAs. When submitting your report, we ask that you complete the new audit report transmittal document. This transmittal document will be available on our website by September 1, 2014. Please note that we will soon be adding an option to enter contact information through our file upload system.

In some cases, a local government has revised its financial statements as a result of our review process. If this happens, the government should be sure to distribute copies of the revised financial statements to its grantors and to any other interested parties. In addition, the auditor should be sure to follow audit requirements for reissuing financial statements.