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1. Released: 2007 Criminal Forfeitures Report

State Auditor Rebecca Otto has released the 2007 Report on Criminal Forfeitures in Minnesota, which provides information on the amount of cash and property seized subject to forfeiture by Minnesota law enforcement agencies in 2007. To view the complete report, which includes an Executive Summary and graphs, go to:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20081222.000>.

2. Pension Update: Selected Relevant Statutes Booklet and Summary

Updated versions of the Selected Relevant Statutes booklet and summary are now available. The booklet and summary contain many of the state laws applicable to volunteer fire relief associations, including law changes enacted in the 2008 Session.

Relief association trustees are encouraged to download both documents for reference when updating bylaws, making investment decisions, or calculating benefit payments. The booklet and summary can be found at:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/list.aspx?type=frm&div=pen>.

3. New: Statement of Position

The Office of the State Auditor has issued a new Statement of Position on Qualified Safekeepers. The Statement discusses who is qualified under Minnesota law to hold in safekeeping securities owned by public entities. To view the complete Statement of Position, go to:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/Other/statements/qualifiedsafekeepers_0812_statement.pdf.

4. Conference: Reducing Energy Costs in Local Government

Rising energy costs continue to present local governments with serious challenges. To help find ways to ease the burden of energy costs, local government officials, staff and concerned citizens from around the state will be meeting in St. Cloud on January 22nd for the Conference on Reducing Energy Costs in Local Government. The Conference is being sponsored by the Association of Minnesota Counties, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Minnesota Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota School Boards Association.

The conference will feature presentations, panels, breakout sessions and exhibitors with information and ideas on reducing energy costs. State Auditor Rebecca Otto will be giving a presentation on the Office of State Auditor's Best Practices Review, Reducing Energy Costs In Local Government. The Best Practices Review highlights case studies and resources available to local governments for reducing energy costs.

For more information on the conference, go to:

<http://www.nextstep.state.mn.us/energyconference.cfm>

To see the Best Practices Review, go to:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20080702.001>.

5. Released: 2009 CTAS Tax Tables

The 2009 Tax Tables for the Small City and Town Accounting System (CTAS) are now available. You can view and download them at:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/ctas/ctas_09_taxtables.pdf.

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