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1. Greetings from the new State Auditor

Hello,

I wanted to officially send out a greeting to everyone. For those of you not familiar with my background, I have been in small business for 20 years, was a public school teacher for 5 years, served as a School Board member in Forest Lake, and was a State Representative from the Stillwater area as well.

As far as appointments, there are a couple of new people in the St Paul Office, and a familiar one as well. Celeste Grant is my Deputy Auditor and General Counsel. She will oversee the Legal/SI Division, the TIF Division, and Pensions. She graduated *cum laude* in 1991 from William Mitchell College of Law. She was Editor-in-Chief of the William Mitchell Law Review 1990-91 (also Editor 1989-90; Staff 1988-89--3 years on law review.) Recently she obtained a Certificate in Global Arbitration Law and Practice from Hamline University School of Law/Queens College, University of London, in London. She was a Judicial Law Clerk for the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1991-92, and then worked for a private law firm for 13 years working on very large cases.

Joe Ceronsky is my Executive Assistant. He graduated *magna cum laude* from St John's University in 2004. He works at the front desk as well as performing special projects throughout the office.

I reappointed Greg Hierlinger to be my Deputy Auditor of the Audit Division. He continues to work hard, and I was very happy that he accepted my appointment. Greg has been with the office for a number of administrations and offers us a wealth of experience and knowledge.

I've also promoted Rose Hennessy Allen to Acting Pension Director. She has worked within the Pension Division for several years. I'm very confident in her ability to run the division and am extremely pleased that she accepted the position.

I wanted to let you know what has been happening since I was sworn in as the State Auditor. We had a smooth transition, thanks in part, to Auditor Anderson's assistance beforehand, and then after assistance from the staff in the St. Paul office.

It's an honor to serve all of you as State Auditor, and I look forward to working with and getting to know you over the next four years.

Sincerely

Rebecca Otto
State Auditor

2. Changes in GID report delivery

To those who receive GID reports from the Office's GID Division, in an effort to conserve natural resources and state funds, the Office will no longer automatically send out hard copies of reports. Instead, you will receive notification via postcard along with directions on how to access the report on the Office's website. If you still wish to receive a hard copy, you can make a request, and the Office will provide one for you.

3. Official Office Hours

The official office hours of the St. Paul Office are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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