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1. Pension Updates: Forfeiture Deadline and November Newsletter

Fire State Aid Forfeiture Deadline

The Office of the State Auditor is pleased to announce that all volunteer fire relief associations submitted their 2007 reporting year forms prior to the forfeiture deadline on November 30. This is the second year in a row that all relief associations submitted their forms to avoid forfeiture of fire state aid. Thank you to the relief association trustees, municipal representatives, legislators, accountants, and the Pension Division team, all of whom worked right up to the deadline to ensure that all the reporting forms were submitted.

November Pension Newsletter

The November Pension Division Newsletter was released last week and provides information regarding revised Statements of Position and a Working Group update. The Newsletter can be viewed at:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/PensionDocs/pensionNewsletter_0811.pdf.

2. Revised: Statement of Position

The Statement of Position on Retention of TIF Records has been revised for readability and to provide clarity to TIF authorities on the length of time various categories of TIF records must be retained. To view the revised Statement, go to:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/tifRecordRetention_0806_statement.pdf.

3. Avoiding Pitfalls: Dangerous E-mails

The State's Enterprise Security Office recently reported on a rise in "hostile e-mails", electronic messages sent to government addresses which try to lure the recipient into sharing sensitive personal or government data or into following a link or opening an attachment which will unleash a virus that can infect the user's computer systems.

These e-mails can seem benign and even friendly, with subject lines like "Happy Holidays!" or originating addresses that include familiar names like eBay, Hallmark, or the "Webmail Support Team". As a rule, **always be suspicious of e-mails that request personal or government-related information or username/password data.** In addition, be very cautious following links to unfamiliar websites or opening attachments in e-mails from unfamiliar addresses.

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