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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

State Auditor Otto Releases 2017 Local Government Performance Measurement Report

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ST. PAUL (8/8/2017) – State Auditor Rebecca Otto today released the 2017 Performance Measurement Report. The measures were designed to aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of services provided by counties and cities, and to measure residents' opinions of those services. Cities and counties that choose to participate in the performance measurement program may be eligible for a reimbursement in Local Government Aid (LGA).

In 2017, 32 cities (4%) and 24 counties (28%) were certified by the Office of the State Auditor to the Minnesota Department of Revenue to receive additional local government aid, an increase of 5 cities and 5 counties from 2016.

The report, which contains live links to the results of the performance measurements reported by cities and counties, can be found at:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20170804.000>.

To view the amount of local government aid reimbursed by the Department of Revenue to cities and counties certified through this program, please go to:

http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/local_gov/prop_tax_admin/Pages/lpa.aspx.

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The Office of the State Auditor is a constitutional office that is charged with overseeing more than \$20 billion spent annually by local governments in Minnesota. The Office of the State Auditor does this by performing audits of local government financial statements, and by reviewing documents, data, reports, and complaints reported to the Office. The financial information collected from local governments is analyzed and is the basis of statutory reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor.

Rebecca Otto is Minnesota's 18th State Auditor. A high-resolution official photo is available for download at http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/images/otto_hires.jpg. To learn more about State Auditor Otto, see <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=bio>.