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COMPTROLLER WARNS DEPARTMENT TO BE MORE DILIGENT IN MONITORING CONTRACTS

Robert E. Antonacci II, CPA, Onondaga County Comptroller, announces the release of his Department's audit of the Request for Proposal process for the Department of Water Environment Protection. The review included contracts in place during the years 2007 and 2008.

Mr. Antonacci has noted this audit was extensive and members of his staff were on-site at the Department for several months. Mr. Antonacci was quoted as saying, "Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection is one of our largest Departments and in assessing risk to County taxpayers, the Department is responsible for some of our largest capital projects."

In two cases documentation was missing regarding the reasons for awarding contracts, making it impossible to determine if those contracts were awarded with the taxpayers' interests in mind. It was unclear to the auditors whether this lack of documentation was intentional or a result of poor record keeping.

Antonacci further noted "We are pleased the current administration is revising the processes and systems in place to procure and monitor contracts." Antonacci added, "The sanctity of the written contract is of utmost concern to the taxpayer. If all parties fulfill their obligations, the taxpayers will be benefited."

The audit notes deficiencies in the change order process and Antonacci has concluded the audit will help rectify these concerns.