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## **State Auditor Berry Accepts Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

**Indianapolis, IN (July 8, 2010)-** Indiana State Auditor Tim Berry has been informed by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) that the Auditor of State has once again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2009 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting and is awarded on an annual basis.

“The Certificate of Achievement speaks of the financial integrity of our office. This is an example of government doing more for less. As we continue to reduce our budgetary expenses within the office, our staff continues to strive to meet high standards. I am appreciative of their exemplary efforts,” said Auditor Berry.

In fiscal year 2008, the most current year available, only 20 governmental units in Indiana received this prestigious recognition. In addition to the State Auditor, those units are: Public Employees’ Retirement Fund of Indiana, Indiana State Teachers’ Retirement Fund, City of Bloomington, Town of Fishers, Allen County Public Library, City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, Town of Highland, Capital Improvement Board of Managers of Marion County, City of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Airport Authority, Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, City of Mishawaka, City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, City of South Bend, and the St. Joseph County Airport Authority. 2008 was the first year for the State Teachers’ Retirement Fund to receive this designation.

“The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR,” stated Stephen Gauthier of the GFOA.