



## REMINDER: Two Timely Presentations at NYSICA Meeting this Thursday - 8/27/09

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### Mission

The NYS Internal Control Association (NYSICA) is a Statewide Association of internal control officers, practitioners, auditors and others in the internal control community.

NYSICA advocates for strong internal controls and internal control training. NYSICA also serves as a liaison between its members and NYS Control agencies

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### Presentations on Office of Taxpayer Accountability and Single Audit and Recovery



The next NYSICA meeting on Thursday, August 27 will feature not one but two timely presentations.

#### Office of Taxpayer Accountability

Our first speaker will be Alan Lebowitz, Executive Director of the newly established **NYS Office of Taxpayer Accountability (OTA)**. Mr. Lebowitz will provide an overview of OTA and lead a discussion about its mission.

Mr. Lebowitz provided the following information for NYSICA to share:

"When Governor Paterson announced the [establishment of the Office of Taxpayer Accountability on June 13, 2009](#), he said 'At a time when resources are limited, this group will be dedicated every day of the year to ensuring that the State is stretching each dollar as far as we can, and making decisions that do not further burden New York taxpayers unnecessarily'.

"The OTA team of state agency experts will carry out this mission by finding and implementing measures to lower costs, share services, eliminate duplication, improve service

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delivery, limit unnecessary and unfunded mandates on local governments, and attack waste, fraud and abuse.

OTA also has an ongoing focus on reducing property taxes and implementing recommendations made by the Local Government Commission on Efficiency and Competitiveness and the Property Tax Commission.

The Office of Taxpayer Accountability is a natural extension of the Governor's commitment to fiscal discipline. OTA officials will be working closely with state agencies, public authorities, local governments, businessmen and women, and academics that have ideas on how NY State can use its resources more efficiently."

Alan Lebowitz is an attorney who has worked more than 16 years in the public sector. Mr. Lebowitz's government experience includes serving as General Counsel to the NYS Department of Department of Economic Development, the NYS Office of the State Comptroller and the NYC Department of Employment.

### **NYS Single Audit and Recovery**

NYSICA is pleased to announce that in partnership with the Governor's Recovery Working Group on Internal Control and Fraud prevention, a presentation on the NYS Single Audit and the Recovery will follow Mr. Lebowitz's presentation.

Douglas Zimmerman of Toski, Schaefer & Co., P.C., New York State's Single Auditor will discuss the impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("Recovery Act") on the Single Audit.

The Recovery Act mandates that there be an unprecedented amount of oversight and transparency around the spending of all Recovery Act funds. Single audits will be impacted starting with fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, with more of an effect expected for Single Audits in subsequent years.

This presentation will include a discussion of the new Single Audit guidelines as well as the responsibilities of recipients of Recovery Act funds.

### **Preregister for CPE Credits!**

NYSICA is pleased to announce that CPE credits can now be requested in advance of a presentation. If you plan to attend the August meeting and want CPE credits, [you may preregister for the CPE credits now](#) to get your CPE certificate

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at the presentation.

### **Thursday, August 27 NYSICA Meeting Details**

**1:40 PM**

Presentation on Office of Taxpayer Accountability

**2:40 PM**

Break

**2:50 PM**

Presentation on NYS Single Audit and the Recovery

#### **Location**

New York State Department of  
Correctional Services  
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