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**Rebecca Otto Receives 2014 NASACT President's Award**

Santa Fe, NM – August 11, 2014 – Today Rebecca Otto, state auditor of Minnesota, was named as a recipient of a President's Award from the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT).

The President's Award is given each year to one state auditor, one state comptroller and one state treasurer to recognize exceptional efforts in government financial management and accountability.

State Auditor Otto was honored with the award to recognize her national leadership as president in 2013-14 of the National State Auditors Association and her efforts to improve government operations as one of NASACT's representatives on the national Alliance to Transform State Government Operations (Alliance).

"Rebecca Otto's leadership as president of the state auditors' association and her continued efforts to improve government operations and promote accountability and transparency are to be commended," commented NASACT President James Lewis, state treasurer of New Mexico. "It is my pleasure to honor her with a NASACT President's Award this year to recognize her accomplishments among her peers and on behalf of the citizens of the state of Minnesota."



As president of NSAA, Otto led efforts to provide consensus positions on exposure drafts of government auditing and accounting standards, to develop continuing professional education opportunities for state auditors, and to continue the premier professional network for the elected and appointed state auditors of the 50 states and U.S. territories. As a member of the Alliance, Otto participated in a summit that produced a white paper entitled “Transforming State Government from the Inside Out.” The white paper was released in March 2014.

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The National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) is an organization for state officials tasked with the financial management of state governments. NASACT’s membership is comprised of officials who have been elected or appointed to the office of state auditor, comptroller or treasurer in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. For more information on NASACT or its affiliate organizations, the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) and the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC), call (859) 276-1147 or visit [www.nasact.org](http://www.nasact.org).

The Alliance to Transform State Government Operations (Alliance) seeks to engage a broad cross-section of operational professionals in efforts to identify pathways to transforming government. The Alliance is comprised of state officials responsible for the technology, financial management, services and human resources required to manage state government.  
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