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The Summit County Internal Audit Department Receives an Unqualified Opinion by the Association of Local Government Auditor's Peer Review Team.

The Summit County Internal Audit Department (IAD) received an unqualified opinion from the Association of Local Government Auditor's peer review team on its system of internal quality control. The auditors determined that the Department was in full compliance with government auditing standards during the review period January 1, 2005 through October 31, 2007.

Professional standards for conducting audits in government have been issued by the comptroller general of the United States and published as Government Auditing Standards. Receiving an external quality control review (peer review) at least once every three years is a requirement of Government Auditing Standards. Determining whether an audit organization's internal quality control system is in place and operating effectively, and to provide assurance that established policies and procedures and applicable auditing standards are being followed are the objectives of a Peer Review.

The Peer Review team commended the Department on the Countywide Risk Assessment that shaped its audit schedule and on IAD's professional and competent staff and the quality of their work.

The Team also commented favorably on the makeup of the Summit County Audit Committee, stating that the "inclusion of two citizens of the County enhances transparency, provides an opportunity to broaden the diversity of expertise and backgrounds on the Committee, and promotes the independence of the County's internal audit function."

In 2000, Summit County lead as the first County in Ohio addressing the widespread need for oversight and accountability of government by creating an Audit Committee and Internal Audit Department. Currently, in Ohio's 88 counties, only Summit County has an Internal Audit Department reporting to an Audit Committee. For more information on Summit County's internal audit function and to read our audit reports, please visit our website at <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/InternalAudit/Index.htm>.