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Dear Government Official:

Attached is a press release issued from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding the newly released internal controls resource library.

As indicated in more detail in the press release, the resource library features general internal controls guidance, and a self-assessment tool designed to assist users in evaluating their internal control systems.

The resource library is available on OIG's website, [www.state.nj.us/oig](http://www.state.nj.us/oig).

Please contact our office at (609) 292-8183 for any additional information or to request custom tailored internal controls training.

Thank you,  
Office of the Inspector General

# NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**Mary Jane Cooper, Inspector General**

*For Immediate Release:*  
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## OIG Launches Internal Control Resources Website

**Trenton** – The Office of the Inspector General’s (OIG) reviews of State departments, agencies and authorities have revealed that many of the areas of deficiencies and weaknesses identified during the investigations are the direct result of missing or weak internal controls. To that end, OIG has drawn upon its experience to construct an internal control resource library to aid entities in evaluating, constructing, or supplementing their internal control systems.

The resource library features general internal controls guidance and a self-assessment tool designed to assist users in evaluating their internal control systems. The resource library is available on OIG’s web site, [www.state.nj.us/oig](http://www.state.nj.us/oig).

“The current economic environment, where we all must do more with considerably less, only reinforces the need for strong, robust internal controls,” Inspector General Mary Jane Cooper said. “Public officers and employees at all levels of government must discharge their duties and responsibilities while ensuring effective and efficient use of the government’s resources entrusted to their care by the taxpayers.”

Effective internal controls go a long way to assist executive management with leading the daily operations effectively and efficiently, guarding against extravagance, waste or fiscal mismanagement, and assisting management to identify areas where State spending is wasteful or inefficient.

In an effort to promote transparency and accountability with respect to the expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in New Jersey, Inspector General Mary Jane Cooper and members of New Jersey’s Recovery Accountability Task Force have initiated a state wide internal control training effort. Numerous sessions attended by nearly 1,600 individuals representing ARRA fund recipients, including state, county, and local entities, have been held. Many of these sessions were recorded with the assistance of the Office of Information Technology and include training videos, audio clips, and PDF files. OIG will continue to provide custom designed internal control training to all State departments, authorities, agencies and local governmental units. Requests for assistance can be made to our office at (609) 292-8183. The prior sessions can be viewed at [www.nj.gov/taskforceresources](http://www.nj.gov/taskforceresources).

OIG will continue to assess the internal controls, make recommendations and provide guidance to all public entities through custom delivered training and through updates to the internal control resource library.

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