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Good afternoon,

Will you please add me to this distribution list? I am the new Business Manager for the Prosser School District.

Thank you in advance,
Amy

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Hello Craig!

This week, SAO released a new guide to help you improve your ACH payment controls. We also updated our checklist to help school districts prepare their annual reports. Plus, we offer congratulations to the 2022 Governor's Smart Community Award winners.

New things we would like you to know

Are your ACH internal controls strong enough to protect you from fraudsters? SAO has a new resource to help you

Fraudsters can impersonate your employees and vendors to redirect Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments meant for payroll direct deposits or vendor payments. You need to stay vigilant and ensure your government has strong internal controls. To help you, SAO has developed a new guide that offers advice on developing ACH payment process policies and employee training, establishing a verification process, and monitoring for unauthorized payee account changes.

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Preparing your school district's annual report? SAO's updated tool can help

It's that time of year when school districts begin preparing their financial statements. And, as we do every September, we updated our Checklist for Preparing and Reviewing School District Financial Statements to help you get ready. The 2021-2022 tool includes new questions on lease accounting, recording transactions as they occur, and non-routine events.

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Award trophy

2022 Governor's Smart Communities Award winners

Stop fraud sign

GAO offers resources to combat fraud in federal programs

announced

This program annually recognizes local governments and their partners for exceptional work in implementing the state's Growth Management Act to shape future growth, economic vitality and quality of life in communities across Washington. Congratulations to this year's winning cities: Hoquiam, Renton, Kenmore, Bellevue, Langley, Seattle and Lakewood.

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Did you know the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has a dedicated website for antifraud resources? You can learn more about the agency's conceptual fraud model, and how you can use it to assess and manage fraud risks in your federal programs.

Explore website

School districts are vulnerable to cyberattacks; these tips can help districts armor up

The start of the school year is an especially risky time for a cyberattack on your district. Staff are busy managing a flurry of enrollments and paperwork, and they may not recognize a phishing attempt or detect a network intrusion. *Government Technology* offers tip to help your district stay safe.

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Advice for talking about risk with your agency's leadership

Managing risk is one of the top responsibilities of elected officials in the public sector, but they can only manage the risks they know about. This article from *Government Technology* offers advice on how to report about risk to your agency's leaders.

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Training & Events

Register

Last chance to attend L&I's employment law webinars

These trainings from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) cover workers' rights, white-collar overtime rules, isolated worker protections and the Equal Pay and Opportunities Act. The series ends in September.

Register

WFOA's annual conference is Sept. 13 - 16

The 67th annual Washington Finance Officer Association's (WFOA) annual conference is live and in person this year in Tacoma. SAO will be leading 13 sessions and four pre-conference trainings.

Register

AWC's fall Mayors Exchange is Sept. 21

Join your fellow mayors and executives for a day of learning and networking at the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Mayors Exchange.

Register

AWC webinar: Fundamentals of municipal budgets

AWC's on-demand webinar explores how to master the basics of budgeting for newly elected officials and the staff who serve them.

Things you might have missed

Are you at risk for wire transfer fraud? SAO's new resource details best practices for protecting public money

Wire transfers move money from one bank account to another. They are a fast way to send money and, if a fraudster intervenes, a fast way to lose it. Wire transfer fraud has dramatically increased in recent years, and more local governments are becoming victims of these scams. SAO's new guide can help your government develop strong internal controls to prevent and detect wire transfer fraud.

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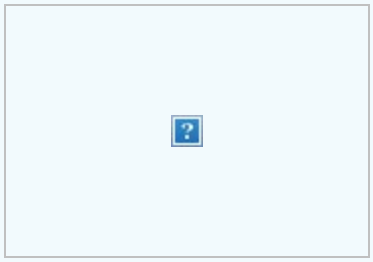

Is your payroll process as secure and efficient as it could be? Find out with SAO's suite of payroll resources

While payroll may be a routine and repetitive process, it's still vulnerable to fraud and human error. Coupled with new and evolving ways to pay your employees and automate payroll, your process may not be as secure and efficient as it could be. SAO has a suite of resources that can help you evaluate your payroll process and explore ways to improve it.

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