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CERTIFICATION: Certified Public Accountant - New York State

EDUCATION: Maxwell School of Syracuse University
Master of Arts in Public Administration, December 2007

State University of New York College at Oswego
Bachelor of Science in Accounting, May 1990

Cayuga County
3/10 - present

Auburn, New York
County Administrator

- Serve as Chief Administrative and Budget Officer for a County with over \$140 million in appropriations

Onondaga County Comptroller's Office
1/97 - 3/10
7/90 - 1/94

Syracuse, New York
Deputy Comptroller
Internal Auditor

- Direct Internal Audit Division in the performance of financial, efficiency and compliance audits
- Assume an integral role in the preparation of financial statements, budgets and other required reports for a County with over \$1.1 billion in revenues

Town of Cicero
5/09 - present

Cicero, New York
Budget Officer

- Prepare budget for a Town with over \$10 million in revenues

Price Waterhouse LLP
10/95 - 12/96

Syracuse, New York
Staff Accountant

Fust, Charles, Chambers & Harfosh LLP
1/94 - 10/95

Dewitt, New York
Audit Associate

- Performed audit and business advisory services for various clients including manufacturers, financial institutions, governments, not-for-profit entities and pension funds

Bryant & Stratton College
3/92 - 2/94; 1/98 - 5/04; 1/09 - 8/09

Syracuse, New York
Adjunct Teacher

- Instruct beginning and advanced level students in various business and accounting courses
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Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Kucinich, Vice-Chairman Buerkle, Members of this Committee, I thank you for inviting me here today to this hearing. It is quite an honor to be here in front of this committee, especially with it being held locally. It is an honor not only for me but for all Central New Yorkers that you chose to hold the hearing in our community.

I'd like to take a few minutes and give you some examples of how Federal action, regulation and inaction hinder Cayuga County in hiring employees, cost us revenue and increase our costs.

We receive millions of dollars in Federal aid, primarily in the area of Health and Human Services. All of these grants come with specific accountability and reporting requirements, requirements that cause staff to take time away from the core program to fulfill. Due to federal regulation the district staff spends a huge amount of their time on meeting the federal requirements for employability reporting. To be eligible for federal TANF dollars we must count, track and report for every TANF adult the time spent in countable work activity. We have coding requirements and monthly work verification reporting. This is labor intensive and could result in State and local penalties if not done. These requirements take away from work we could be doing with the clients. To be sure, requirements are needed to protect the taxpayers. We respectfully ask that your committee look at decreasing the requirements in place so that our staff may spend more time delivering the program services.

The federal government has strict requirements in place to entitle Counties to be eligible for IV E reimbursement for Child Welfare costs. There is a complex set of eligibility criteria that must be met. If all criteria and documents are not found there is loss of funding based on federal audits. Costs associated with Child Welfare are huge expenses for the County. Due to the complexity of the requirements we had to dedicate staff to function as our eligibility team. Again, a lessening of the requirements will enable Counties to dedicate much needed resources to the clients.

Along these lines is the Prison Rape Elimination Act. While noble in title, this act as filtered down to local jails requires additional documentation, investigation and reporting that frankly is not necessary at the County level. It may be appropriate for larger facilities but in our case will probably require adding an additional staff position to fulfill the requirements we don't believe should apply to us anyway!

In some Counties Indian Nations have been allowed to sell tobacco products and gasoline, exempt from sales taxes. In our County the cost is measured in the millions of dollars as well as lost jobs and commerce to businesses that comply with the sales tax law. The Cayuga Indian Nation has applied to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for land in Seneca and Cayuga counties to be taken into federal trust. These Counties and the State of New York have repeatedly and vehemently opposed these trust applications, because their approval would impose a sovereign Indian reservation on the Counties, which would mean not only land coming off the school, town

and county tax rolls, but the uncontestable opening of Class II electronic bingo parlors thus bringing gambling to counties that do not want it. It would also totally remove local jurisdiction over the lands placed in trust. House bill H.R. 1231 would allow any federally recognized Indian tribe to be granted land in trust. The Cayuga Indian Nation was not federally recognized in 1934 and would not be eligible to have land placed into trust, except for a provision in the bill called the Carcieri fix. We strongly urge all members of the House to oppose this Carcieri fix provision in the bill.

I'd like to mention briefly unemployment. Somewhat regularly Cayuga County decides to not hire when the position may be temporary or seasonal in nature. This decision is always driven by our desire to avoid the cost of unemployment. In some of these cases the position may have the potential to turn into a permanent position. Unfortunately too many times we aren't able to go down that road. I would urge the committee to change the eligibility requirements for unemployment, or decrease the local share, to allow us to put more people to work. Prison Rape elimination act, filtered down to local jails, requires additional documentation, may be appropriate for bigger jails, not for ours, and may take an additional.

In closing, I would like to thank again the committee for inviting me to be here today. On behalf of Cayuga County I thank you for all the support from the Federal Government and ask that you continue your hard work in finding ways to reduce the federal impediments to the efficient operation of local government.

Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Witness Disclosure Requirement -- "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

Name: Thomas G Squires

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2008. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

2. Please list any entity you are testifying on behalf of and briefly describe your relationship with these entities.

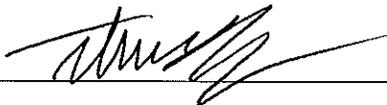
Cayuga County
County Administrator

3. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) received since October 1, 2008, by the entity(ies) you listed above. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

See Attached

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature:



Date:

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COUNTY OF CAYUGA, NEW YORK

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

<u>Federal Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Passed through the New York State -			
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Cluster-			
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551	N/A	\$ 13,409,208
State Administrative Matching Grants for the			
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	N/A	819,336
ARRA-State Administrative Matching Grants for the			
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	N/A	<u>38,108</u>
<i>Total Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Cluster</i>			<u>14,266,652</u>
Child Nutrition Cluster -			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	61501	4,219
National School Lunch Program	10.555	61501	<u>6,525</u>
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>			<u>10,744</u>
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	N/A	1,516,842
WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FNMP)	10.572	N/A	<u>13,392</u>
<i>Total - U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>			<u>15,807,630</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:			
Passed through the Governor's Office for Small Cities -			
CDBG - State-Administered Small Cities Program Cluster:			
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	N/A	<u>1,859,864</u>
<i>Total - CDBG - State-Administered Small Cities Program Cluster</i>			<u>1,859,864</u>
<i>Total - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>			<u>1,859,864</u>
U.S. Department of Justice:			
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	16.606	N/A	523
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	N/A	<u>22,687</u>
			<u>23,210</u>
Passed through New York State Department of Criminal Justice - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program	16.738	BJ08632052	<u>19,500</u>
<i>Total - U.S. Department of Justice</i>			<u>42,710</u>
U.S. Department of Labor:			
Passed through New York State -			
WIA Cluster:			
WIA Adult Program	17.258	N/A	169,758
ARRA-WIA Adult Program	17.258	N/A	<u>59,224</u>
<i>Subtotal-WIA Adult Program</i>			<u>228,982</u>
WIA Youth Activities	17.259	N/A	139,465
ARRA-WIA Youth Activities	17.259	N/A	<u>196,896</u>
<i>Subtotal-WIA Youth Activities</i>			<u>336,361</u>

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U.S. Department of Labor: (Continued)			
Passed through New York State - (Continued)			
WIA Cluster: (Continued)			
WIA Dislocated Workers	17.260	N/A	191,976
ARRA-WIA Dislocated Workers	17.260	N/A	44,911
<i>Subtotal-WIA Dislocated Workers</i>			<u>236,887</u>
Total WIA Cluster			<u>802,230</u>
Total - U.S. Department of Labor			<u>802,230</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation:			
Passed through the NYS Department of Transportation - Highway Planning and Construction Cluster:			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D009832/ D004228	<u>38,962</u>
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			<u>38,962</u>
Highway Safety Cluster:			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	N/A	<u>13,771</u>
Total Highway Safety Cluster			<u>13,771</u>
Total - U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>52,733</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:			
Passed through New York State - State Indoor Radon Grants			
	66.032	C022164	<u>3,974</u>
Total - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			<u>3,974</u>
U.S. Department of Education:			
Passed through New York State - Early Intervention Services (IDEA) Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	C201782	<u>58,855</u>
Total Early Intervention Services (IDEA) Cluster			<u>58,855</u>
Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities - National Programs	84.184	N/A	<u>39,456</u>
Total - U.S. Department of Education			<u>98,311</u>
U.S. Election Assistance Commission:			
Passed through New York State - Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments			
	90.401	N/A	<u>7,200</u>
Total - U.S. Election Assistance Commission			<u>7,200</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Passed through New York State - Special Programs for the Aging - Title IIID -			
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	N/A	5,583
National Family Caregiver Support, Title IIIE, Part E	93.052	N/A	44,120
Medicare Enrollment Assistance Program	93.071	N/A	1,248
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	N/A	1,549,819
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568	N/A	5,302,132
Child Welfare Services - State Grants	93.645	N/A	40,022
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	N/A	561,362
			<u>7,504,286</u>

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: (Continued)			
Passed through New York State (Continued) -			
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	C018483	74,899
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	C020596	14,911
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	C021540	21,379
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	C201641	52,646
			<u>163,835</u>
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	N/A	269,359
			<u>433,194</u>
Passed through New York State -			
Immunization Cluster:			
Immunization Grant	93.268	C023236	21,286
Total Immunization Cluster			<u>21,286</u>
TANF Cluster -			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	N/A	2,297,337
ARRA-Emergency Contingency Fund for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Program	93.714	N/A	466,228
Subtotal-TANF Cluster			<u>2,763,565</u>
Foster Care - Title IV-E			
ARRA-Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	N/A	1,040,057
	93.658	N/A	39,012
Subtotal-Foster Care-Title IV-E			<u>1,079,069</u>
Adoption Assistance			
ARRA-Adoption Assistance	93.659	62402	424,112
	93.659	62402	41,370
Subtotal-Adoption Assistance			<u>465,482</u>
Medicaid Cluster:			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	N/A	52,244,287
ARRA-Medical Assistance Program	93.778	N/A	1,118,804
Subtotal-Medicaid Cluster			<u>53,363,091</u>
Special Programs for the Aging Cluster -			
Special Programs for the Aging - Title IIIB - Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	N/A	112,096
Special Programs for the Aging - Title IIIC - Nutrition Services	93.045	N/A	146,269
ARRA-Special Programs for the Aging - Title IIIC - Nutrition Services	93.045	N/A	24,526
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053	N/A	44,439
Subtotal-Aging Cluster			<u>327,330</u>
Child Support Enforcement			
ARRA-Child Support Enforcement	93.563	N/A	459,609
	93.563	N/A	58,985
Subtotal-Child Support Enforcement			<u>518,594</u>
Passed through Health Research, Inc.:			
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Investigations and Technical Assistance	93.283	003499-01	24,016
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Investigations and Technical Assistance	93.283	15-0073-110	129,609
Subtotal-Health Research, Inc.			<u>153,625</u>
Total - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>66,629,522</u>

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security:			
Passed through New York State - Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	N/A	<u>21,968</u>
Homeland Security Cluster:			
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	C836770	116,294
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	C836772	39,921
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	C836780	10,742
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	T-836794	<u>7,757</u>
Total - Homeland Security Cluster			<u>174,714</u>
Total - U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>196,682</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 85,500,856</u>

Note: Bold items denote major programs.