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To: Members, Associates, and Participants

From: 
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Subject: Fall 2008 Meeting

The State of Michigan Office of the Auditor General is honored to host the Midwestern Intergovernmental Audit Forum (MIAF) on September 4-5, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel Lansing. Our meeting's theme is ***"Personal & Public Integrity: The keystones for Accountability."*** The Forum agenda is filled with dynamic sessions that will keep all audit professionals abreast of changes that affect this ever-evolving profession. Presentation topics will include: Fraud Detection, Creative Thinking for Auditors, Ethical Decision Making for Public Life, Performance Measurement, and Information Technology Security Issues and Updates. The Forum registration fee of **\$140** includes breaks, meals, and 12 continuing professional education (CPE) credits. Meeting participants will also have the opportunity to attend the Lansing Lugnut playoff game on Thursday evening, September 4, 2008, at 7:05 p.m. The Lugnuts are Lansing, Michigan's Minor League baseball team, and they are the Class "A" affiliates of the Toronto Blue Jays. See <http://www.lansinglugnuts.com/> for the Lugnuts official website. The Lansing Lugnuts are the Eastern Division First-Half Champions this year and they are seeking their third Midwest League championship. Thursday, September 4th is their first home playoff game and tickets are only \$10.

The Forum will be held at the Radisson Hotel Lansing, 111 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, 48933. The Radisson is offering a group rate of \$78.00 per night for a single room plus state and local taxes. ***The hotel is holding a limited number of rooms, so please reserve your room on or before Monday, August 11, 2008.*** Please make your reservation by calling Radisson reservations at (800) 333-3333, or with the hotel directly at (517) 482-0188, and identify yourself as a Midwestern Intergovernmental Audit Forum participant.

By way of background, the MIAF serves audit professionals in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The MIAF is an association of audit representatives from federal, state, and local governments and representatives of public accounting firms, state professional societies, and other nongovernmental organizations having an interest in governmental auditing. The MIAF meets periodically to consider audit issues of mutual interest advanced by any governmental unit in the region. The primary purpose of the association is to promote communication, coordination, and cooperation among the members' audit agencies to facilitate the effectiveness, efficiency, and usefulness of audits.

You may view the tentative agenda, register for the meeting, and obtain updated information on the Audit Forum's Internet web page at <http://www.auditforum.org/onlineregister.htm>. On-line registration is the method for registering for the meeting. If you have any questions about the meeting or hotel accommodations, please contact Stephanie Roach at (517) 334-8050, ext. 311 or by e-mail at roachs1@michigan.gov. If you register for the meeting, please ensure that your office's computer system will accept my e-mail addresses for I will periodically communicate with meeting registrants via email. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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