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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **COMPTROLLER NAMES "GREEN" AUDITOR**

Robert E. Antonacci II, CPA, Comptroller of Onondaga County, announced today Mr. Philip Britt was named the Comptroller's Green Auditor.

"I would like to congratulate the efforts of County Executive Joanie Mahoney and her team including Deputy County Executive Jean Smiley in obtaining the requested amendment to the Federal Court Order and charting a new path in addressing the cleanup of Onondaga Lake. There is little doubt these initiatives were bold and progressive," Antonacci stated.

The Comptroller's office is charged with approving claims and auditing county contracts, programs and policies.

Mr. Antonacci added "We expect a degree of sophistication in handling these new types of claims and auditing these "green" contracts and policies. Our goal is to make sure the County's efforts are carried forward efficiently and effectively. Our 'Green' auditor will develop first hand knowledge of the processes and expectations of the green initiatives so we can process claims timely and with great confidence the charges promote the green program and accomplish the goals of the Amended Consent Judgment (ACJ)."

Mr. Britt has been with the Comptrollers office almost two years and has over 15 years of financial and accounting experience.

Tom Squires, Deputy Comptroller/Audit Division, recommended Mr. Britt and recognized he has demonstrated an enthusiasm for this new role.

Mr. Squires further added "Our Audit division is looking into other specialties, areas requiring a specialized knowledge, experience or skill set. I look forward to recommending members of my staff to the comptroller very soon for these exciting projects."

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