



## State of Tennessee

Justin P. Wilson, State Comptroller

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### **Assistant to the Comptroller Richard V. Norment Receives National Leadership Award**

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) has selected Richard V. Norment, Assistant to Tennessee Comptroller Justin P. Wilson, as a recipient of the 2011 William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award.

Mr. Norment is scheduled to accept the award today at the AGA's National Leadership Conference. The AGA presents two prestigious awards at this conference each year to state government professionals. The award Mr. Norment will be receiving is the most prestigious state government award presented by AGA to a professional who embodies the highest personal and professional standards within the field of financial management.

The award is named for former Tennessee Comptroller William R. Snodgrass, who served in the office from 1955 to 1999.

Among his accomplishments, Mr. Norment supported development of the Transparency and Accountability for Governments (TAG) in Tennessee web site. This web site provides a central location for the public to find revenue and expenditure data for county governments in Tennessee.

Mr. Norment took a leadership role in advising local governments in Tennessee about the reporting requirements and operational impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Norment has also assisted Tennessee counties in standardizing their accounting records. His work has helped all 95 counties in the state to submit financial statements that are in compliance with the strict requirements outlined in the Government Accounting Standards Board's Statement 34.

This week, Mr. Norment was promoted to Assistant to the Comptroller for the Department of Audit. In his new role, he will oversee the Department of Audit operations and work with the audit division directors to coordinate the goals and objectives for the Comptroller's state, county and municipal audit divisions.

Mr. Norment is a veteran of the Comptroller's Division of County Audit. He has served as Assistant to the Comptroller of County Audit since 1993. Prior to that time, he was director of

the Division of County Audit, a position he assumed in 1985.

“I am so proud of the work Richard has done for the Comptroller’s office during his long career,” Comptroller Wilson said. “As this award shows, he has earned recognition from his peers not just within Tennessee, but nationally. I think it’s particularly fitting that this award, which is named for one of my predecessors, is going to another Tennessean who has served the public for many years.”

Last year, the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum selected Mr. Norment as one of the winners of the David M. Walker Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability Award. It was the latest of the many awards and professional honors he has received during his career.

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