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**Tennessee Association of Utility Districts Recognizes
Dennis Dycus with Friend of the Association Award**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Mr. Dennis Dycus, director of the Comptroller of the Treasury’s Division of Municipal Audit, has been recognized by the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) as a Friend of the Association. The Friend of the Association award recognizes those persons that have made substantial contributions to the utility industry in the state of Tennessee.



The TAUD represents the utility districts as well as many municipal utility systems in the state and offers training and consulting in the operations of water, sewer and gas utilities. During its 52 year history, Mr. Dycus is only the second individual to be recognized with the distinguished Friend of the Association award. “It is our privilege to recognize Mr. Dycus with this honor and to express our sincere appreciation for his dedication and generous commitment of time and support to our endeavors,” says John Hall, special programs manager for TAUD. “He well deserves the Friend of the Association award.”

A 37-year employee of the Comptroller of the Treasury’s office, Mr. Dycus is responsible for the annual audit of all municipalities, utility districts, school activity and cafeteria funds, housing authorities, certain not-for-profit organizations and other quasi-governmental entities in the state of Tennessee. In addition, his staff conducts numerous audits for fraud, waste and abuse each year.

“It has been a pleasure to work with many representatives of the Association. I can truly say that working together, we have made a positive difference in the lives of the citizens of the state of Tennessee,” says Dycus. “I am honored to receive this award.”

Mr. Dycus is a frequent guest speaker at various local, state, and national professional conferences, and a lecturer for various college business and accounting classes, professional associations, and not-for-profit organizations. He presently serves as a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Accounting Advisory Council for the Gordon Ford College of Business, the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Government Accountants, the Government Finance Officers Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and previously served as a member of the Accounting Advisory Board at Middle Tennessee State University.

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A graduate of Western Kentucky University, he has authored articles on auditing for fraud for national publication and has won countless awards for his service in the detection and deterrence of fraud and for his contribution to expanding the industry's knowledge toward the detection of fraud. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Public Accountant, and Certified Government Financial Manager.

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