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Dr. Phillip Doss Promoted to Director of the Offices of Research and Education Accountability

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Dr. Phillip Doss has been promoted to Director of the Comptroller of the Treasury's Offices of Research and Education Accountability (OREA).

Since 2005, Dr. Doss had been assistant director of OREA. He is assuming the role previously held by Ethel Detch, who retired in June.



"We believe that Dr. Doss is uniquely qualified to lead the Offices of Research and Education Accountability. We are fortunate that a professional of his caliber was already working within the organization and able to step into the leadership role," stated Comptroller John Morgan.

Dr. Doss holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Rhodes College, a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Idaho, and a Ph.D. in Humanities from the University of Texas at Arlington. He began working for the comptroller's office in 1984 and served as chief of research until 1989, when he left to pursue graduate studies. He returned to work for the comptroller and OREA in 1996.

"I feel fortunate to direct the group of individuals with whom I will be working. They are intelligent, motivated, and dedicated to improving government," said Doss.

The Offices of Research and Education Accountability provide non-partisan, objective analysis of policy issues for the comptroller, the General Assembly, other state agencies, and the public. The General Assembly created the Office of Education Accountability within the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury as a part of the Education Improvement Act of 1992. In July 1994, the comptroller placed the new office with another newly created unit, the Office of Research.

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