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Comptroller Announces "Consensus/Consolidation Frequently Asked Questions" Service for County Taxpayers

Onondaga County Comptroller Robert Antonacci II, CPA, Esq., announced today his office's initiative to help answer questions taxpayers may have about the Consensus report and the potential merger of Onondaga County and Syracuse governments.

Mr. Antonacci said today, "The first question that has been asked by many residents is which towns and villages are under fiscal stress?" Mr. Antonacci noted the New York State Comptroller just released his fiscal stress testing for the last year and according to the report, there are no towns under stress and only one village under "moderate" stress, http://wwe1.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/fsms.cfm.

Mr. Antonacci started CSI: Onondaga (Consolidation, Shared Services and Integration) of county governments as a service to the local municipalities in 2011. His office has participated in numerous consolidation issues including the Village of East Syracuse Police Merger with DeWitt.

In closing, Mr. Antonacci said "We welcome any and all questions from taxpayers as they review and participate in the Consensus discussions. We will do our best to answer questions presented and look forward to enabling a full and transparent discussion about consolidation issues facing our town."

To access the "Contact the Office of the Comptroller" form, use the following link: http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/contact.html. Answers will be posted on the Consensus/Consolidation FAQ page, http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/ConsensusFAQ_000.html.

Questions regarding this service may be directed to Robert Antonacci II CPA at (315) 435-2130.

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