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CANCELING MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS COULD SAVE COUNTY \$164,461

Robert E. Antonacci II, CPA, Comptroller of Onondaga County, has released his office's desk audit of memberships and association. The Audit was the first time the Comptroller's Office issued a "desk audit" wherein questionnaires were sent to the Department Heads asking for information. The audit's goal was to determine the amount and necessity of the memberships and association dues and fees. The use of this type of audit technique allowed for a more efficient use of audit resources while minimizing staff disruption at the departmental level.

It has been determined \$164,461 of membership dues and represents choices made by the County.

"We do note the department heads have indicated strong reasons for retaining various memberships and associations and respect their opinions, but in these tough economic times we must make tough choices. Canceling or suspending non-mandated memberships indicated in our report will not close down County government," Antonacci added.

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