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KOREAN DELEGATION VISITS ORANGE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

JUNE 2, 2015 – Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric H. Woolery hosted a delegation of 10 provincial and municipal officials from the Gyeonggi Provincial Government in the Republic of Korea. Gyeonggi, which includes the Capital Seoul, is the most populous of the 31 provinces in South Korea. The delegation is visiting several US cities and counties to learn ways to improve audit and inspection practices for the public sector.

The delegation was greeted by Woolery, as well as Orange County's Second District Supervisor Michelle Steele. The group submitted a number of questions centering on the structure of the Auditor-Controller's department; Audit practices, communications and corruption prevention. Woolery addressed these topics in a power point that was also translated into Korean.

"I am honored to welcome our Korean friends to the Orange County Auditor-Controller's office and hope that our exchange will be mutually instructive," said Woolery. "I hold the people of South Korea in very high esteem and admire their global outreach in pursuit of creating a more transparent government."

In his remarks, Woolery stressed how important an independently-elected Auditor-Controller is in creating an atmosphere where financial matters are presented directly to the taxpayers. He also discussed how a system of checks and balances by separate departments exposes fraud and abuse more quickly.

The Orange County Auditor-Controller's office, headed by Eric H. Woolery, CPA is responsible for several key annual audits including auditing the county's investment pool. The Auditor-Controller manages the expenditures including payroll and vendor payments of the county's approximately $5.5 billion budget. The department also sets property and school and special district tax rates, and apportions tax revenue to the agencies.

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