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## State Auditor Looks Forward To 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector Gary Jones said today he’s looking forward to a second term and moving ahead with his long range goals.

“I’m glad to be in this position and for the opportunity to remain focused on building upon our achievements of the past three years,” Jones said. “I’m fortunate to work with a select group of specialized auditing professionals who are also exceptional public servants.

Among his long-range goals for the agency, Jones says improving technological and digital advances in record storage are at the top of the list.

“We kept our 2011 pledge to eliminate the backlog of county audits and continue to do more work in this area to maintain our ambitious auditing schedule,” Jones said. “I’m going to continue to encourage our lawmakers to embrace the tremendous advantages of conducting performance audits. Our office is all about transparency and accountability. We are a tool the legislature should use to right-size government.”

Jones also advanced an overhaul of the state budgeting process during his first term. As the name implies, Needs Based Budgeting would fund an agency based on its actual need and not simply starting with the amount money it was appropriated the previous year.

“Many state agencies have millions of dollars in reserve and revolving funds that should be used more effectively to help fund state government,” Jones said. “We need to look at programs and make a legitimate determination as to whether each is efficiently delivering government services.

“It’s relatively easy to get distracted by things that are controversial instead of tackling less exciting, though no less critical, issues,” Jones said. “We’ll continue to do everything possible to make sure we don’t become the first generation of Americans to leave our children and grandchildren worse off than when we got here.”

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