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### **1. Pension Update: Omnibus Pension Bill**

The Omnibus Pension Bill, which contains the Office of the State Auditor's Working Group proposals, was signed into law this week by Governor Pawlenty. The Working Group provisions are located in Article 14. A copy of the bill is provided on the Pension Commission's website at: <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcpr/omnibus.htm>. We would like to congratulate the Working Group members and sincerely thank them for their participation and efforts.

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### **2. TIF Update: Limited Registration Still Available For June TIF Workshops**

The dates and locations of the June TIF workshops are:

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Bemidji  
Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Cloud  
Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - New Ulm

The June TIF workshops are free, but registration is required. For further information and to register, see [http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/Other/TIFDocs/TIFWorkshop\\_08\\_form.pdf](http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/Other/TIFDocs/TIFWorkshop_08_form.pdf)

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### **3. Avoiding Pitfalls: Credit Cards – Detailed Receipts Required**

Counties, cities, towns and school districts have the authority to use credit cards for purchases. The bills received from the credit card company generally do not provide sufficient detail to make sure that a particular purchase was made for a public purpose, and not for a public employee's personal use. As a result, public employees should be required to turn in the original, detailed receipt for every purchase made with the public entity's credit card.

For more information on this topic, see our Statement of Position on Credit Card Use and Policies found on our website at:

[http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/creditcardusepolicies\\_0703\\_statement.pdf](http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/creditcardusepolicies_0703_statement.pdf). To review the United States Government Accountability Office's March 2008 study on Governmentwide Purchase Cards – Actions Needed to Strengthen Internal Controls to Reduce Fraudulent, Improper, and Abusive Purchases, go to: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08333.pdf>.