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Auditor General  
State of Rhode Island

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Ernest A. Almonte is the Auditor General of the State of Rhode Island, a position he has held since 1994. As Auditor General, he is responsible for auditing the \$6 billion State Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the \$1.9 billion Federal Single Audit, Municipal Oversight, Performance Audits, Fraud Audits, and oversight of quasi-public agencies. He manages a staff of 46 and has over 26 years experience in the accounting profession.

From 1982 until 1994 Mr. Almonte had his own CPA firm in Smithfield, RI, servicing clients from New England and several other states. From 1989 to 1994, he was Chairman of the Board of the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency.

He holds both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Taxation Degree from Bryant University. Mr. Almonte is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

In addition to being a Certified Public Accountant, he is also a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He has been active in the AICPA and other professional associations, as well as charities. Mr. Almonte was appointed by the Secretary of Defense as the State of Rhode Island Chairman of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and by the Comptroller General of the United States to the Government Auditing Standards Committee. He served as the Chairman of the Members in Government Committee of the AICPA, the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum and the Electronic Government Committee of the National State Auditors Association. Mr. Almonte is currently a member of the AICPA Board of Directors, the Executive Committee of the National State Auditors Association, and the Rhode Island Society of CPAs. He is the Chair of the Audit Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Almonte is the recipient of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council “Robert M. Goodrich Distinguished Public Award” – 2004, the Giovanni da Verrazzano Man of the Year – For Outstanding Service to the Rhode Island Community – 2005 and the Rhode Island Society of CPA’s – Centennial Outstanding CPA in Government.