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### What qualifies you to be state auditor for Wyoming?

I hold a degree in accounting from UW, and I am a CPA. In private practice, I performed audits of Wyoming businesses, nonprofits and governmental entities. Currently, I serve as CFO and director of human resources of Wyoming's judicial branch, where I prepare and manage an \$80 million statewide budget.

During my 15 years of state employment, I have audited government contracts and programs to ensure compliance with state and federal rules. I have led teams that provide innovative and reliable technology solutions to state stakeholders and that improve outcomes for citizens. I earned my Master's in public administration from the University of Wyoming in 2008. I have my Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate. My experience gives me the skills to innovate business processes at the auditor's office.

### How would you describe your leadership style?

My core values are integrity, honesty and hard work, and I lead by example and actions. Personal responsibility and individual liberties must go hand in hand. I believe that everything I do, every job I do – large or small – must be done with excellence. And always ... ALWAYS ... service above self.

My vision for the office keeps Wyoming on a path of excellence. I believe our employees are the state's greatest asset. As auditor, it is my responsibility to help employees achieve success in their jobs while simultaneously ensuring that their efforts improve outcomes for citizens. I am committed to providing accurate and timely information to citizens to promote Wyoming's people over special interests.

### What do you believe are the most important issues to Wyomingites?

Jobs, jobs, the economy and jobs. Wyoming struggles with a boom-and-bust economy ... we must create an environment in which our children want and are able to stay (or to which they can return). Families are behind moving Wyoming forward – but with common sense and sound, mindful decisions.

Right now, Wyoming earns an "F" in transparency. A long line of partisan auditors have had every opportunity to make some version, any version, of Wyoming's checkbook available to citizens. They chose not to do it. I will. I further believe our state leaders need to recognize that Wyoming government needs technical innovation. I will update the functions of the office so that we become technologically compatible with the businesses and technologies emerging in the state.

### Would you prioritize transparency in the auditor's office? If so, how?

Wyoming citizens and lawmakers must have reliable financial information in order to make good decisions and hold government accountable – this is non-negotiable. Currently, information that can and should be made public is intermingled with data that is private by law (for example, private health information). My knowledge of the accounting system and the state's expenditure process puts me in the best position to improve transparency while ensuring protected data of citizens is not compromised.

Yes. Transparency equals accountability. Webster's defines transparency as the state by which one reveals they have nothing to hide. That's why when I talk about publishing vendor-payment data on day one, I will do so in a manner that does not violate privacy laws and best promotes public interests over special interests. Citizens expect that, when it comes to government data, public information will be accessible. I am committed to that goal.

### Do you support making the state's checkbook available online? If so, how would you make that happen?

I absolutely support putting state expenditure data online, and I will work with the Legislature to find an optimal software solution to publish data. But making information public is only half the battle – I will prioritize that it be available in a format that is timely, user-friendly, searchable and understandable.

Absolutely! On day one, I will publish the vendor data that the auditor's office is being sued for and make Wyoming's checkbook available to everyone. Then, a group like [OpentheBooks.com](http://OpentheBooks.com) need only upload the files. Then citizens can search their site for Wyoming expenditures. My solution represents a low-cost, easily achievable plan that moves Wyoming forward at no cost to taxpayers while at the same time informing citizens. That's a win for everyone!

### What are your other priorities, if you're elected?

Do the job, do it well. Period. As a fourth generation Wyoming native and experienced CPA, I bring the skills and Wyoming perspective to discharge the auditor's duties competently. I will make sound and cost-conscious investments in our communities to foster new opportunities and provide critical services. Wyoming's future first, always.

As a voting member on the State Loan and Investment Board, I will vote yes on projects that help communities improve antiquated infrastructure. Having grown up in a small town, I understand the challenges faced by Wyoming communities. I know it is hard to complete new infrastructure projects that attract new businesses, bring in tourists and promote a healthy economy. I believe all our communities need larger voices in Wyoming government.