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Washoe County Comptroller's Office Goes Paperless

Reno, Nevada. March 9, 2011. Washoe County Comptroller's Office implemented a new paperless process for its accounts payable function which will save taxpayers \$53,000 this year and \$97,000 annually after that.

The Comptroller's Office worked with Washoe County Department of Technology Services to develop software that automatically populates fields in the County's accounts payable system (known as SAP), which enhancing the existing basic indexing software. This indexing eliminates much of the manual data entry that is required for invoice processing. The Comptroller's Office invested just under \$46,000 in the software and equipment to implement this new system.

Washoe County Comptroller Sheri Mendez notes the new systems does more than save money. "The paperless process has many advantages, including improved accuracy, increased productivity and reduction of paper files," according to Mendez. Washoe County Departments are now able to electronically review invoices, which eliminates the need to request paper copies from another department.

Washoe County has reduced spending by \$123 million over the past four years in response to dwindling property tax and sales tax revenues, and was the first of Nevada local governments to begin such cost cutting. The Comptroller's Office going paperless is another example of ways Washoe County continues to streamline processes to redefine county government to be fiscally sustainable in the new economic environment