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Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli To Accept Commendation at October 14 Meeting of Rensselaer County Legislature

Troy—Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli will be attending the Presentations ceremony at 5:30 on October 14 before the official meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature to receive a commending resolution that passed unanimously earlier this year. The resolution, introduced by Legislator Flora Fasoldt (D- District 4), recognizes Mr. DiNapoli for establishing “Open Book New York,” a website that provides the public with easy access to information about New York State government spending.

“Open Book New York” contains information about more than 60,000 active State contracts and spending for 113 State agencies and public authorities. The site recently added data about revenue and financial trends for 3,100 cities, towns and counties.

By making detailed information about how taxpayer dollars are spent readily available, the website encourages New Yorkers to take an active role in the oversight of financial decisions made on their behalf by government officials. Good government advocates have hailed the website’s contributions to the growing availability of government financial data, a significant step toward greater transparency in government.

For more information about Comptroller DiNapoli’s visit to the Legislature, please call 270-2892.