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Pennsylvania Auditor General to speak at Special Breakfast Meeting Hosted by the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania

(Pittsburgh, PA – July 6, 2012) – The Honorable Jack Wagner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Auditor General, is scheduled to speak at a Special Breakfast Meeting on Friday, July 13th at 8AM at the Rivers Club in Oxford Center. Wagner is expected to discuss the state's financial health and the Commonwealth's new budget.

Jack Wagner was elected Auditor General on November 2, 2004 after three decades of experience in the public and private sectors. Before taking office as Auditor General, Jack represented Allegheny County in the State Senate for over 10 years. He served as Democratic Caucus Chairman, the third highest leadership position, and as the Democratic Chairman of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. He also served on the Appropriations, Judiciary, Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Rules and Executive Nominations, and Policy Committees, and was a member of the Pennsylvania Firefighters and Emergency Services Legislative Caucus, the Pennsylvania Coal Caucus, the Legislative Arthritis and Osteoporosis Caucus, the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial Commission, and the Task Force on Adoption Law.

Jack is a combat veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, where he received the Purple Heart and numerous other military commendations for his infantry service during the Vietnam War (1966-68). He was granted a medical discharge after being wounded in combat.

Following his military service, Jack graduated from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Safety Management in 1974. Jack also attended St. Catherine of Siena Church Grade School in Beechview, South Hills High School in Mount Washington, and Point Park College in Pittsburgh. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from IUP for service to the community and the university in 1994 and served for four years on the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American business owners and professionals.