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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sheep Springs Chapter Receives LGA Certification

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Sheep Springs Chapter received its LGA Certification on Friday, Aug. 24th during a Transportation and Community Development meeting at the Sheep Springs Chapter.

Elizabeth Begay, of the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General, recommended the chapter for the Local Governance Act certification.

“We have reviewed the Sheep Springs Chapter’s Five Management System for the three-month period ending March 31, 2007,” Begay said. “The purpose of our review was to determine whether Sheep Springs Chapter has met the objectives of a five-management system, as defined by 26 Navajo Nation Code, the Local Governance Act.”

Begay said the review included obtaining an understanding of the internal control policies and procedures established by the Chapter’s Five Management System, evaluating the design effectiveness of the internal control procedures, determining whether such procedures have been placed in operation and other procedures we consider necessary to form a conclusion on whether the Chapter has met the objectives of a five-management system.

The Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, 26 N.N. C., defines a five management system to include accounting, procurement, record keeping, personnel and property management.

“During our review, we evaluated Sheep Springs Chapter’s achievement of its Five Management System objectives in the areas of financial reporting, safeguarding of assets and compliance with laws and regulations,” Begay said. Based on the Office of the Auditor General’s review of the three-month period that ended March 31, 2007, the office concludes that the Sheep Springs Chapter Five Management System provides reasonable assurance that financial reporting is reliable and accurate, assets are safeguarded from loss and applicable laws and regulations are complied with.

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The Office of the Auditor General recommended that the Transportation and Community Development Committee approve the Sheep Springs Chapter for governance certification within the meaning of 26 N.N.C.§102.