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State Representative Mark Miloscia (D-Federal Way) announced his bid today to run for Washington State Auditor, succeeding Brian Sonntag who recently announced his intentions to retire at the end of his current term in 2012.

“Brian Sonntag is certainly retiring as the best State Auditor in the nation. It is an honor to continue his performance legacy in critically examining all government spending and programs in an unbiased and bipartisan manner. During these tough budget times, our government must improve its performance and I have the performance technical skills, and proven track record that will get us there.”

Rep. Miloscia, a member of the American Society of Quality since 1991, has been a recognized state and national leader in government accountability and ethics reform since he was first elected, having sponsored or helped draft virtually every government improvement bill since 1999 (GMAP, POG, Performance Audits, WSQA, etc).

He recently made history when he became the first lawmaker in the nation selected as an examiner or auditor for the prestigious Baldrige Performance Program. Last year, he was invited to our nation’s capitol to join Vice President Biden and Commerce Secretary Locke in congratulating the winners of the Baldrige Quality Award as the best run private and public organizations in the nation.

Rep. Miloscia sometimes has perplexed his colleagues and interest groups with his passion for government performance, having a track record of grilling government agencies in almost every committee hearing and of voting against state budgets and tax increases when accountability measures were excluded or lacking.

“I have been auditing and reviewing private and public sector organizations for 25 years. I cut my teeth auditing different Boeing programs—I know what to look for, and I won’t tolerate poor performance. I know what agencies and programs must do to be effective and efficient and I don’t hesitate to act on poor performance. I will work with citizens, elected officials, and business and labor leaders, and bring this expertise to the State Auditors office. “

Rep. Miloscia is regularly invited to provide technical performance guidance to many public and private sector organizations here in Washington State, in addition to speaking at numerous performance conferences and publishing articles in performance magazines.

Miloscia say’s his goal for this office and this state is pretty simple and will be completely transparent and measurable to the public.

“As State Auditor, our state will be recognized by our own citizens and the performance experts as the most efficient and effective government in the world. Where the most innovative companies in the world, the Boeings and Microsoft’s come to our agencies door to learn performance best practices from our employees, not the other way around . Washington’s voters are expecting a real performance task master in the State Auditors Office to improve our state and I am just the leader that will get us results.”

Rep. Miloscia, an Air Force Academy engineering graduate with both an MBA and a Masters in Clinical Psychology, is a former AF B-52 pilot and Contract Manager and a former executive at Tacoma Goodwill Industries and Federal Way Youth and Family Services. He currently works as substitute school teacher and has served as a quality examiner reviewing numerous private and public organizations for the last five years.

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