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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

Joint Audit Committee

Committee Co-Chairs:
State Senator Carol Roessler
State Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz

January 13, 2005

Dear Legislative Colleague:

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee is responsible for directing the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct financial and program evaluation audits of specific topics, programs, and agencies. These reports can assure the Legislature that financial transactions and management decisions are made effectively, efficiently, and in compliance with state law and that state agencies carry out the policies of the Legislature and the Governor. Legislative Audit Bureau reports typically contain reviews of financial transactions, analyses of agency performance or public policy issues, conclusions regarding the causes of problems found, and recommendations for improvement.

We invite you to submit your audit requests to the Committee. In submitting an audit request, please consider the following:

1. Requests should be made in writing and addressed to both co-chairpersons of the Committee.
2. Requests should clearly and specifically identify the topic, program, and agency in question as well as the concerns you perceive as justification for an audit. It is helpful if the request includes any background information you may have on the issue.
3. It is often useful if you discuss your request with State Auditor Janice Mueller before submitting it formally to the Committee. The State Auditor can help you determine if an audit has already been completed on the issue or assess the feasibility of your audit request. The State Auditor may be reached at (608) 266-2818.

Audit requests that were not approved during the past legislative session may also be updated and resubmitted for consideration. If you have any questions on the procedures to follow in requesting an audit, or on any other matter relevant to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Senator Carol A. Roessler, Co-chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz, Co-chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

cc: Janice Mueller, State Auditor





WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

Joint Audit Committee

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State Senator Carol Roessler
State Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz

DATE: January 20, 2005

TO: MEMBERS OF THE 2005 JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

FROM: Senator Carol Roessler & Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz, Co-Chairs

RE: Information about the Joint Audit Committee

As the new session begins, we want to welcome you to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Both returning and new members can look forward to accomplishing a great deal over the next two years. As your co-chairs, we thought it would be helpful to set forth some general guidelines for Committee operations so that all members are prepared at the outset.

We strongly believe that following up on agency progress in addressing the Audit Bureau's recommendations is an integral part of the committee's responsibility and have made it a hallmark of our tenure as co-chairs.

We all serve on a number of committees. Since the Joint Audit Committee does not have a regularly scheduled meeting day we will do our best to accommodate your individual schedules when planning hearing dates.

With that in mind, we intend to do the following:

1. Provide as much advance notice of committee meetings and executive sessions as possible.
2. Set agendas that can realistically be completed in a reasonable amount of time.
3. Begin our meetings on time.
4. Ask that speakers addressing the committee summarize rather than read testimony verbatim and not repeat previous testimony.
5. Set time limits on testimony as needed.
6. Have members vote in person at executive sessions. The Joint Audit Committee does not utilize paper ballots at any time. Ordinarily, we will take executive action on proposed audits immediately following the public hearing on the proposed audit.

We are honored to serve as your Co-Chairs on the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and we look forward to working with you this session. Our committee clerks are Karen Asbjornson (Roessler) and Pam Matthews (Jeskewitz). We work closely with State Auditor Jan Mueller, her special assistant Joe Chrisman, and Legislative Council senior staff attorney Pam Shannon.

Attached you will find a listing of current audits in progress, a timeline for receiving follow-up documents as required in a past audit or at the request of this committee in a previous hearing, as well as some recently received follow-up on the OIC audit. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or suggestions you may have throughout the session.

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Joint Legislative Audit Committee Follow-up

January 2005:

1. Opportunities Industrialization Center of Greater Milwaukee (letter report, November 2004)
 - Follow-up report from Department of Workforce Development (just received – attached)
 - Follow-up report from OIC-GM Interim President (just received – attached)
 - Follow-up report from OIC-GM Board Chairman (just received – attached)
2. Injured Patient and Families Compensation Fund (report 04-12)
 - Report from Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (due November 30, 2004; extension granted; anticipate update in late-January)
3. Medical Assistance Eligibility Determinations (report 04-13)
 - Report from Department of Health and Family Services (due January 15)

February 2005:

1. University of Wisconsin System Staffing (report 04-10)
 - Report from UW System (due February 1)
2. Major Highway Program
 - Report from Department of Transportation (required by 2003 Wisconsin Act 217, due on February 1)

March 2005:

1. Assessment of Manufacturing Property (report 04-14)
 - Report from Department of Revenue (due March 31)

April 2005:

1. Air Management Programs (report 04-1)
 - Report from Department of Natural Resources (due April 15)

The following is a list of the Legislative Audit Bureau's audits-in-progress as of January 2005. For more information, at any time, about the current status of an audit, please contact the Bureau at (608) 266-2818, or visit their Web page at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab>.

Performance Audits

Title / Description
<p>Lottery A review of Lottery performance and analysis of individual game costs.</p>
<p>Eligibility Determination for Senior Care An assessment of accuracy in determining eligibility for participation.</p>
<p>Multi-Family Dwelling Code An evaluation of enforcement of the code.</p>
<p>Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program A comprehensive review of program administration and effectiveness.</p>
<p>Economic Development Programs A review of the State's economic development programs.</p>
<p>State Fleet A review of vehicle purchases and reimbursement for personal mileage.</p>
<p>Children at Risk Audit to determine whether program objectives were met.</p>
<p>Physician Office Visit Data Program An evaluation of the Physician Office Visit Data Program.</p>
<p>Milwaukee County Child Welfare A review of the Milwaukee County Child Welfare system</p>

Financial Audits

Title / Description
<p>Employee Trust Funds Financial statements for calendar year 2003.</p>
<p>State Historical Society Review of fiscal controls.</p>
<p>Gaming Division Financial statements for fiscal years 2001-02 through 2003-04.</p>
<p>Unemployment Reserve Fund Financial statements for fiscal years 2002-03 and 2003-04.</p>
<p>Local Government Property Insurance Fund Financial statements for fiscal years 2000-01 through 2003-04.</p>
<p>WHA Television and Radio Financial statements for fiscal year 2003-04.</p>
<p>Single Audit Compliance audit of federal grants for fiscal year 2003-04.</p>
<p>Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Financial statements for fiscal year 2003-04</p>
<p>UW Single Audit Compliance audit of student financial aid and federal research grants.</p>





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Janice Mueller
State Auditor

March 8, 2005

Senator Carol A. Roessler and
Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz, Co-chairpersons
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Senator Roessler and Representative Jeskewitz:

We have completed our financial audit of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System for the years ended June 30, 2004 and 2003. UW System's financial statements and our unqualified audit opinion on them dated December 21, 2004, were included in the UW System's 2004 Annual Financial Report and provided to the UW Board of Regents at its February 2005 meeting. In accordance with new accounting standards implemented in fiscal year (FY) 2003-04, condensed financial information for the UW Foundation is also included in Note 13 of UW System's financial statements.

As noted in UW System's 2004 Annual Financial Report, operating revenues increased from nearly \$2.0 billion in FY 2002-03 to \$2.1 billion in FY 2003-04. This increase can largely be attributed to two factors: an increase in student tuition and fees revenue and an increase in federal grant and contract revenue. From FY 2002-03 to FY 2003-04, tuition and fees revenue increased from \$577.4 million to \$653.3 million, primarily the result of an 18.0 percent increase in tuition. During that time period, with several new federally funded projects, federal grant and contract revenue increased from \$567.8 million to \$612.9 million, a 7.9 percent increase.

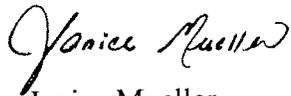
General purpose revenue (GPR), which is shown as State Appropriations on the financial statements under non-operating revenues, decreased 7.0 percent from \$970.2 million in FY 2002-03 to \$901.9 million in FY 2003-04. This funding does not include GPR funding that is used to repay debt on academic facilities, which is technically debt of the State of Wisconsin and not UW System. For FY 2003-04, such debt service payments totaled an additional \$45.0 million.

Total operating expenses for FY 2003-04 were \$3.3 billion, which reflects an increase of 6.5 percent over the prior year. This increase is largely the result of three types of expenses: supplies and services increased \$74.7 million (10.2 percent); salaries and fringe benefits,

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which represent 70.3 percent of all operating costs, increased \$58.9 million (2.7 percent);
and depreciation, following a change in accounting methodology, increased \$48.1 million
(40.0 percent).

Sincerely,



Janice Mueller
State Auditor

JM/JG/bm

Enclosures

cc: Senator Robert Cowles
Senator Scott Fitzgerald
Senator Mark Miller
Senator Julie Lassa

Representative Samantha Kerkman
Representative Dean Kaufert
Representative David Travis
Representative David Cullen





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March 15, 2005

Senator Carol Roessler, Cochairperson, Joint Legislative Audit Committee
8 South, State Capitol

Dear Senator Roessler:

We need your assistance in preparing the portions of the *2005-2006 Wisconsin Blue Book* that pertain to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The *Blue Book* is the legislature's primary vehicle for providing information about Wisconsin government to legislators, government officials, and the citizens of our state.

We are enclosing the *Blue Book* text for the joint committee, which we have updated to the best of our knowledge. The memorandum accompanying this letter describes the specific information we need from you. Please check these materials and let us know any necessary changes, additions, or deletions. This will be your only opportunity to review the text for the joint committee.

Please **do not retype** the enclosed write-up. To speed editing, make changes on the copy itself or attach additional sheets, if necessary. **Please indicate the name, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the contact person who prepared the response.**

We are asking that you return your response to Mike Keane at the Legislative Reference Bureau by **April 1, 2005**. If you have any problems with this deadline or other questions, please contact him at 266-0346.

We appreciate your cooperation in making the *Blue Book* a useful tool for all.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Barish
Blue Book Editor

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Enclosure

INFORMATION REQUEST FOR 2005-2006 WISCONSIN BLUE BOOK
(Please fill in the agency contact and submit with *Blue Book* copy.)

Date due: April 1, 2005

Return to: Michael Keane, Legislative Analyst Phone: 266-0346
Legislative Reference Bureau E-mail: michael.keane@legis.state.wi.us
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JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE: PLEASE LIST CONTACT: NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL:

A-OK - no changes
Carol Rauscher

INFORMATION CHECKLIST – by section

I. Membership --- Please verify:

1. Cochairpersons, other committee members, and ranking minority party member.
2. Mailing and office addresses, telephone number, and e-mail addresses of cochairpersons.

II. Statutory References --- the statutory section creating the joint committee and the sections that describe its general powers.

III. Agency Responsibility --- a brief description of the function of the joint committee as a whole.

IV. Organization --- a brief description of the structure of the joint committee.

V. History --- a brief description of the evolution of the joint committee reflecting major changes in duties and structure.

Thank you for reviewing your *Blue Book* writeup and answering our specific questions about the joint committee.

Joint**LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Members: SENATOR ROESSLER, REPRESENTATIVE JESKEWITZ, *cochairpersons*; SENATOR S. FITZGERALD, REPRESENTATIVE KAUFERT (joint finance committee cochairpersons); SENATORS COWLES; MILLER*, LASSA; REPRESENTATIVES KERKMAN; TRAVIS*, CULLEN.

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Statutory Reference: Section 13.53.

Agency Responsibility: The Joint Legislative Audit Committee, which was created by Chapter 224, Laws of 1975, advises the Legislative Audit Bureau, subject to general supervision of the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization. Its members include the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance, plus 2 majority and 2 minority party members from each house of the legislature. The committee evaluates candidates for the office of state auditor and makes recommendations to the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, which selects the auditor.

The committee may direct the state auditor to undertake specific audits and review requests for special audits from individual legislators or standing committees, but no legislator or standing committee may interfere with the auditor in the conduct of an audit.

The committee reviews each report of the Legislative Audit Bureau and then confers with the state auditor, other legislative committees, and the audited agencies on the report's findings. It may propose corrective action and direct that followup reports be submitted to it.

The committee may hold hearings on audit reports, ask the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization to investigate any matter within the scope of the audit, and request investigation of any matter relative to the fiscal and performance responsibilities of a state agency. If an audit report cites financial deficiencies, the head of the agency must report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee on remedial actions taken. Should the agency head fail to report, the committee may refer the matter to the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization and the appropriate standing committees.

When the committee determines that legislative action is needed, it may refer the necessary information to the legislature or a standing committee. It can also request information from a committee on action taken or seek advice of a standing committee on program portions of an audit. The committee may introduce legislation to address issues covered in audit reports.





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For Immediate Release

April 8, 2005

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Single Audit Hailed As Important Tool for Accountability

(Madison) The nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) today released its annual Single Audit report, which details the expenditure of funds allocated to the State by the federal government. During their tenure as co-chairpersons of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Senator Carol Roessler (R-Oshkosh) and Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz (R-Menomonee Falls) have embraced the Single Audit as an important tool for maintaining accountability and ensuring the State's effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The audit includes 23 recommendations to improve state agency administration of federal grant programs.

The audit found that the State administered more than \$9.3 billion in federal financial assistance in fiscal year 2003-04. Approximately 93 percent of the federal cash and non-cash assistance received by the State was administered by five state agencies, including the Department of Health and Family Services, the Department of Workforce Development, the University of Wisconsin System, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Public Instruction.

As a result of LAB's last Single Audit, the State was able to claim an additional \$5.9 million in federal Adoption Assistance funding. The Single Audit report released today identifies an additional \$1.3 million in federal funds that state agencies have claimed or may be able to claim. However, the audit also questions over \$237,000 in unallowable charges to federal grants and identifies a need for continued improvement in eligibility documentation in some federal programs.

Co-chairs Roessler and Jeskewitz will review the Single Audit carefully in order to determine the specific follow-up actions warranted by LAB's findings and recommendations.

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May 13, 2005

Senator Carol A. Roessler and
Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz, Co-chairpersons
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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Dear Senator Roessler and Representative Jeskewitz:

I am writing to you in response to the May 12, 2005 letter from the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) summarizing the report (report 05-5) on the fiscal year (FY) 2003-04 single audit of the State of Wisconsin. In that report a question has been raised regarding the Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) receipt of \$3.0 million in federal funds as a reimbursement of prior costs associated with the original AFDC program.

The LAB noted two concerns:

- That DWD did not account for these funds as general purpose revenues under the General Fund; and
- That the revenue was recorded as federal revenues, and credited to an unrelated continuing federal appropriation.

At the time the revenues were received, the department was still determining proper treatment of the funds, which we initially considered to be "excess fed." Under that interpretation, the funds were initially credited to s. 20.445(3)(nl), which was the appropriation that had been previously used for this purpose at the time of the AFDC program. Therefore, LAB's statement to the effect that the above mentioned funds are not related to a federal appropriation is not necessarily correct. The department viewed at the time that appropriation s. 20.445(3)(nl) was an appropriate place to receive the funds pending any further interpretations, including any review under the state single audit.

Since the end of the AFDC program, a new appropriation has been created for capturing the "excess fed" funds. DWD believes that this newly created appropriation, now designated as s. 20.445(3)(mm), should be used to account for the receipt of these funds.

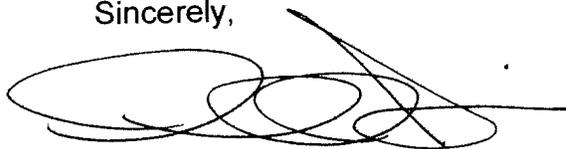
However, please note that the decision to deposit these funds as general purpose revenues is not an automatic one; it is determined by the Department of Administration (DOA) under both the appropriation in question and a related section of the statutes. Under s. 16.54(12)(b) funds

Senator Carol A. Roessler and
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received under s. 20.445(3)(mm) are only encumbered or expended through a plan submitted by the department to DOA. If DOA approves the plan, then DOA notifies the co-chairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Given all of the information available since the initial determination regarding the receipt of these funds, DWD would recommend the funds be retained in s. 20.445(3)(mm) pending the resolution of any outstanding issues with respect to federal audits of the AFDC program, and for potential use in the successor programs under TANF/W-2. Given the recommendations from LAB, this would seem to be the most prudent course for reserving the funds at this time.

Sincerely,



Micabil Diaz-Martinez
Attorney at Law
Deputy Secretary

Cc: Dave Schmiedicke, DOA Budget
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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

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June 1, 2005

Ms. Mary P. Burke, Secretary
Department of Commerce
201 West Washington Avenue, 6th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Ms. Burke:

We have received and reviewed the evaluation of the Multifamily Dwelling Code, which was released by the Legislative Audit Bureau as a letter report on May 26, 2005.

As outlined under s. Comm 61.31(3)(a) and s. Comm 2.07(1), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department is required to make a decision on a submitted building plan within 15 business days of receipt of the application and all information required to complete the review. When this time limit is exceeded, the Department is required to refund 50 percent of the fees paid. In both its 1997 and 2005 reviews, the Legislative Audit Bureau found instances in which the timeline was exceeded and no refunds were issued. In both years, the Bureau recommended that the Department of Commerce implement monitoring procedures to ensure compliance with plan-review timeliness and refund requirements.

We ask that you submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee that describes the current status of the Department's efforts to improve monitoring procedures and ensure compliance with plan-review timeliness and refund requirements, including an identification of the action steps implemented to date and those yet to be implemented. We request receipt of this report by September 2, 2005.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to reviewing your report. Please contact our offices with any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Carol A. Roessler, Co-chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz, Co-chair
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cc: Janice Mueller
State Auditor





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June 23, 2005

Mr. Marc Marotta, Secretary
Department of Administration
101 East Wilson Street, 10th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Marotta:

The nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau's recent financial audit of the Division of Gaming (report 05-11) raised serious concerns about the timeliness and accuracy of future payments to the State under the terms of the gaming compacts negotiated with tribal governments. As you know, the compact amendments base payments to the State on a percentage of net gaming revenue. However, as the Legislative Audit Bureau notes:

- Compact amendments with five tribes do not provide any time period to which the percentage of net revenue should be applied. While some may assume the percentage would be applied to the last completed fiscal year, the compacts do not delineate this.
- Compact amendments with two tribes allow nine months for the tribes to submit their payments to the State. Since audited financial statements are required within four months, the justification for this delay in payments is unclear.
- Compact amendments with two tribes indicate that a percentage of net revenue should be paid to the State annually for a specified time period. However, neither tribe's fiscal year correlates with the identified time period. As a result, audited financial statements to verify net revenue amounts for these tribes will likely not be available.

In her response to the audit, Acting Division Administrator Gina Frank-Reece stated that, "...the suggestions contained in the audit regarding compact payment language will likely be implemented in the current negotiations." It is our expectation, therefore, that the Department of Administration will be diligent throughout the negotiations in clarifying each compact's payment language to ensure the timeliness and accuracy of future payments to the State.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

Senator Carol A. Roessler, Co-chair
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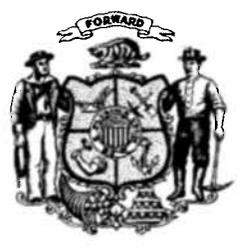
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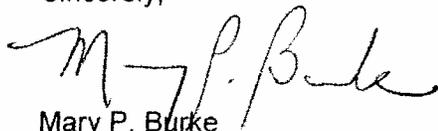
Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz
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Dear Senator Roessler and Representative Jeskewitz:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Multifamily legislative audit report. Managers in the Division of Safety and Buildings will review the internal process as well as the code itself, and submit a report to you by September 2, 2005.

We look forward to working with you to improve our services.

Sincerely,



Mary P. Burke
Secretary

cc: Randy Baldwin, Division of Safety and Buildings





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July 13, 2005

Mr. Scott Hassett, Secretary
Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street, 5th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Hassett:

Thank you for your letter, dated June 3, which describes the steps the Department of Natural Resources has taken to address the recommendations contained in the Legislative Audit Bureau's September 2003 letter report on Pesticide and Fertilizer Fees and Surcharges.

Your letter demonstrates the Department's efforts to implement changes to its time-keeping system in the Division of Air and Waste. The new time reporting codes appear meaningful, and these changes should allow the Department to better monitor the time spent on pesticide and fertilizer-related activities.

You also included the March 2005 memorandum of understanding with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection with your letter. The memorandum identifies the database the departments will use to hold site-specific spill information. While this database, accessible via the Internet, should make good site management information available to both agencies, regular updates and careful data management techniques by both departments will be necessary to ensure the database remains as comprehensive, accurate, and useful as possible.

Thank you for submitting this follow-up report. We believe the Department's efforts to implement the Legislative Audit Bureau's recommendations will improve overall program management and position the Department to respond well to future questions about the use of funds from the Environmental Management Account.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Senator Carol A. Roessler, Co-chair
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November 2, 2005

Ms. Mary P. Burke, Secretary
Department of Commerce
201 West Washington Avenue, 6th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Ms. Burke:

On September 2, 2005, you submitted a letter in response to our request for additional information that would describe the current status of the Department's efforts to improve monitoring procedures and ensure compliance with plan-review timeliness and refund requirements under the Multifamily Dwelling Code. Your letter identified two actions the Department planned to implement in the future.

We thank you for your letter and ask that you continue to keep the Joint Legislative Audit Committee apprised of the Department's progress in these areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Senator Carol A. Roessler, Co-chair
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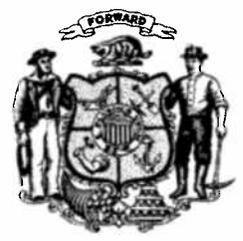
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April 26, 2006

Ms. Anita Sprenger, Manager
Universal Service Fund
Public Service Commission
610 North Whitney Way
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

Dear Ms. Sprenger:

Thank you for your letter, dated March 30, 2006, in which you report on expenditure trends and cost projections for the Universal Service Fund for fiscal year (FY) 2005-06. This report was submitted in response to a recommendation included in the Legislative Audit Bureau's report 05-14. We are pleased to see that the Public Service Commission does not expect to have payment requests that will exceed its spending authority FY 2005-06.

As you know, the Legislative Audit Bureau is currently completing a financial audit of the Universal Service Fund's FY 2004-05 financial statements. We will await the results of this audit to determine whether continued reporting on the Fund's expenditure trends will be needed in the future.

Thank you again for your responsiveness to the Legislative Audit Bureau's recommendation. When it is released, we ask that you forward copies of the Commission's report on Investments in Advanced Telecommunications Infrastructure in Wisconsin.

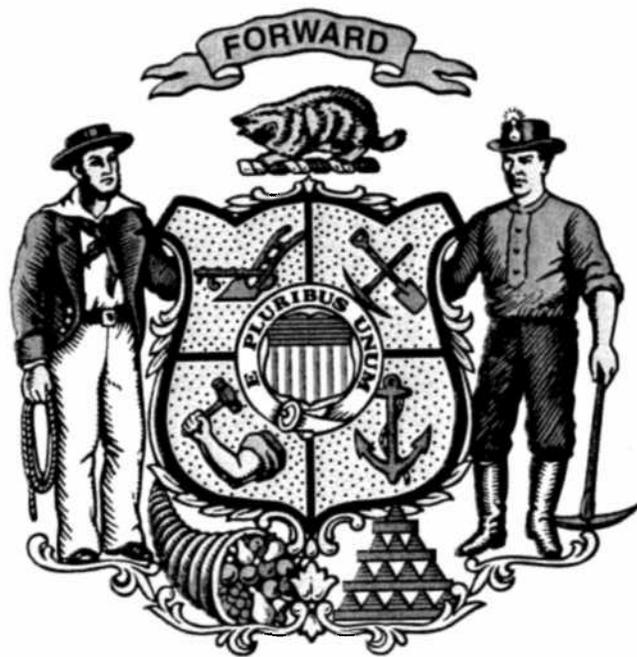
Thank you for your letter. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Senator Cathy Stepp
7 South, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Senator Stepp:

Thank you for your letter, dated April 11, 2006, in which you request the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to direct the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct an audit of the Racine Unified School District.

As you know, s. 13.94 (1)(m), Wis. Stats., does allow the Legislative Audit Bureau to audit the records of any county, city, village, town or school district at the direction of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. However, the Committee may not direct more than three such audits in any calendar year. Past committees have rarely exercised this option to authorize audits of local units of government.

While we are sympathetic to the serious concerns you raise about financial issues within the school district, we are reluctant to divert the resources and focus of the Legislative Audit Bureau away from the operations of state government to local government. The core responsibility of the Legislative Audit Bureau is to conduct financial and program evaluation audits of state government. Therefore, we have chosen not to advance your request for an audit of the Racine Unified School District at this time.

Thank you for your letter. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 2006

Mr. Stephen E. Bablitch, Secretary
Department of Administration
101 East Wilson Street, 10th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

Dear Mr. Bablitch:

Thank you for your letter, dated April 6, 2006, which responds to the recommendation for a follow-up report as described by the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau in its evaluation the State's use of cellular phones (letter report, February 2005).

We are pleased with the reduction in both the number of state employee cellular phones and in the related costs. We note particularly that the number of monthly cellular phone bills exceeding \$100 has declined from 386 in September 2004 to the 203 referenced in your letter.

However, your report is silent on the extent to which state agencies have implemented a monthly review of cellular phone bills that are \$100 or more, as recommended by the Legislative Audit Bureau. While we understand that each agency is responsible for managing its use of cellular phones pursuant to the policies of the Department of Administration, some additional information about state agency compliance with these policies would be beneficial. To that end, we ask that by September 1, 2006, you submit a report that:

- provides assurance that state agencies are reviewing monthly cellular phone bills of \$100 or more to ensure compliance with the policies of the Department of Administration;
- summarizes, by agency, the number of instances in which reimbursement has been obtained from state employees for unauthorized cellular phone calls they made during fiscal year (FY) 2005-06;
- describes the extent to which state agencies have used the TeleCELL system to make management decisions related to overall cellular phone usage; and
- provides FY 2005-06 cellular phone expenditures by agency, including an enumeration of the amount each agency charged to object codes 2270 and 2271.

We look forward to receiving your next report in September 2006. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 2004

- Opportunities Industrialization Center of Greater Milwaukee (Letter Report)
- Medical Assistance Eligibility Determinations (Report 04-11)

November 16, 2004

- State Fair Park (Audit 04-5)
- Physician Office Visit Data Program (Audit Proposal)
- Air Management Programs (Follow-Up Briefing 04-1)

October 6, 2004

- University of Wisconsin System Staffing (Audit 04-10)

September 23, 2004

- Credentialing Fees (Audit 04-7)
- Restorative Justice Programs (Audit 04-6)
- Milwaukee Child Welfare (Audit Proposal)

August 11, 2004

- Major Highway Program (Follow-Up Briefing 03-13)
- Milwaukee Child Welfare, Department of Health and Family Services (Informational Hearing)
- Food Stamp Program, Department of Health and Family Services

June 24, 2004

- Use of Emergency Department Services by Medical Assistance Recipients (Audit Letter Report)
- Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Program (Audit Report 04-3)
- Regulation of Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities (Follow-Up Briefing 02-21)
- Milwaukee Area Technical College District (Audit Report 03-4)

May 4, 2004

- Air Management Programs (Audit 04-1)
- Audit of the State's Vehicle Fleet (Audit Proposal)

February 26, 2004

- Senate Bill 478 (previously listed as LRB-4144)
Relating to: major highway projects, southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation projects, and the transportation projects commission.
By Senator Roessler and Representative Jeskewitz.
- Assembly Bill 893 (previously listed as LRB-4145)
Relating to: major highway projects, southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation projects, and the transportation projects commission.
By Representative Jeskewitz and Senator Roessler.

February 13, 2004

- State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- Wisconsin Family Care Final Evaluation (Audit)

February 11, 2004

- Wisconsin's Economic Development Programs (Audit Proposal)
- Department of Workforce Development's Wisconsin Works(W-2) Program (Audit Proposal)

January 26, 2004

- Major Highway Program (Audit 03-13)

November 18, 2003

- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (Follow-Up Briefing 02-12)

November 7, 2003

- State Fair Park (Audit 03-11)

October 8, 2003

- Evaluation of the Food Stamp Program (Report 00-8) and Follow-Up related to the Food Stamp error rate

October 1, 2003

- Department of Regulation and Licensing's Credentialing Fees (Audit Proposal)
- Department of Revenue's Assessment of Manufacturing Property (Audit Proposal)

July 29, 2003

- Milwaukee Area Technical College District (Audit 03-4)

May 29, 2003

- Eligibility Determination for Medical Assistance and Related Health Care Programs (Approved Audit)

April 1, 2003

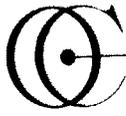
- Use of Tobacco Control Board Funds (Audit 03-3)
- State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Informational Hearing)

February 5, 2003

- Regulation of Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities (Audit 02-21)
- DNR Air Management Program (Audit Proposal)
- DOT Major Highway Development Program (Audit Proposal)

- UW Administrative Expenditures (Audit Proposal)





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