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October 14, 2014

Craig Nichols
Agency Secretary
Department of Management Services
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950

Dear Mr. Nichols:

In accordance with section 20.055, Florida Statutes, the attached document represents our explanation of the six-month status of findings and recommendations included in the AG published Report No. 2014-184, *Payroll and Personnel Processes at Selected Agencies*.

The findings and recommendations in this summary appear in the same order as they appeared in the report.

If further information is needed concerning our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Walter Sachs Inspector General

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Attachment

cc: Stacy Arias, Deputy Secretary, Business Operations

Debra Forbess, Director of Administration

Yolanda Lockett, Audit Director

Melinda Miguel, Chief Inspector General

David W. Martin, Auditor General Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

Audit Status Report Update Form

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10/10/2014		2014-184 DMS, Payroll and Personne		l Processes At Selected State Agencies		
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Kelly McMullen/Brett Shively		Payroll		487-0950		
Activity		Accountability		Schedule		
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		Bureau of Financial Management Services and Human Resources		No	4-Apr-14	
Finding		Unused Leave Payouts				
No	1					
Date	04/03/204					
Recommendation		We recommend that State agency management ensure that appropriate records are maintained to demonstrate that all leave payments are properly authorized and accurately calculated and that leave audits are appropriately performed and documented for all employee leave payouts.				
Original Response		Future leave payout audits will be prepared by Human Resources and delivered to the Payroll Coordinator in Financial Management Services (FMS) prior to the payout being processed. The appropriate records, along with the leave payout, will be properly documented and maintained by FMS.				
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	Human Resources		No	4-Apr-14		
Finding						
No. 2	Dual Employment Policies and Procedures					
Date 4/3/2014						
Recommendation	We recommend that State agency management establish appropriate procedures that provide for the proper submittal and approval of dual employment requests. Additionally, we recommend that State agencies utilize available dual employment reports to ensure that the dual employment activities of all applicable personnel have received appropriate consideration in accordance with State law, DMS rules, and other guidelines.					
Original Response	Communicating an annual reminder and through New Employee Orientation, Human Resources (HR) will ensure DMS Policy and Procedures (HR 01-112) are followed to provide for the proper submittal and approval of dual employment requests. In conjunction with DMS legal team, HR will also use the available dual employment reports to ensure that dual employment activates of all applicable personnel have received appropriate consideration in accordance with State law, DMS rules, and other guidelines.					
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	Financial Management Services		No	4-Apr-14	
Finding	Recovery of Deductions for Canceled Salary Payment				
Datε 4/3/2014					
Recommendation	We recommend that the DFS provide specific guidance to State agencies regarding the methods available to prevent overpayments of miscellaneous post-tax deductions related to salary payment reissuances. Additionally, we recommend that the DACS, DCF, and DOC establish policies and procedures regarding salary payment cancellations and reissuances and the recovery of overpayments from third parties and that the DMS update its policies and procedures to address monitoring the recovery of overpayments. We also recommend that State agencies take appropriate steps to ensure the timely recovery of overpayments of State funds.				
Original Response	DMS has updated the payment cancellation procedures to address monitoring the recovery of overpayments.				
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