

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Six-Month Status of Audit Findings
Auditor General Report No. 2017-004
(Comprehensive Risk Assessments at Selected State Agencies)
January 27, 2017**

Finding 3: Data Classification, Categorization of IT Systems, and Risk Mitigation

Auditor Recommendation: To ensure effective, comprehensive risk assessments, we recommend that AHCA, DCF, **DEO**, DOE, and DOT management include the classification of data and categorization of IT systems in their risk assessment processes and that AHCA, DOE, and DOT management develop risk mitigation plans for all identified IT security control deficiencies.

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Response:

DEO will include classification of data and categorization of IT systems for future risk assessment processes.

Six-Month Status:

DEO has completed its initial classification and categorization project, and has developed procedures for maintaining and updating the documentation. DEO will include this information for future risk assessment processes, including a current enterprise risk assessment that is underway.

Finding 4: IT Security Controls

Auditor Recommendation: To better ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of agency data and IT resources, we recommend that AHCA, DCF, **DEO**, DOE, and DOT management improve their agencies' IT security controls.

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Response:

DEO is acutely aware of a need for security control improvement, and current security resources are fully utilized toward this effort.

- Policies related to configuration management and Backups are in the process of being updated and are expected to be published no later than Jan 1, 2017.
- A holistic IT procedure and guideline refresh project has been requested within DEO's IT Governance process. The project has not yet been scheduled, but is expected to begin Q2 2016-17 based on available resources. This should address issues with procedures and guidelines related to configuration management, backups, and audit logging and monitoring.

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Six-Month Status:

- New security policies were adopted by the Department in January 2017.
- The procedure refresh project is in planning stages, and is on track to begin within the referenced timeframe.