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MEMORANDUM

To: Pam Stewart
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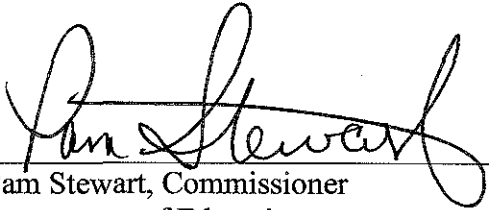
From: Mike Blackburn *MB*
Inspector General

Date: June 26, 2017

Subject: Annual Audit Plan

In accordance with section 20.055, Florida Statutes, attached is our audit plan for fiscal year 2017-18. This plan also includes anticipated projects for two subsequent fiscal years. The plan is based on a risk assessment to provide the most effective coverage of the department's programs and processes. The activities outlined in our audit plan address the major operations of the department and optimize the use of our resources.

The approved audit plan will guide our activities throughout the year, but will be adjusted to meet management needs as other priorities are identified. We look forward to continuing our work with management and staff in support of education in Florida.

APPROVED: 
Pam Stewart, Commissioner
Department of Education

Attachment

INTRODUCTION

The Office of Inspector General was established within the Department of Education to provide a central point for coordination of and responsibility for activities that promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency in government. Section 20.055 of Florida Statutes (F.S.) describes the responsibilities of the inspector general, which include:

- Conduct financial, compliance, electronic data processing, and performance audits of the department and prepare audit reports;
- Review and evaluate internal controls necessary to ensure fiscal accountability, efficiency and integrity of the department's programs;
- Advise in the development of performance measures, standards, and procedures for the evaluation of department programs;
- Recommend corrective action concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies, and report on the progress made in implementing corrective actions; and
- Ensure effective coordination and cooperation between the Auditor General, federal auditors, and other governmental bodies with a view toward avoiding duplication.

Section 20.055, F.S., further requires the inspector general to develop long-term and annual audit plans based on periodic risk assessments of the department. The objective of the risk assessment is to optimize the assignment of internal audit resources through a comprehensive understanding of the audit universe and the risks associated with each item.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment includes identifying programs and activities administered by the department and evaluating each activity based on indicators of risk exposure, or risk factors. The programs and activities were determined through review of organization charts and discussions with responsible management personnel. Risk factors were then used to rate the vulnerability of the programs and activities. Senior management scored each identified activity on seven risk factors:

- Financial impact
- Public relations impact
- Control environment
- Changes in operations/personnel
- Management interest
- Audit coverage
- Sensitive data

We interviewed members of senior management and other key personnel to solicit their views on risks facing the department and areas where audits could add value. Using the results from these efforts and our professional judgment, we developed the audit plan for fiscal year 2017-2018. We also developed the long-term audit plan, which consists of anticipated projects for two subsequent fiscal years. The audit plan is subject to change as department priorities change and new risks are identified.

RESOURCES

The OIG currently has five professional auditor positions supervised by an audit director. Two of the audit positions are funded with federal vocational rehabilitation money and must be dedicated to audits of vocational rehabilitation programs. Additionally, the Chief Inspector General has asked each agency inspector general to allocate twenty percent of direct audit hours to enterprise projects, which address administrative issues common to most agencies.

2017-2018 PLANNED PROJECTS

DIVISION	PROJECT
CAREER AND ADULT EDUCATION	GRANTS ADMINISTRATION - CARRYOVER
DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT - CARRYOVER
MULTIPLE DIVISIONS	STUDENT DATA – CARRYOVER
BLIND SERVICES	SOCIAL SECURITY REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS - GRANTS MONITORING
DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	RULE 74A RISK ASSESSMENT
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES SERVICES	DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DATABASE ACCESS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	21 ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AND PARENTAL CHOICE	PERSONAL LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS
ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH, AND MEASUREMENT	FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE FUNDING REPORTS
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	RIMS
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES – CARRYOVER
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FLORIDA INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL – CARRYOVER
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROVIDER MONITORING – CARRYOVER
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FEE-FOR-SERVICE VENDORS
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	SPECIAL CONTRACT – UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	SPECIAL CONTRACT – CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

LONG-TERM PLANNED PROJECTS

FISCAL YEAR	DIVISION	PROJECT
2018-2019	FLORIDA COLLEGES	BACCALAUREATE PROCESS
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT	TEST SCORING AND REPORTING
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT	DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	OFFICE OF SAFE SCHOOLS

FISCAL YEAR	DIVISION	PROJECT
	BLIND SERVICES	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM/TRANSITION SERVICES
	BLIND SERVICES	BRILLE & TALKING BOOK LIBRARY
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	DROPOUT PREVENTION
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	300 LOWEST PERFORMING SCHOOLS
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	SPECIAL CONTRACTS
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	RATE CONTRACTS
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS/STAR
2019-2020	BLIND SERVICES	CONTRACT MONITORING
	BLIND SERVICES	TRAINING FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADULTS
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT	SCHOOL GRADES
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT	ROSTER VERIFICATION TOOL
	BLIND SERVICES	ASSET MANAGEMENT
	CAREER AND ADULT EDUCATION	APPRENTICESHIP SERVICES
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	GRANTS MONITORING
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	THIRD PARTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR	DIVISION	PROJECT
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FEE-FOR-SERVICE VENDORS
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	SPECIAL CONTRACTS