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Doug Ringler, Director
Office of Internal Audit Services
Office of the State Budget
George W. Romney Building
111 South Capitol, 6th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Ringler:

In accordance with the State of Michigan, Financial Management Guide, Part VII, attached is a summary table identifying our responses and corrective action plans to address recommendations contained within the Office of the Auditor General's audit report of the Department of Technology, Management & Budget, Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Questions regarding the attached summary table or corrective action plans should be directed to me.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Michael R. Gilliland, Director
Financial Services

Attachment

c: Rep. Chuck Moss, Chair, House Appropriations
Senator Rodger Kahn, Chair, Senate Appropriations
Mark Freeman, Office of the Auditor General
Dennis Muchmore, Executive Office
Dick Posthumus, Executive Office
House Fiscal Agency
Senate Fiscal Agency
Phillip Jeffery, DTMB
Rick Lowe, DTMB
Kurt Weiss, DTMB
Matt Sweeney, DTMB
Phil Stoddard, DTMB
Ron Foss, DTMB

Department of Technology, Management and Budget
Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)
October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011

Summary of Agency Responses to Recommendations

1. Audit recommendations DTMB fully complied with: None
2. Audit recommendations DTMB agrees with and will comply: #1
3. Audit recommendations DTMB disagrees with: None

Agency's plan to address the recommendations:

1. Finding #1 – Controls over Financial Reporting

The Department of Technology, Management & Budget agrees with the recommendation but notes that misclassifications were corrected in the State's accounting records and the published financial statements were accurate. Financial Services (FS) will revise existing financial statement preparation and review processes to enhance existing controls for calculating and recording activity related to programs and incentives and update procedures as needed by August 30, 2012.

Regarding items a and c, Existing procedures for financial statement preparation and review processes, are being revised to enhance existing controls, including monthly and/or quarterly reconciliations and an internal year-end closing calendar to identify and correct issues in a timely manner. In addition, communications between the FS and the Office of Retirement Services (ORS), to monitor ERRP payment requests and subsequent receipts, were initiated to ensure all information is captured and recorded appropriately.

Regarding item b, FS, ORS, the Office of Financial Management (OFM), and Treasury's Bureau of Investments (BOI), are collaborating to implement new MAIN accounting processes to separate the Pension and OPEB plans within the MPERS to eliminate the need for any allocations between the columns. In addition, existing procedures for financial statement preparation and review processes will be revised to enhance existing controls for calculating and recording activity related to programs and incentives.