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Doug Ringler, Director  
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Office of the State Budget  
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111 South Capitol, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.  
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Dear Director:

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 State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Mike Gilliland, Director  
Financial Services

c: Rep. Joseph Haveman, Chair, House Appropriations  
Senator Roger Kahn, Chair, Senate Appropriations  
Mark Freeman, Office of the Auditor General  
Dennis Muchmore, Executive Office  
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Michigan State Employees' Retirement System  
DTMB – Office of Retirement Services  
DTMB – Financial Services  
Summary of Agency Responses to Recommendations  
Audit Period: September 30, 2012 and 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 and #2
3. Audit recommendations DTMB disagrees with: None

**Recommendation No. 1 – Properly Recording Financial Activity:**

DTMB agrees with the recommendation, but notes that all initial misclassifications in the draft financial statements was corrected in the State's accounting records and the published financial statements were accurate. DTMB will continue to revisit existing processes to enhance controls and improve the monthly financial statement and year-end CAFR review processes. Anticipated date of compliance is August, 30, 2013. 2013.

**Recommendation No. 2 – Adhering to Established Deadlines:**

During the fiscal year Financial Services (FS) implemented a significant change to how Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Plans were reported. As a result, significant additional staff effort was required to ensure that the activity was properly reflected in the financial statements. Since the issuance of the audit report, Financial Services, the Office of Retirement Services (ORS), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Office of Organizational Performance (OPM) have formed a Business Process Reengineering Team focused on implementing various control enhancements and tracking the corrective action plan's progress. DTMB will continue to revisit existing financial statement preparation and review processes to enhance existing controls, and update MSERS's CAFR timelines to ensure that the audited CAFR will be submitted by the deadline required by State law. Anticipated date of compliance is August, 30, 2013.