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Dear Governor Whitmer, Senators, and Representatives:

This letter provides information regarding the status of our audit projects that either began or transitioned into new audit phases during January 2021. Please refer to our website's Work in Progress for a complete listing of ongoing projects. We would be pleased to discuss with you any interests or areas of concern you have with any of our ongoing projects.

Planning Phase - These are new projects. Typical activities include conducting: the audit entrance meeting; a preliminary survey to identify the audited entity's core activities; assessments of risks and corresponding controls to identify potential program or process improvements or deficiencies; interviews with management and staff, development of detailed audit objectives, and many other tasks.

Department	Audit Title and Type (Performance - per / Financial - fin / Follow-up - fol / Contracted - con / Single - sa / Review - rev / Investigative - inv)	Project Number
None		

Audits Terminated - For these projects, after completing the planning phase, we concluded that significant risk did not exist to warrant additional use of audit resources or that extenuating circumstances supported the termination of the project. When appropriate, we issued a Preliminary Survey Summary to reflect this conclusion, distributed copies to management and select legislative members, and posted the summaries on our website.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
None		

Audit Fieldwork - Typical activities include: additional management and staff interviews; detailed testing of financial transactions, case files, information systems, and other documentation which support the entity's operations; status updates with management and staff; and other tasks.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
State Budget Office	Flint Emergency Expenditures - (per)	000-2021-21

Approved Objectives:

1. To determine the appropriateness of State agencies' expenditure of the Flint declaration of emergency appropriations.
2. To report State agencies' expenditures of the Flint declaration of emergency appropriations.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Self-Insurers' Security Fund - (fin)	186-0101-21
Approved Objectives:		
1. To express an opinion on whether the entity's financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.		
2. To issue a report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.		

Please note that some projects, particularly financial audits and follow-up reports, operate from pre-established audit objectives and, therefore, move directly to the audit fieldwork stage.

Report Preparation - Typical activities include: preparing the draft audit report, discussion of draft findings with the audited entity, receipt of the entity's preliminary responses to findings, and other tasks.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number	Estimated Audit Release Date
Technology, Management, and Budget	Michigan State Employees' Retirement System, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	071-0151-21	February 2021
Technology, Management, and Budget	Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	071-0152-21	February 2021
Technology, Management, and Budget	Michigan Judges' Retirement System, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	071-0153-21	February 2021
Technology, Management, and Budget	Michigan State Police Retirement System, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	071-0154-21	February 2021
Treasury	Michigan Education Trust - Plan D, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	271-0283-21	February 2021
Treasury	Michigan Education Trust - Plans B and C, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	271-0284-21	February 2021
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Michigan Strategic Fund, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	186-0401-21	March 2021
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (fin)	186-0406-21	March 2021
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Homeownership Programs, Michigan State Housing Development Authority - (per)	186-0205-20	April 2021

Audits Released

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number	Date Released	Number of	
				Material Weaknesses	Reportable Conditions
Health and Human Services	State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Children's Trust Fund) - (per)	431-0178-20	1/8/2021	0	3
Treasury and Technology, Management, and Budget	State Treasury Accounts Receivable System (STAR) - (fol)	271-0590-13F	1/8/2021	0	3
Treasury	Michigan Achieving a Better Life Experience Program - Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (con)	NA	1/8/2021	NA	NA
Treasury	Michigan Finance Authority - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 - (con)	NA	1/14/2021	NA	NA
Technology, Management, and Budget	State Sponsored Group Insurance Fund - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 and Report on Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters - (fin)	071-0143-21	1/25/2021	0	0
State Budget Office	COVID-19 Expenditures Report 3 - (per)	000-2000-20C	1/26/2021	0	2
Transportation	State Agencies' Use of Transportation-Related Funding - (per)	591-0105-20	1/27/2021	0	0
State Budget Office	Flint Emergency Expenditures - (per)	000-2020-21	1/28/2021	0	0
Transportation	Bridge Inspections Program and MiBridge System - (per)	591-0169-19	1/28/2021	0	3

We report this information to you on a monthly basis, and we correspond with auditee management and staff regularly as our projects transition through the various stages referenced above.

Please contact me or Laura Hirst, Deputy Auditor General, at (517) 334-8050 if you have questions regarding this summary or wish to discuss specific audit projects.

Sincerely,



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c: Agency Audit Liaisons
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