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Governor Whitmer, Senators, and Representatives:

This letter provides information regarding the status of our audit projects that either began or transitioned into a new audit phase during August 2023. 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.

- 1. 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	Project Number
	(Performance - per / Financial - fin / Follow-up - fol / Contracted - con / Single - sa / Review - rev / Investigative - inv)	
Transportation	Highway Work Zone Safety and Mobility - (per)	591-0167-24

- 2. Audits Terminated** - For these projects, after completing the planning phase, we concluded significant risk did not exist to warrant additional use of audit resources or 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		

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

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Education and State Police	Pupil Transportation - (per)	313-0212-23

Approved Objectives:

- To assess the sufficiency of MDE's efforts to monitor compliance with select pupil transportation requirements and guidance.
- To assess the sufficiency of MSP's school bus inspection efforts.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
State Budget Office	Statewide Single Audit - (sa)	000-0100-24

Approved Objectives:

1. To express an opinion on the State's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on the State's major federal programs.
2. To issue a report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
3. To express an opinion on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Legislature	Michigan Legislative Retirement System - (fin)	900-0140-24
Technology, Management, and Budget	Michigan State Employees' Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0151-24
	Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0152-24
	Michigan Judges' Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0153-24
	Michigan State Police Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0154-24
	Michigan Military Retirement Plan Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0158-24
	State of Michigan 401k Plan Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0156-24
	State of Michigan 457 Plan Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Control - (fin)	071-0157-24

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.

4. **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
State Police	Michigan Justice Training Fund - (fin)	551-0101-23	October 2023

5. Audits Released

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number	Date Released	Number of	
				Material Weaknesses	Reportable Conditions
Civil Rights	Selected Activities Related to Investigation Timeliness and Complaint Intake - (per)	151-0200-22	08/24/2023	1	5
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	Cannabis Regulatory Agency - (per)	641-0433-22	08/24/2023	1	2

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.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor, the Legislature, and, if appropriate, management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Ringler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Ringler
Auditor General

c: Agency Audit Liaisons
SBO-Office of Internal Audit Services