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Auditor General

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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 December 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 (Performance - per / Financial - fin / Follow-up - fol / Contracted - con / Single - sa / Review - rev / Investigative - inv)	Project Number
None		

- 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
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) - (per)	186-0441-24

**Approved Objectives:**

- To assess the effectiveness of MIOSHA's enforcement of occupational health and safety standards.
- To assess the effectiveness of MIOSHA's processes for investigating whistleblower discrimination complaints.
- To assess the sufficiency of MIOSHA's controls over its health and safety equipment.
- To assess the effectiveness of MIOSHA's monitoring of grants.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Michigan Strategic Fund - (fin)	185-0401-24
<b>Status Update:</b>		
We intend to issue a disclaimer opinion on MSF's discretely presented component units opinion unit as a majority of these component units did not obtain an audit of their financial statements.		
We will include an emphasis of matter in our opinion informing the reader as discussed in the notes to the financial statements, MSF adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations, and as a result changed the reporting of conduit debt in its note from the amount of conduit debt obligations issued to the conduit debt obligations outstanding at the balance sheet date.		

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential	Michigan Reconnect Scholarship Program - (other)	186-0824-24
<b>Approved Objective:</b>		
1. To gather and analyzed program information related to expenditures and eligibility.		

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Technology, Management, and Budget	State Sponsored Group Insurance Fund - (fin)	171-0143-24
<b>Status Update:</b>		
We will include an emphasis of matter in our opinion informing the reader that the financial statements present only SSGIF, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Michigan as of September 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.		

- 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
Technology, Management, and Budget	State of Michigan 401K Plan, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023- (fin)  We will include an emphasis of matter in our opinion informing the reader that the financial statements present only the Plan, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Michigan or its pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds as of September 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.	071-0156-24	January 2024
Technology, Management, and Budget	State of Michigan 457 Plan, Opinion on Financial Statements and Internal Control Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (fin)  We will include an emphasis of matter in our opinion informing the reader that the financial statements present only the Plan, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Michigan or its pension	071-0157-24	January 2024

(and other employee benefit) trust funds as of September 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Health and Human Services      State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Children’s Trust Michigan) - (per)      431-0178-23      February 2024

**5. Audits Released**

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number	Date Released	Number of	
				Material Weaknesses	Reportable Conditions
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Unemployment Insurance Agency - Obligation Trust Fund, Opinion on Financial Statements, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/7/2023	N/A	N/A
Transportation	Mackinac Bridge Authority - Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/13/2023	N/A	N/A
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Unemployment Insurance Agency - Unemployment Compensation Fund, Opinion on Financial Statements, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/19/2023	N/A	N/A
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Unemployment Insurance Agency - Contingent Fund, Opinion on Financial Statements, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/19/2023	N/A	N/A
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Unemployment Insurance Agency's Fraud and Investigation Activities - (per)	186-0320-22	12/27/2023	2	2
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Unemployment Insurance Agency - Administration Fund, Opinion on Financial Statements, for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/27/2023	N/A	N/A
Treasury	Michigan Education Savings Program - Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/27/2023	N/A	N/A
Treasury	Michigan Finance Authority - Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 - (con)	N/A	12/27/2023	N/A	N/A
Transportation	Office of Aeronautics - (per)	591-0190-22	12/28/2023	4	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,



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Auditor General

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