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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 2025. 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)	
Health and Human Services	Bridge Card Processes and Controls - (per)	491-0311-26

- 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
Health and Human Services	Office of Workforce Development and Training - (per)	491-0316-25

- 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
Agriculture and Rural Development	Licensing Portal System - (per)	791-0595-25

**Approved Objectives:**

- To assess the effectiveness of selected access controls over LPS.
- To assess the effectiveness of selected MDARD and DTMB's general IT controls over LPS.
- To assess the sufficiency of MDARD and DTMB's efforts to implement controls over LPS interfaces.
- To assess the sufficiency of MDARD and DTMB's efforts to implement change controls over the LPS application and data.
- To assess the sufficiency of MDARD's efforts to ensure the completeness and accuracy of license records within LPS.

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Health and Human Services	Michigan Children's Institute - (per)	491-2700-25
<b>Approved Objective:</b>		
1. To assess the sufficiency of selected MCI activities related to the guardianship of MCI State ward children.		

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Labor and Economic Opportunity	Michigan Strategic Fund - Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025 - (fin)	185-0401-26
	Michigan Economic Development Corporation - Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025 - (fin)	815-0406-26
<b>Approved Objectives:</b>		
1. To express an opinion on whether the entity's financial statements are fairly presented in accordance 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.		

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Natural Resources	MiConnect: Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Licensing System - (per)	751-0590-25
<b>Approved Objectives:</b>		
1. To assess the effectiveness of DNR's security and user access controls over MiConnect application and data.		
2. To assess the sufficiency of DNR's monitoring efforts of MiConnect's third-party service organizations.		
3. To assess the effectiveness of DNR's interface controls over MiConnect.		
4. To assess the sufficiency of DNR's efforts to ensure the completeness and accuracy of data within MiConnect.		
5. To assess the sufficiency of DNR's efforts to implement change controls over the MiConnect application and data.		

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Legislature	Michigan Legislative Retirement System - (fin)	900-0140-26
Technology, Management, and Budget	Michigan State Employees' Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0151-26
	Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0152-26
	Michigan Judges' Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0153-26
	Michigan State Police Retirement System Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0154-26
	Michigan Military Retirement Plan Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0158-26
	State of Michigan 401k Plan Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0156-26
	State of Michigan 457 Plan Financial Statement Audit and Report on Internal Controls - (fin)	171-0157-26
<b>Approved Objectives:</b>		
1. To express an opinion on whether the entity's financial statements are fairly presented in accordance 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.		

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number
Treasury	Corporate Income Tax and Michigan Business Tax - (per)	271-0240-25

**Approved Objectives:**

1. To assess the effectiveness of Treasury's efforts to timely process CIT and MBT returns.
2. To assess the effectiveness of Treasury's efforts to accurately process CIT and MBT returns.
3. To assess the sufficiency of Treasury's efforts to identify and pursue delinquent filers of CIT and MBT.
4. To assess the measurability of an estimated liability related to CIT credit forward balances in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

- 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	Michigan State Employees' Retirement System Schedules of Employer Pension and OPEB Allocations and Schedule of Collective Pension and OPEB Amounts - (fin)	171-0165-25	September 2025
Transportation	Bureau of Finance and Administration - (fol)	591-0130-19F	October 2025

**5. Audits Released**

Department	Audit Title and Type	Project Number	Date Released	Number of	
				Material Weaknesses	Reportable Conditions
Technology, Management, and Budget	Disaster Recovery of IT Systems - (per)	171-0511-24	08/21/2025	3	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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c: Agency Audit Liaisons  
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