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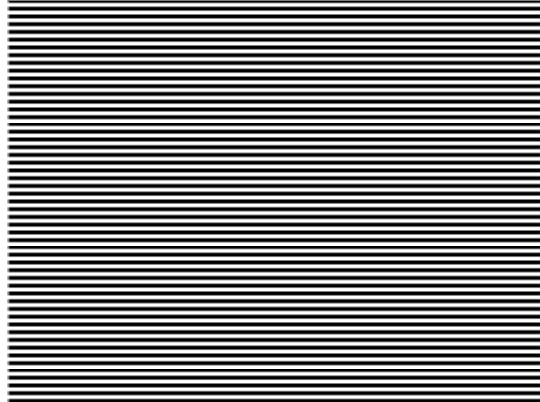
Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released a report on the Iowa Department for the Blind for the year ended June 30, 2005.

The Iowa Department for the Blind is a statewide organization offering the specialized, integrated services that blind and severely visually impaired Iowans need to live independently and work competitively.

Vaudt recommended the Department obtain detailed supporting documentation for expenditures and/or a contract agreement for services provided for a statewide program to provide audio news and information services to blind or visually impaired persons residing in Iowa. The Department responded that corrective action is being implemented.

A copy of the report is available for review in the Iowa Department for the Blind, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm>.

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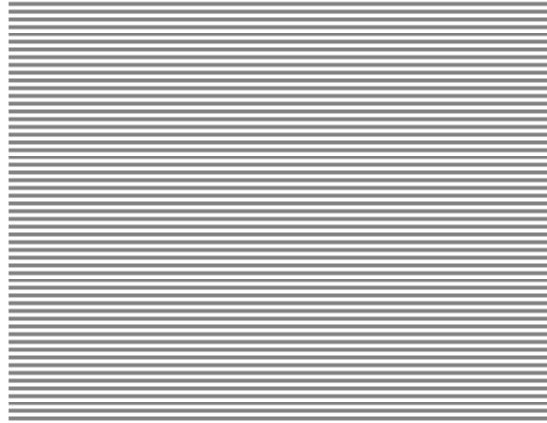
**REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
IOWA DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND**

JUNE 30, 2005

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September 28, 2006

To Allen Harris, Director of the
Iowa Department for the Blind:

The Iowa Department for the Blind is a part of the State of Iowa and, as such, has been included in our audits of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the State's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2005.

In conducting our audits, we became aware of an aspect concerning the Department's operations for which we believe corrective action is necessary. As a result, we have developed a recommendation which is reported on the following page. We believe you should be aware of this recommendation which pertains to the Department's internal control. This recommendation has been discussed with Department personnel and their response to the recommendation is included in this report.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa Department for the Blind, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Department for the Blind may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Department during the course of our audits. Should you have questions concerning the above matter, we shall be pleased to discuss it with you at your convenience. Individuals who participated in our audits of the Department are listed on page 5 and they are available to discuss the matter with you.

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Auditor of State

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cc: Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor
Michael L. Tramontina, Director, Department of Management
Dennis C. Prouty, Director, Legislative Services Agency

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June 30, 2005

Findings Reported in the State's Single Audit Report:

No matters were noted.

Finding Related to Internal Control:

Expenditures – Certain expenditures for a statewide program to provide audio news and information services to blind or visually impaired persons did not have detailed supporting documentation and/or a contract agreement for services provided.

Recommendation – Detailed supporting documentation and/or a contract agreement for services provided should be obtained in order to determine whether expenditures are reasonable and accurate.

Response – We have requested further documentation from the vendor and will comply with the recommendation.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Findings Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:

No matters were noted.

Report of Recommendations to the

Iowa Department for the Blind

June 30, 2005

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