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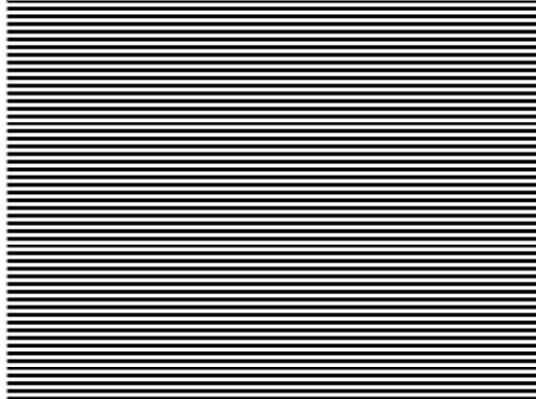
Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released a report on the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the year ended June 30, 2007.

The Department has primary responsibility for development of the state's interest in arts, history and other cultural matters.

Vaudt recommended the Department deposit receipts timely. The Department responded corrective action is being taken.

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

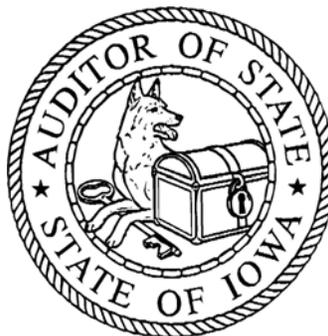
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**REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

JUNE 30, 2007

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July 10, 2008

To Cyndi Pederson, Director of the
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs:

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs 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, 2007.

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 compliance with statutory requirements and other matters. This recommendation has been discussed with Department personnel and their response to this 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 Department, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Department 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 any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them 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 these matters with you.


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Auditor of State


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cc: Honorable Chester J. Culver, Governor
Charles J. Krogmeier, Director, Department of Management
Timothy C. Faller, Interim Director, Legislative Services Agency

June 30, 2007

Findings Reported in the State's Single Audit Report:

No matters were noted.

Findings Related to Internal Control:

No matters were noted.

Findings Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:

- (1) Timely Deposit of Receipts – Chapter 12.10 of the Code of Iowa requires Departments to deposit with the Treasurer of State at least ninety percent of all moneys collected or received within ten days following collection.

Several checks received were held beyond ten days.

Recommendation – Procedures should be developed to ensure receipts are deposited in compliance with Chapter 12.10 of the Code of Iowa.

Response – The accountant strives to deposit receipts within 10 working days and has made great strides in improving timeliness of deposits over the prior fiscal year. However, periodically budgetary and financial reporting deadlines have taken priority over receipt depository deadlines. The accountant has developed procedures to streamline the deposit process, thereby helping ensure the majority of receipts/revenues are deposited within 10 working days.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Report of Recommendations to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

June 30, 2007

Staff:

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