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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released a report on the Office of Governor for the year ended June 30, 2008.

As Chief Administrator of the state, the Governor is responsible for the operation of the various state agencies and departments. In addition, principal officers of the state not elected by the people are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Office of Governor also includes the Administrative Rules Coordinator who supervises, on behalf of the Governor, the administrative rules promulgation process.

A copy of the report is available for review in the Governor's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/index.html.

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REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

JUNE 30, 2008

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January 6, 2010

To the Honorable Chester J. Culver, Governor:

The Office of Governor is a part of the State of Iowa and, as such, has been included in our audit of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2008.

In conducting our audit, we became aware of an aspect concerning the Office'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. The recommendation pertains to the Office's compliance with statutory requirements and other matters. The recommendation has been discussed with Office personnel and their response to the recommendation is included in this report. While we have expressed our conclusion on the Office's response, we did not audit the Office's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Office of Governor, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Office of Governor 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 Office of Governor during the course of our audit. Should you have questions concerning the above information, we shall be pleased to discuss it with you at your convenience. Individuals who participated in our audit of the Office of Governor are listed on page 5 and they are available to discuss this matter with you.

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DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Richard C. Oshlo, Interim Director, Department of Management Glen Dickinson, Director, Legislative Services Agency June 30, 2008

Other Findings Related to Internal Control:

No matters were noted.

Findings Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:

- <u>Procurement Cards</u> A Procurement Card is a credit card issued by Commerce Bank to the State of Iowa. The purpose of the Procurement Card Program is to establish a faster, more cost-effective method for purchasing and payment. Iowa Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Procurement Card Policy requires each purchase to be supported by a receipt or other supporting documentation.
- Two credit card purchases did not have an itemized receipt or other form of supporting documentation attached to the statement.
- <u>Recommendation</u> All procurement card purchases should be supported by original detailed invoices/receipts or other supporting documentation.
- <u>Response</u> The Governor's office is aware of the policy that receipts should be supported by original detailed invoices/receipts. Staff are reminded when using the card to submit receipts with any purchase. We will continue to stress the importance of getting receipts for all purchases.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

June 30, 2008

<u>Staff</u>:

Questions or requests for further assistance should be directed to:

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