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Auditor of State Mary Mosiman today released a report on the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, which consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, oversees the conduct and operations of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, located at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, administers the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund, maintains military service records of Iowa veterans and provides assistance to and training for County Commissions of Veterans Affairs.

A copy of the report is available for review in the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1860-6700-0R00>.

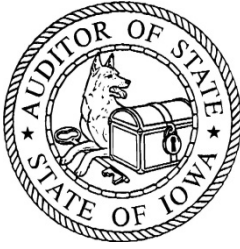
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**REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**JUNE 30, 2017**

**Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs**



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To the Members of the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs:

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) 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, 2017.

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. While we have expressed our conclusion on the Department's response, we did not audit the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs' 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 Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs 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 the matter with you.

  
MARY MOSIMAN, CPA  
Auditor of State

cc: Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor  
David Roederer, Director, Department of Management  
Glen P. Dickinson, Director, Legislative Services Agency

Report of Recommendations to the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

Year ended June 30, 2017

**Findings Reported in the State's Single Audit Report:**

No matters were noted.

**Findings Reported in the State's Report on Internal Control:**

No matters were noted.

**Other Findings Related to Internal Control:**

No matters were noted.

**Finding Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:**

Iowa Code Compliance – Chapter 73.16 of the Code of Iowa requires the Director of each state agency or department of state government (state agency) having purchasing authority, in cooperation with the Targeted Small Business (TSB) Marketing and Compliance Manager of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), to establish a procurement goal for certified targeted small businesses prior to the commencement of each fiscal year. The procurement goal shall include the procurement of goods and services, including construction, but excluding utility services. The goal shall be stated in terms of a dollar amount and at a level exceeding the procurement levels from certified targeted small businesses during the previous fiscal year.

The TSB procurement goal for the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs was not set at a level exceeding the fiscal year 2016 actual TSB spending.

Recommendation – The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs should establish a procurement goal exceeding the previous fiscal year certified targeted small business procurement level as required or seek legislation to change this statutory requirement.

Response – IDVA did not set a goal for TSB spending that exceeded the prior year actual spending, however our actual TSB spending did exceed the prior year spending. Moving forward we will set goals each fiscal that exceed the prior year spending.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Report of Recommendations to the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

Year ended June 30, 2017

**Staff:**

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