## COLORADO OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR



## ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017



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## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

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#### CONCLUSION

Over the 5-year period, July 2011 through June 2016, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) made 2,224 audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations. Agencies and organizations generally agreed with our recommendations and usually implemented them in a timely manner. However, 97 (4 percent) of the recommendations agreed to have not been fully implemented and are still outstanding as of June 30, 2017. Further, 38 of the 97 outstanding recommendations (39 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been outstanding for 3 years or more.

#### **KEY FACTS**

- For Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016 (July 2011 through June 2016), the OSA made a total of 2,224 financial, performance, and information technology (IT) audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations.
- The agencies and organizations agreed to implement 99 percent of all audit recommendations in this 5-year period.
- Overall, as of June 30, 2017, state agencies and other audited organizations have implemented 96 percent of the recommendations that they agreed to implement.
- The number of outstanding recommendations has decreased since June 30, 2016.

#### FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Financial audit reports contained 926 of the 2,224 recommendations (42 percent) made for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, and state agencies and other audited organizations agreed to implement 921 of them (99 percent).
- As of June 30, 2017, the agencies and organizations had not fully implemented 49 of the financial audit recommendations (5 percent) that they had agreed to implement.
- Of the 49 outstanding financial audit recommendations, 28 (57 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been outstanding for 3 years or more.

#### PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Performance and IT audit reports contained 1,298 of the 2,224 recommendations (58 percent) made in Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, and state agencies and other audited organizations agreed to implement 1,281 of them (99 percent).
- As of June 30, 2017, the agencies and organizations had not fully implemented 48 of the performance and IT audit recommendations (4 percent) that they had agreed to implement.
- Of the 48 outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations, 10 (21 percent) are considered high priority because they have been outstanding for 3 years or more.

#### BACKGROUND

- The OSA tracks the implementation status of all recommendations contained in audit reports.
- The purpose of this initiative is to hold state agencies and other audited organizations accountable for the audit recommendations that they have agreed to implement and to provide better information to policy makers and the public.
- Implementation status for recommendations that result from financial audits is determined by the OSA through follow-up audits.
- Implementation status for recommendations that result from performance audits and IT audits is based on self-reported data from the respective state agencies and other audited organizations, and on follow-up audit work by OSA staff on select audits.



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# ANNUAL REPORT STATUS OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

As part of an initiative to hold state agencies and other audited the audit organizations accountable for implementing recommendations that they have agreed to implement, and to provide better information to policy makers and the general public, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) annually reports on the implementation status of recommendations from audit reports released by the Legislative Audit Committee over the past 5 fiscal years. Enclosed is a summary of the implementation status of all recommendations made by the OSA for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, that have not been fully implemented by state agencies and other audited organizations as of June 30, 2017.

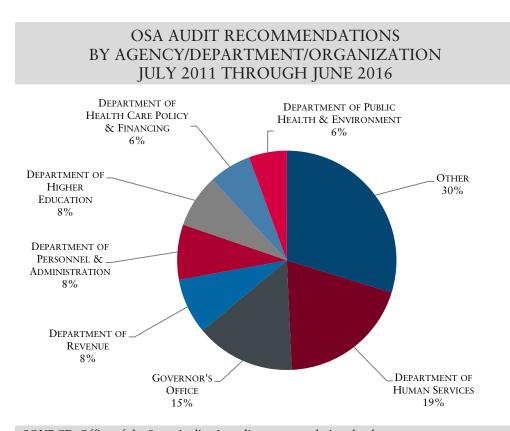
This report provides the following information:

- FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS. This report includes information on the financial audit recommendations that appeared in at least one annual audit report covering Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016 (from July 2011 through June 2016), and that state agencies and other audited organizations agreed to implement but had not fully implemented as of June 30, 2017. The implementation status for recommendations that result from financial audits is determined by the OSA through follow-up audits conducted by either OSA staff or contract auditors.
- PERFORMANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS. This report includes information on the performance and IT audit recommendations made during Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016 (from July 2011 through June 2016), as well as the cash funds related recommendations covering Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, that state agencies and other audited organizations agreed to implement but had not fully implemented as of June 30, 2017. The implementation status for recommendations that result from performance audits and IT audits is based on selfreported data from the respective state agencies and audited organizations, and on follow-up audit work conducted by OSA staff on select audits.

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

From July 2011 through June 2016, the OSA made a total of 2,224 audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations. The OSA tracks a recommendation with multiple subparts as multiple recommendations. For example, а recommendation with three subparts tracked three is as recommendations. Additionally, if a recommendation is made to two the recommendation is tracked agencies, as two separate recommendations. The following chart shows the percentage of total audit recommendations by state agency or other organization, over the 5-year period.

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SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database. NOTE: "Other" includes the Departments of Agriculture, Corrections, Education, Labor and Employment, Law, Local Affairs, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Regulatory Agencies, State, Transportation, and Treasury, as well as Connect for Health Colorado, Great Outdoors Colorado, the Judicial Branch, the Independent Ethics Commission, Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA), the Regional Transportation District, and the Statewide Internet Portal Authority. Each of these state agencies or organizations received less than 5 percent of the total audit recommendations made by the OSA during the 5-year period.

### OVERVIEW OF AUDIT RESPONSES

At the completion of each audit, the OSA asks state agencies and other audited organizations to provide a written response to each audit recommendation, which specifies whether they agree, partially agree, or disagree to implement the recommendation and describes how and when they intend to implement the recommendation. If an audited agency or organization disagrees or partially agrees with an audit recommendation, it must provide an explanation of its disagreement. Agency and organizational responses are included in the audit report.

This report includes the implementation status of all audit recommendations that agencies and organizations have agreed or partially agreed to implement, which was 99 percent of all recommendations made during the 5-year period, July 2011 through June 2016.

# SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, as of June 30, 2017, state agencies and other audited organizations had implemented approximately 96 percent of the recommendations with which they originally agreed or partially agreed. The table on the following page compares the number of outstanding audit recommendations for each state agency and other audited organization as of June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2016, as reported in our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Recommendations (2016 Annual Report).

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATIONS AGREED TO IMPLEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, AND JUNE 30, 2017

5	,	2016	,	2017			
	FINANCIAL	Performance/	Toru	FINANCIAL	Performance/	Totu	
	RECS	IT RECS	Total	Recs	IT RECS	Total	
AGRICULTURE	5	3	8	1	1	2	
Colorado State Fair Authority	2		2	1		1	
All Other Department of Agriculture	3	3	6	0	1	1	
CORRECTIONS		13	13		0	0	
EDUCATION			0			0	
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	17	11	28	16	12	28	
Governor's Office of Information Technology	11	11	22	15	12	27 🔺	
All Other Governor's Office	6		6	1		1	
HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING	10	1	11	10	1	11	
HIGHER EDUCATION	6	1	7	3	0	3	
Adams State University	0		0	1		1 🔺	
Auraria Higher Education Center			0			0	
College Assist (Colorado Student Loan Pgm)	1		1	0		0	
CollegeInvest			0	-		0	
Colorado Community College System	1		1	0		0	
Colorado Mesa University			0	-		0	
Colorado School of Mines			0			0	
Colorado State University System	2		2	2		2	
Department of Higher Education	_		0			0	
Fort Lewis College			0			0	
History Colorado		1	1		0	0	
Metropolitan State University of Denver	1	1	1	0	V	0	
University of Colorado System	1		1	0		0	
University of Northern Colorado	-		0	0		0	
Western State Colorado University			0			0	
HUMAN SERVICES	10		10	2		2	
JUDICIAL BRANCH	10	5	5		3	3	
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	2	2	4	2	2	4	
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LOCAL AFFAIRS		1	0		<i>ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ</i>	0	
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS			0			0	
NATURAL RESOURCES	0	3	3	2	3		
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	12	6	18	8	2	$\frac{5}{10}$	
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT	12	5	5	0	0	$\frac{10}{0}$	
PUBLIC SAFETY	0	<u> </u>	0	5	0		
	0		0			$\frac{5}{0}$	
REGULATORY AGENCIES REVENUE		1	1		7		
SECRETARY OF STATE	2	1	1	0			
	2	0	$\frac{2}{0}$	0	4	$\frac{4}{0}$	
TRANSPORTATION							
TREASURY		0	0		11	0	
CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO		0	0		11	11 🔺	
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO			0			0	
INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION			0			0	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE			0			0	
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION			0			0	
			0			0	
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT STATEWIDE INTERNET PORTAL AUTH.			0			0 0	
TOTAL		52	0	4.0	1.0	0 97	
SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit	64		116	49	48	27	

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

NOTE:  $\triangle$  indicates that the number of outstanding audit recommendations increased in 2017 compared to 2016.

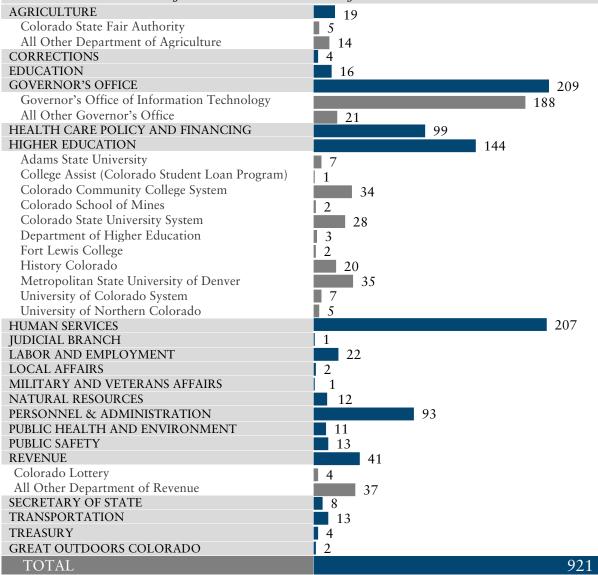
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The following sections provide specific information on financial audit recommendations and performance and IT audit recommendations.

### FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the 2,224 recommendations made by the OSA from July 2011 through June 2016, there were 926 (42 percent) from financial audits, including the Statewide Single Audit Report and separate standalone audit reports. State agencies and other audited organizations agreed or partially agreed to implement 921 of these 926 financial audit recommendations (99 percent), which are summarized in the table on the following page.

TOTAL NUMBER OF FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATIONS<sup>1</sup> AGREED TO IMPLEMENT JULY 2011 THROUGH JUNE 2016



SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Departments, institutions of higher education, and other audited organizations that are not listed in the table did not have any financial audit recommendations during the 5-year period.

Based on the OSA's annual follow-up audit process, 49 of the 921 financial audit recommendations that agencies and other audited organizations agreed or partially agreed to implement (5 percent) were still outstanding as of June 30, 2017. By comparison, in our 2016 *Annual Report* there were 64 outstanding financial audit recommendations (6 percent).

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The OSA classifies all financial audit recommendations by the severity of the problem identified in the audit. Of the 49 outstanding financial audit recommendations as of June 30, 2017, there were 12 classified as a "material weakness" in the agencies' internal controls, 27 were a "significant deficiency," eight were a "deficiency in internal control," and the remaining two were not classified or not an internal control issue. In financial audits, these terms are described as follows:

#### MATERIAL WEAKNESS

This is the most serious level of internal control weakness, such that there is a reasonable possibility of a material misstatement to the entity's financial statements or of material noncompliance with a federal program that will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, in a timely manner.

#### SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

This is less severe than a "material weakness," but is still a high level internal control weakness and warrants attention by those charged with governance.

#### DEFICIENCY IN INTERNAL CONTROL

This is the least serious level of internal control weakness and exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements or federal program noncompliance, in a timely manner.

NOT CLASSIFIED - NOT AN INTERNAL CONTROL ISSUE

These are recommendations not classified in one of the above three categories because they relate to a deficiency that is not an internal control issue.

The table on the following page compares the total number of financial audit recommendations that were outstanding for each state agency and other audited organization, by severity level classification, as of June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively.

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	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017				
AGRICULTURE	4	0					1	1	5	1				
Colorado State Fair Authority	1	0					1	1	2	1				
All Other Department of Agriculture	3	0							3	0				
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	3	3	9	11	5	2			17	16				
Governor's Office of Information Technology	0	3	6	11	5	1			11	15 🔺				
All Other Governor's Office	3	0	3	0	0	1			6	1				
HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING	1	2	8	3	1	5			10	10				
HIGHER EDUCATION	2	2	3	0			1	1	6	3				
Adams State University							0	1	0	1 🔺				
College Assist							1	0	1	0				
Colorado Community College System			1	0					1	0				
Colorado State University System	2	2							2	2				
Metropolitan State University of Denver			1	0					1	0				
University of Colorado System			1	0					1	0				
HUMAN SERVICES	2	1	6	0	2	1			10	2				
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT			2	2					2	2				
NATURAL RESOURCES			0	2					0	2 🔺				
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	5	2	6	6			1	0	12	8				
PUBLIC SAFETY	0	2	0	3					0	5 🔺				
SECRETARY OF STATE			1	0	1	0			2	0				
TOTAL	17	12	35	27	9	8	3	2	64	49				

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

NOTE:  $\triangle$  indicates that the number of outstanding audit recommendations increased in 2017 compared to 2016.

Of the 49 outstanding financial audit recommendations, 28 (57 percent) are considered high priority due to the seriousness of the problems identified and/or the length of time that they have This includes been outstanding. 12 material weaknesses. 15 significant deficiencies that have been outstanding for 3 years or more, and one that is not classified and has been outstanding for 5 years or more. Throughout this report, the outstanding recommendations that are considered high priority are highlighted in orange.

#### HIGH PRIORITY OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

The OSA considers a financial recommendation to be high priority if it is past its original implementation date and (1) a "material weakness," (2) a "significant deficiency" that has been outstanding for 3 years or more, or (3) a "not classified" recommendation that has been outstanding for 5 years or more.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations that are considered high priority, by state agency, as of June 30, 2017.

	MATERIAL WEAKNESS	SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY <sup>1</sup>	NOT CLASSIFIED <sup>2</sup>
AGRICULTURE			
Colorado State Fair Authority	0	0	1
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE			
Governor's Office of Information Technology	3	6	0
HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING	2	3	0
HIGHER EDUCATION			
Colorado State University System	2	0	0
HUMAN SERVICES	1	0	0
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	0	2	0
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	2	4	0
PUBLIC SAFETY	2	0	0
TOTAL	12	15	1

#### HIGH PRIORITY FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Each significant deficiency recommendation in the table has been outstanding for 3 years or more.

<sup>2</sup> The not classified recommendation in the table has been outstanding for 5 years or more.

The following table compares the total number of outstanding financial audit recommendations that are considered high priority, by state agency, as of June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively.

COMPARISON OF OUTSTANDING HIGH PRIORITY										
FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS										
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, AND JUNE 30, 2017										
Agency/Department	Total Recs July 2011 through June 2016	Outstanding High Priority Recs as of June 30, 2016	Outstanding High Priority Recs as of June 30, 2017							
AGRICULTURE	19	5	1							
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	209	6	9 🔺							
HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING	99	8	5							
HIGHER EDUCATION	144	2	2							
HUMAN SERVICES	207	8	1							
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	22	0	2 🔺							
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	93	10	6							
PUBLIC SAFETY	13	0	2 🔺							
TOTAL	806	39	28							
SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recomm	pendation database									

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database. NOTE:  $\Delta$  indicates that the number of outstanding high priority audit recommendations increased in 2017 compared to 2016.

The appendices of this report provide additional information on the outstanding financial audit recommendations that are considered high priority.

## PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the 2,224 recommendations made by the OSA from July 2011 through June 2016, there were 1,298 (58 percent) recommendations from performance or IT audits. State agencies and other audited organizations agreed or partially agreed to implement 1,281 of the 1,298 recommendations (99 percent), which are summarized in the table on the following page.

NE 30, 2017	AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS/ORC	E AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT GANIZATIONS <sup>1</sup> AGREED TO IMPLEMENT THROUGH JUNE 2016
ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017	JULY 2011 7 AGRICULTURE CORRECTIONS EDUCATION GOVERNOR'S OFFICE Colorado Tourism Office Governor's Office of Information Technology All Other Governor's Office HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION Department of Higher Education History Colorado HUMAN SERVICES JUDICIAL BRANCH LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW LOCAL AFFAIRS MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS NATURAL RESOURCES PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC SAFETY REGULATORY AGENCIES REVENUE Colorado Lottery Department of Revenue Division of Gaming Medical Marijuana Enforcement Division SECRETARY OF STATE TRANSPORTATION TREASURY CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOC. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT STATEWIDE INTERNET PORTAL AUTHORITY	THROUGH JUNE 2016 20 28 39 116 14 30 16 14 216 53 10 34 22 35 91 112 7 42 142 16 72 13 41 17 72 9 20 18 36 28
	TOTAL	1,281

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Departments, institutions of higher education, and other audited organizations that are not listed in the table did not have any performance or IT audit recommendations during the 5-year period.

> Based on self-reported data from state agencies and other audited organizations and on follow-up audit work conducted by OSA staff on select audits, 48 of the 1,281 performance and IT audit recommendations that the agencies and organizations agreed or partially agreed to implement (4 percent) were outstanding as of June 30, 2017. By comparison, in our 2016 Annual Report, there were 52 outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations (3 percent).

# TOTAL NUMBER OF PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT

Of the 48 outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations, 10 (21 percent) are considered high priority because they are from reports that were released 3 years ago or more. Throughout this report, the outstanding recommendations that are considered high priority are highlighted in orange.

#### HIGH PRIORITY OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

The OSA considers a performance or IT recommendation high priority if it is from a report that was released 3 years ago or more.

The following table shows the outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations that are considered high priority, by state agency, as of June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively.

COMPARISON OF OUTSTANDING HIGH PRIORITY PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS											
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, AND JUNE 30, 2017											
Agency/Department	Total Recs July 2011 through June 2016	OUTSTANDING HIGH PRIORITY RECS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016	OUTSTANDING HIGH PRIORITY RECS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017								
AGRICULTURE	20	2	0								
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	116	1	0								
JUDICIAL BRANCH	74	0	2 🔺								
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	53	2	2								
NATURAL RESOURCES	35	0	3 🔺								
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	91	4	2								
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT	112	1	0								
REVENUE	142	1	1								
TOTAL	643	11	10								

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

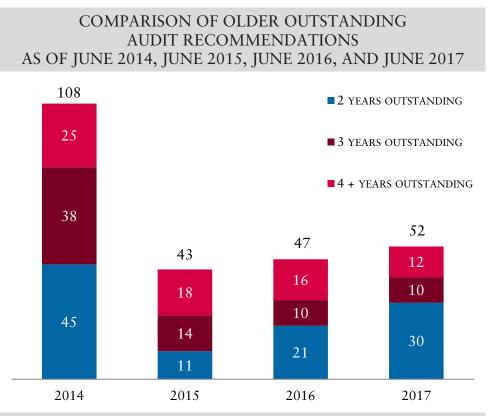
NOTE:  $\Delta$  indicates that the number of outstanding high priority audit recommendations increased in 2017 compared to 2016.

The appendices of this report provide additional information on the outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations that are considered high priority.

### OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

When considering the number of recommendations that the OSA made to state agencies and other audited organizations over the 5-year period, the summary information in this report shows that they generally agree with our recommendations and usually implement them in a timely manner.

Further, the number of older audit recommendations that have been outstanding 2 years or more has decreased overall compared to our 2014 *Annual Report*. The chart below compares the older outstanding recommendations, as reported in our 2014, 2015, and 2016 *Annual Reports* and this 2017 report.



SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

Although auditees have made progress in implementing outstanding recommendations over the past year, approximately 4 percent of recommendations covering the period July 2011 through June 2016 have not been fully implemented and remain outstanding.

## POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS FOR LEGISLATORS

This report provides the General Assembly with information on the recommendations that have not been fully implemented, and are considered high priority, so that policy makers have additional oversight information available to hold state agencies and other audited organizations accountable. For example, during Committee of Reference hearings with each audited agency/organization, legislators may want to inquire about the following:

- A Agency's/organization's specific plans for implementing the high priority outstanding recommendations.
- B The reasons implementation has been delayed for those recommendations where the agency/organization provided new implementation dates (i.e., the recommendations with months in the "Delay" column of tables).
- C The extent to which implementation is on track for the outstanding recommendations where the agency/organization provided new implementation dates.



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 37 of 39 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED 2 5%

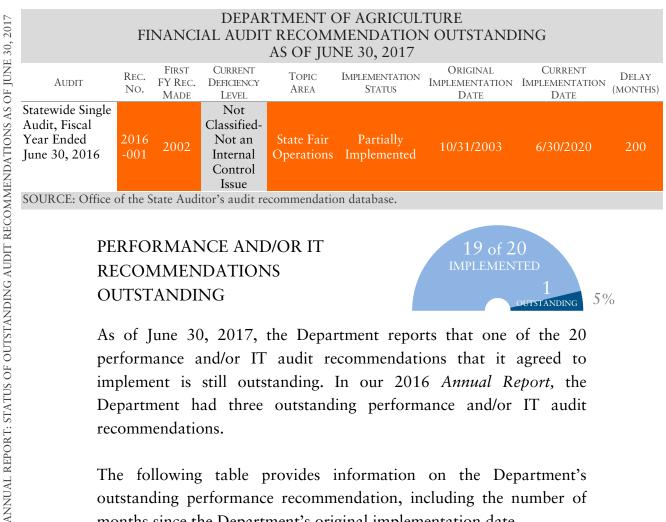
From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Agriculture (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 39 audit recommendations—19 were from financial audits and 20 were from performance and/or IT audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of two of the 39 recommendations are still outstanding, and one of the outstanding recommendations is considered high priority.

#### FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that one of the 19 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement is still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations* (2016 *Annual Report*), the Department had five outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendation by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the Department's original implementation date. The outstanding financial recommendation is considered high priority and highlighted in orange. REPORT OF THE COLORADO STATE AUDITOR



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As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that one of the 20 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement is still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report, the Department had three outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance recommendation, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation date.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATION OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017											
AUDIT REC. TOPIC IMPLEMENTATION ORIGINAL CURRENT DELAY NO. AREA STATUS <sup>1</sup> DATE DATE (MONTHS)											
Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015, Performance Audit SOURCE: Office of the State 4	2A	Agricultural Products Inspection Fund	Partially Implemented	8/31/2016	8/31/2018	24					

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.

# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 32 of 32 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED 0%

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Corrections (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 32 audit recommendations—four were from financial audits and 28 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Recommendations, the Department had 13 outstanding performance audit recommendations. **II-1** 



# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Education (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 55 audit recommendations—16 were from financial audits and 39 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Governor's Office, including the Governor's Office of Information Technology, agreed or partially agreed to implement 325 audit recommendations—209 were from financial audits and 116 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of 28 of the 325 recommendations are still outstanding, and nine of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that 16 of the 209 financial audit recommendations that the Governor's Office agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), the Governor's Office had 17 outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the original implementation dates provided by the Governor's Office. Nine of the outstanding financial audit recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017											
AUDIT AUDIT Statewide Single	Rec. No.	FIRST FY REC. MADE	Current Deficiency Level	Topic Area	Implementation Status	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)			
Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal	2016- 018A	2015	Material Weakness	Mainframe IT Controls	Not Implemented	1/31/2017	8/31/2017	7			
Vear Ended June 30, 2016	2016- 018B	2015	Material Weakness	Mainframe IT Controls	Not Implemented	1/31/2017	8/31/2017	7			
MEND	2016- 044C	2014	Material Weakness	GenTax IT Controls	Partially Implemented	12/31/2015	7/31/2017	19			
ECOM	2016- 016C	2013	Significant Deficiency	GenTax IT Controls	Partially Implemented	3/31/2014	12/31/2017	45			
AUDIT RI	2016- 007C	2012	Significant Deficiency	Information Systems Operations	Partially Implemented	6/30/2013	10/31/2017	52			
7 DNID	2016- 015A	2012	Significant Deficiency	IT Contract Management	Partially Implemented	12/31/2013	10/31/2017	46			
STAN1	2016- 015D	2012	Significant Deficiency	IT Contract Management	Partially Implemented	12/31/2013	10/31/2017	46			
F OUT	2016- 081C	2012	Significant Deficiency	CUBS & CATS IT Controls	Not Implemented	12/31/2016	12/31/2018	24			
O SUT	2016- 081D	2012	Significant Deficiency	CUBS & CATS IT Controls	Not Implemented	12/31/2016	12/31/2018	24			
SAUdit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 ONTEXENDENTIAL STATUS OF AUDIT REDOKTION OF AUDIT REDOKTION OF AUDIT REDOKTION OF AUDIT AUDI	2016- 005B	2016	Deficiency in Internal Control	CORE IT Controls	Partially Implemented	12/31/2016	7/31/2017	7			
UAL REP	2016- 007A	2015	Significant Deficiency	Information Systems Operations	Not Implemented	5/31/2016	10/31/2017	17			
ANN	007B 2013 I	2015	Significant Deficiency	Information Systems Operations	Not Implemented	5/31/2016	10/31/2017	17			
		Deficiency in Internal Control	KRONOS IT Controls	Partially Implemented	10/31/2012	8/31/2017	58				
	2016- 017A	2015	Significant Deficiency	CORE IT Controls	Deferred Implementation <sup>1</sup>	7/31/2017	7/31/2017	0			
	2016- 017B	2015	Significant Deficiency	CORE IT Controls	Deferred Implementation <sup>1</sup>	7/31/2017	7/31/2017	0			
	2016- 020	2014	Significant Deficiency	CPPS IT Controls	Not Implemented	6/30/2015	8/31/2017	26			

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database. <sup>1</sup> The implementation status of this recommendation is deferred and has not been determined by the OSA because the Governor's Office provided an original implementation date of July 2017, which exceeds the OSA's June 30, 2017, final evaluation date.

#### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Governor's Office reports that 12 of the 116 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Governor's Office had 11 outstanding IT audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on the 12 outstanding IT audit recommendations for the Governor's Office, including the number of months since the original implementation dates provided by the Governor's Office.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017												
Audit	Rec. No.	TOPIC Area	Implementation Status <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)						
IT Vulnerability Assessment, Governor's	1A	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	12/31/2015	6/30/2018	30						
Office of Information Technology and Judicial	1B	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	12/31/2015	6/30/2018	30						
Branch, Performance Evaluation, November 2014	4B	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	9/30/2015	12/31/2017	27						
PUBLIC REPORT	4C	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	7/31/2015	7/31/2018	36						
Audit of the Information Security of the Colorado	5A	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	2/28/2017	9/30/2017	7						
Operations Resource Engine (CORE) System,	5B	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	2/28/2017	9/30/2017	7						
IT Performance Audit, April 2016	5C	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	2/28/2017	9/30/2017	7						
CONFIDENTIAL REPORT	9A	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	2/28/2017	12/31/2017	10						
	9B	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	4/30/2017	12/31/2017	8						
	9E	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	11/30/2016	9/30/2017	10						
	9F	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	9/30/2016	10/31/2017	13						
	10C	Information System Security	Partially Implemented	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12						

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Governor's Office and not audited by the OSA.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 136 audit recommendations—99 were from financial audits and 37 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of 11 out of the 136 recommendations are still outstanding, and five of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that 10 of the 99 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations* (2016 *Annual Report*), the Department also had 10 outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

F JUNE 30, 2017	Import of the Department's original implementation dates. Five of the outstanding financial recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017   AUDIT   AUDIT Rec. FY Rec. No. FIRST OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017   Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended 2016 2011 Material Weakness Controls Over Provider Eligibility Not Inplemented 3/31/2016 7/31/2017											
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MENDA'	Audit	REC. No.	FIRST FY Rec. Made	Current Deficiency Level	Topic Area	Implementation Status	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)			
RECOM	Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended	2016- 051B	2011	Material Weakness	Controls Over Provider Eligibility	Not Implemented	3/31/2016	7/31/2017	16			
G AUDIT	June 30, 2016	2016- 051C	2012	Material Weakness	Controls Over Provider Eligibility	Not Implemented	3/31/2016	7/31/2017	16			
<b>TSTANDIN</b>		2016- 055	2012	Significant Deficiency	Personnel Costs for Federal Program	Not Implemented	6/30/2013	7/31/2018	61			
ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT		2016- 056C	2013	Significant Deficiency	Monitoring of Health/Safety Surveys & Certifications	Not Implemented	10/31/2014	7/31/2017	33			
EPORT: ST/		2016- 058	2013	Significant Deficiency	Federal Reporting – CBHP & Medicaid	Not Implemented	6/30/2014	12/31/2017	42			
NNUAL R		2016- 059D	2015	Deficiency in Internal Control	Service Authorizations	Not Implemented	12/31/2015	8/31/2017	20			
Α		2016- 060A	2015	Deficiency in Internal Control	Service Authorizations	Partially Implemented	11/30/2016	12/31/2017	13			
		2016- 061A	2015	Deficiency in Internal Control	Controls Over Provider Eligibility	Partially Implemented	11/30/2016	1/31/2018	14			
		2016- 061B	2015	Deficiency in Internal Control		Partially Implemented	11/30/2016	11/30/2017	12			
	Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 SOURCE: Office of	2013- 26	2012	Deficiency in Internal Control	Grants Management	Partially Implemented	6/30/2013	12/31/2018	66			

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

#### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that one of the 37 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement is still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department also had one outstanding performance audit recommendation.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance audit recommendation, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation date.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATION OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017											
Audit	REC TOPIC IMPLEMENTATION ORIGINAL CURRENT DELAY										
Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services, Performance Audit, May 2015	4	Service Delivery & Outcomes	Partially Implemented	7/31/2016	6/30/2018	23					
SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.											

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.



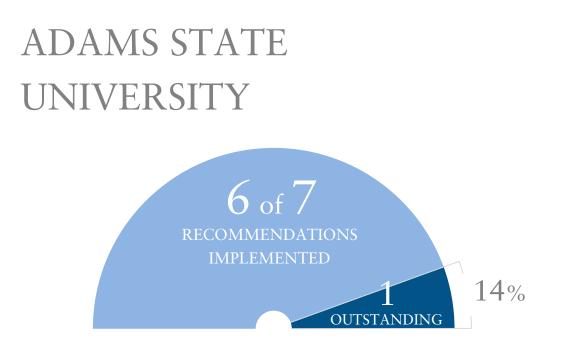
# DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Higher Education (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 19 audit recommendations—three were from financial audits and 16 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding audit recommendations.





From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Adams State University (University) agreed to implement seven audit recommendations—all were from financial audits. As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that one of the University's financial audit recommendations is outstanding, and the outstanding recommendation is not considered high priority.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the University had no outstanding audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendation by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the University's original implementation date.

017	ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY										
NDATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017	FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATION OUTSTANDING										
	AS OF JUNE 30, 2017										
	Audit	Rec. No.	FIRST FY REC. MADE	Current Deficiency Level	TOPIC Area	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)		
<b>1ENDATIONS AS (</b>	Adams State University, Financial and Compliance Audit, Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015	1	2015	Control Issue	1	Partially Implemented	10/31/2016	9/30/2018	23		
MN	SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.										

# AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Auraria Higher Education Center received no audit recommendations.



# COLLEGE ASSIST (COLORADO STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM)



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, College Assist agreed to implement one financial audit recommendation. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, College Assist has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, College Assist had one outstanding financial audit recommendation.



### COLLEGEINVEST

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, CollegeInvest received no audit recommendations.



# COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Colorado Community College System (System) agreed or partially agreed to implement 34 audit recommendations—all were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, the System has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the System had one outstanding financial audit recommendation.



# COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Colorado Mesa University received no audit recommendations.



## COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Colorado School of Mines (School) agreed to implement two audit recommendations—both were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, the School has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the School also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



# COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Colorado State University System (System) agreed to implement 28 audit recommendations—all were from financial audits. As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that two of the System's financial audit recommendations are outstanding, and both of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the System also had two outstanding audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the System's original implementation dates.

E 30, 2017	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017									
OF JUNE	Audit	Rec. No.	First FY Rec. Made	Current Deficiency Level	Topic Area	Implementation Status	ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)	
ATIONS AS	Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016	2016- 065A	2014	Material Weakness	Student Financial Aid	Partially Implemented	5/31/2015	11/30/2017	30	
COMMENDA <sup>7</sup>		2016- 065B	2014	Material Weakness	Student Financial Aid	Partially Implemented	5/31/2015	11/30/2017	30	
ECON	SOURCE: Office of	of the Sta	te Auditor	's audit reco	mmendation o	latabase.				

### FORT LEWIS COLLEGE



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Fort Lewis College (College) agreed to implement two audit recommendations—both were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, the College has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the College also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



## HISTORY COLORADO



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, History Colorado agreed or partially agreed to implement 34 audit recommendations—20 were from financial audits and 14 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by History Colorado, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, History Colorado had one outstanding performance audit recommendation.



# METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Metropolitan State University of Denver (University) agreed or partially agreed to implement 35 audit recommendations—all were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, the University has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the University had one outstanding financial audit recommendation.



# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SYSTEM 7 of 7

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the University of Colorado System (System) agreed to implement seven audit recommendations all were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, the System has no outstanding audit recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the System had one outstanding financial audit recommendation.

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# UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the University of Northern Colorado (University) agreed to implement five audit recommendations—all were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, the University has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the University also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



# WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Western State Colorado University received no audit recommendations.



# DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 421 of 423 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Human Services (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 423 audit recommendations—207 were from financial audits and 216 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of two of the 423 recommendations are still outstanding, and one of the outstanding recommendations is considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING

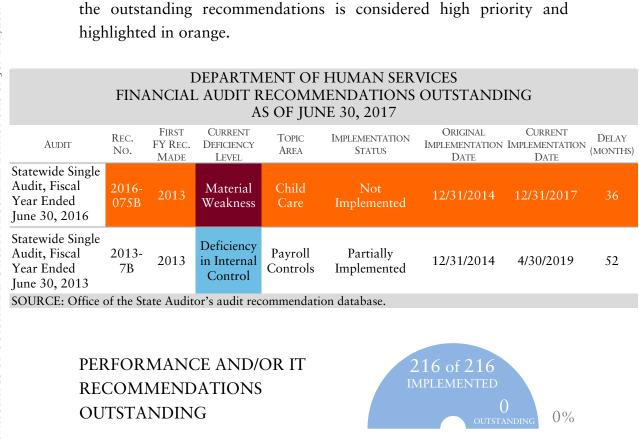


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As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that two of the 207 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), the Department had 10 outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. One of



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that it has no outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department also had no outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations.

## JUDICIAL BRANCH



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Judicial Branch (Judicial) agreed or partially agreed to implement 75 audit recommendations one recommendation was from a financial audit and 74 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of three of the 75 recommendations are still outstanding, and two of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that the financial audit recommendation that Judicial agreed to implement is no longer outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), Judicial also had no outstanding financial audit recommendations.

#### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT **RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING**



As of June 30, 2017, Judicial reports that three of the 74 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report, Judicial had five outstanding performance audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on Judicial's outstanding performance and/or IT recommendations, including the number of months since Judicial's original implementation dates. Two of the outstanding performance audit recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.

JUDICIAL BRANCH PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017									
Rec. No.	Topic Area	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)				
5B	Statutory Compliance	Partially Implemented	7/31/2015	6/30/2018	35				
5D	Information System Operations	Partially Implemented	6/30/2018	6/30/2018	0				
3B	Information System Operations	Partially Implemented	6/30/2016	12/31/2017	18				
	REC. NO. 5B 5D	NCE AND IT AUDI AS OREC.TOPIC AREA5BStatutory Compliance5DInformation System Operations3BSystem	NCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMEN AS OF JUNE 30, 201   REC. TOPIC IMPLEMENTATION STATUS <sup>1</sup> 5B Statutory Compliance Partially Implemented   5D Information System Operations Partially Implemented   3B Information System Partially Implemented	NCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OU AS OF JUNE 30, 2017   REC. TOPIC AREA IMPLEMENTATION STATUS <sup>1</sup> ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE   5B Statutory Compliance Partially Implemented 7/31/2015   5D Information System Operations Partially Implemented 6/30/2018   3B Information System Partially Implemented 6/30/2016	NCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017Rec.TOPIC AREAIMPLEMENTATION STATUS1ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION DATECURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE5BStatutory CompliancePartially Implemented7/31/20156/30/20185DInformation System OperationsPartially Implemented6/30/20186/30/20183BInformation SystemPartially Implemented6/30/201612/31/2017				

OURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Judicial Branch and not audited by the OSA.



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Labor and Employment (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 75 audit recommendations—22 were from financial audits, and 53 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of four of the 75 recommendations are still outstanding, and all four outstanding are considered high priority.

#### FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that two of the 22 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), the Department also had two outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. Both of REPORT OF THE COLORADO STATE AUDITOR



#### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that two of the 53 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department also had two outstanding performance audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on the outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. Both of the outstanding performance audit recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017									
Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)			
Unemployment Insurance Program,	3D	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	12/31/2012	10/31/2017	58			
Performance Audit, October 2011	4A	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	9/30/2012	12/31/2017	63			
SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.									

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Law (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 10 audit recommendations-all were from performance audits. As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that two of the performance audit recommendations are still outstanding, and none of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department had one outstanding performance audit recommendation.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation dates.

AS OF JUNE 30, 2017										
Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT Implementation Date	Delay (months)				
Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016, Performance Audit	3B	Consumer Credit Code Fund	Partially Implemented	6/30/2018	6/30/2018	0				
Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015, Performance Audit	3	Insurance Fraud Fund	Partially Implemented	7/31/2015	6/30/2018	35				
SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.										

DEPARTMENT OF LAW PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.





From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Local Affairs (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 36 audit recommendations—two were from financial audits and 34 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



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# DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 23 audit recommendations—one was from a financial audit and 22 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Natural Resources (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 47 audit recommendations—12 were from financial audits and 35 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of five of the 47 recommendations are still outstanding, and three of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that two of the 12 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), the Department had no outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the Department's original implementation dates.

30, 2017		FINA		AUDIT R		TURAL RESO NDATIONS ( , 30, 2017		NG	
OF JUNE	AUDIT	Rec. No.	First FY Rec. Made	CURRENT DEFICIENCY LEVEL	TOPIC Area	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)
AS	Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended	2016- 026A	2016	Significant Deficiency	CORE IT Controls	Not Implemented	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	12
<b>4ENDATIONS</b>	June 30, 2016	2016- 026B	2016	Significant Deficiency	CORE IT Controls	Not Implemented	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	12
<b>TE</b>	SOURCE: Office of	f the Stat	e Audito	r's audit reco	mmendation	database.			

PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that three of the 35 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department also had three outstanding performance audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. All of the outstanding performance audit recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.

		AS OF JU	NE 30, 2017			
Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	Implementation Status <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)
Performance Evaluation of the Dam Safety Program,	1D	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	6/30/2015	6/30/2018	36
Division of Water Resources, February 2014	2B	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	6/30/2015	6/30/2018	36
	5D	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	6/30/2014	6/30/2018	48

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.

### DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Personnel & Administration (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 184 recommendations—93 were from financial audits and 91 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of 10 of the 184 recommendations are still outstanding, and eight of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that eight of the 93 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations* (2016 *Annual Report*), the Department had 12 outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. Six of the outstanding financial recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF IUNE 30, 2017

				1	IS OF JUNE	, 50, 2017			
RECOMN	AUDIT	Rec. No.	First FY Rec. Made	Current Deficiency Level	TOPIC Area	Implementation Status	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)
AUD	Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended	2016- 033B	2015	Material Weakness	Labor Allocation Controls	Deferred Implementation <sup>1</sup>	12/31/2017	12/31/2017	0
J NDIN(	June 30, 2016	2016- 035	2014	Material Weakness	CPPS IT Controls	Not Implemented	12/31/2014	8/31/2017	32
OUTST		2016- 037F	2012	Significant Deficiency	CPPS IT Controls	Partially Implemented	6/30/2014	8/31/2017	38
TUS OF		2016- 038A	2012	Significant Deficiency	CPPS IT Controls	Partially Implemented	12/31/2014	6/30/2019	54
RT: STA		2016- 038B	2012	Significant Deficiency	CPPS IT Controls	Not Implemented	12/31/2014	8/31/2017	32
L REPOI		2016- 038C	2012	Significant Deficiency	CPPS IT Controls	Not Implemented	12/31/2014	8/31/2017	32
ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF OUTSTANDING		2016- 036A	2014	Significant Deficiency	CORE IT Controls	Partially Implemented	7/31/2015	5/31/2018	34
7		2016- 029B	2015	Significant Deficiency	Labor Allocation Controls	Partially Implemented	11/30/2015	3/31/2018	28

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> The implementation status of this recommendation is deferred and has not been determined by the OSA because the Department provided an original implementation date of December 2017, which exceeds the OSA's June 30, 2017, final evaluation date.

PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that two of the 91 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report, the Department had six outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. Both of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority and highlighted in orange.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	Implementation Status <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)
Evaluation of the Department's Annual Compensation Survey for Fiscal Year 2014, June 2013	9	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	8/31/2014	12/31/2017	40
Department of Revenue Tax Processing, Performance Audit, September 2011	2	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	7/31/2012	9/30/2017	62

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database. <sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 123 audit recommendations—11 were from financial audits and 112 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department had five outstanding performance audit recommendations.



### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Public Safety (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 20 audit recommendations—13 were from financial audits and seven were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of five of the 20 recommendations are still outstanding, and two of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that five of the 13 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations* (2016 *Annual Report*), the Department had no outstanding financial audit recommendations.

The following table summarizes the outstanding financial audit recommendations by the level of deficiency, topic area, and number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. Two of

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ALIUN	AUDIT	Rec. No.	First FY Rec. Made	Current Deficiency Level	TOPIC Area	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	Original Implementation Date	CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Delay (months)
OUISIANDING AUDII KECOMMENDAIIONS	Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended	2016- 039A	2016	Material Weakness	Financial Reporting Controls	Partially Implemented	6/30/2017	10/31/2017	4
JII KEUU	June 30, 2016	2016- 039B	2016	Material Weakness	Financial Reporting Controls	Partially Implemented	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	12
DING AUI		2016- 042A	2015	Significant Deficiency	Financial Reporting Controls	Partially Implemented	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	12
ULISIAN		2016- 042B	2015	Significant Deficiency	Financial Reporting Controls	Partially Implemented	6/30/2017	12/31/2017	6
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### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that it has no outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department also had no outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations.

### DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Regulatory Agencies (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 42 audit recommendations—all were from performance audits. Based on information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Revenue (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 183 audit recommendations—41 were from financial audits and 142 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of seven of the 183 recommendations are still outstanding, and one of the outstanding recommendations is considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that none of the 41 financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), the Department also had no outstanding financial audit recommendations.

### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that seven of the 142 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department had one outstanding performance audit recommendation.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation dates. One recommendation is high priority and highlighted in orange.

#### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	Implementation Status <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)
Tax Processing, Performance Audit, September 2011	2	Program Administration	Partially Implemented	7/31/2012	9/30/2017	62
Local Sales Tax, Performance Audit,	1B	Accounts Receivable	Partially Implemented	7/31/2019	7/31/2017	-24 <sup>2</sup>
November 2015	1C	Accounts Receivable	Partially Implemented	7/31/2019	7/31/2017	-24 <sup>2</sup>
	2A	Accounts Receivable	Partially Implemented	7/31/2019	7/31/2017	-24 <sup>2</sup>
	2B	Accounts Receivable	Partially Implemented	7/31/2019	7/31/2017	-24 <sup>2</sup>
	4A	Program Oversight	Partially Implemented	12/31/2016	7/31/2017	7
	4B	Program Oversight	Partially Implemented	1/31/2017	7/31/2017	6

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.

 $^{2}$  The Delay (Months) is a negative number because the Department revised its current implementation date to a date earlier than its original implementation date. In the *Local Sales Tax* audit report, the Department reported that this recommendation would be implemented by July 2019, but the Department recently revised its implementation date to July 2017.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SECRETARY OF STATE)



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of State (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 25 audit recommendations—eight were from financial audits and 17 were from performance and/or information technology (IT) audits. As of June 30, 2017, a total of four of the 25 recommendations are still outstanding, and none of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that none of the eight financial audit recommendations that the Department agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations (2016 Annual Report), the Department had two outstanding financial audit recommendations.

### PERFORMANCE AND/OR IT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING



As of June 30, 2017, the Department reports that four of the 17 performance and/or IT audit recommendations that it agreed to implement are still outstanding. In our 2016 *Annual Report*, the Department had no outstanding performance and/or IT audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on the Department's outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since the Department's original implementation dates.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SECRETARY OF STATE) PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

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Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	Implementation Status <sup>1</sup>	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)
Department of State, Performance Audit, November 2015	4A	Information System Operations	Partially Implemented	4/30/2016	8/31/2017	16
	4B	Information System Operations	Partially Implemented	4/30/2016	8/31/2017	16
	4C	Information System Operations	Not Implemented	4/30/2016	11/30/2017	19
Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016, Performance Audit	7	Department of State Cash Fund	Partially Implemented	6/30/2018	6/30/2018	0

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

<sup>1</sup> Implementation status is self-reported by the Department and not audited by the OSA.

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Transportation (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 85 audit recommendations—13 were from financial audits and 72 were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding recommendations.



### DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY 13 of 13 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED 0

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Department of Treasury (Department) agreed or partially agreed to implement 13 audit recommendations—four were from financial audits and nine were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process and information reported by the Department, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

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In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Department also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



### CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Connect for Health Colorado (Connect for Health) agreed to implement 20 audit recommendations—all were from performance audits. As of June 30, 2017, the OSA's follow-up audit process determined that 11 of Connect for Health's performance audit recommendations are still outstanding, and none of the outstanding recommendations are considered high priority.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, Connect for Health had no outstanding audit recommendations.

The following table provides information on Connect for Health's outstanding performance audit recommendations, including the number of months since its original implementation dates.

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Audit	Rec. No.	Topic Area	Implementation Status	Original Implementation Date	Current Implementation Date	Delay (months)
Colorado Health Insurance Benefits	1A	Cash & Asset Management	Partially Implemented	2/28/2015	7/31/2017	29
Exchange, Limited Performance Audit, October 2014	1B	Program Oversight	Partially Implemented	3/31/2015	7/31/2017	28
_	1D	Procurement	Partially Implemented	12/31/2014	7/31/2017	31
	1E	Board & Commission Governance	Partially Implemented	3/31/2015	8/31/2017	29
_	1F	Procurement	Partially Implemented	6/30/2015	9/30/2017	27
_	2B	Contract Monitoring	Partially Implemented	3/31/2015	9/30/2017	30
	2C	Contract Provisions	Partially Implemented	1/31/2015	9/30/2017	32
	2E	Contract Monitoring	Partially Implemented	6/30/2015	9/30/2017	27
_	3A	Grant Management	Partially Implemented	3/31/2015	9/30/2017	30
	4C	Program Oversight	Partially Implemented	4/30/2015	8/31/2017	28
SOURCE: Office of th	4D	Program Oversight	Partially Implemented	6/30/2015	9/30/2017	27

### CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO

SOURCE: Office of the State Auditor's audit recommendation database.

# GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) agreed to implement two audit recommendations—both were from financial audits. Based on the OSA's follow-up audit process, as of June 30, 2017, GOCO has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, GOCO also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



### INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Independent Ethics Commission (Commission) agreed to implement 18 audit recommendations—all were from performance audits. Based on information reported by the Commission, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, the Commission also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



### PINNACOL ASSURANCE

From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, Pinnacol Assurance received no audit recommendations.



# PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) agreed to implement three audit recommendations—all were from performance audits. Based on information reported by PERA, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, PERA also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT



From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Regional Transportation District (RTD) agreed to implement six audit recommendations—all were from performance audits. Based on information reported by RTD, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, RTD also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



### STATEWIDE INTERNET PORTAL AUTHORITY



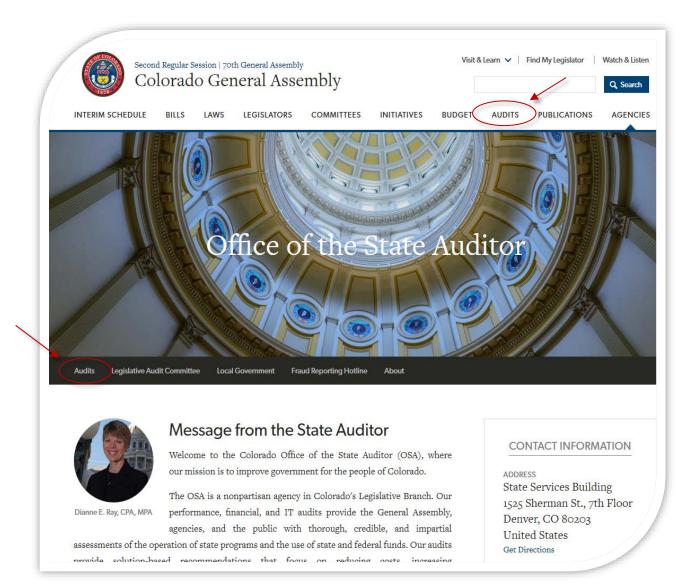
From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016, the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) agreed or partially agreed to implement 28 audit recommendations—all were from performance and/or information technology audits. Based on information reported by SIPA, as of June 30, 2017, it has no outstanding audit recommendations.

In our 2016 Annual Report: Status of Outstanding Audit Recommendations, SIPA also had no outstanding audit recommendations.



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