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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 30, 2025

To: Manny Diaz, Jr., Commissioner

From: Mike Blackburn, <sup>MB</sup>Inspector General

Subject: Amended 2024-2025 Audit Plan

The annual audit plan is based on a review of risks and opportunities in order to provide the most effective coverage of the department's programs and processes. As new management needs and priorities are identified, the audit plan may be adjusted to realign the identified risks and opportunities with available resources.

Due to the anticipated early completion of certain audits that created additional available audit hours, we are adding an audit of the Perkins Grant to the audit plan. Additionally, our office was notified by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) of an earlier than anticipated due date for the required Internal Control and Data Security Audit related to the department's Memorandum of Understanding with DHSMV. The August due date requires starting the DHSMV audit this fiscal year necessitating the replacement of the DBS-Access Management audit that was previously on the audit plan. Finally, our office was notified by DVR management that their concerns regarding the Fee For Service Provider - Pathways to Work have been alleviated, therefore, we will remove that audit from the audit plan.

The amended audit plan is attached for your review and approval. We look forward to continuing our work with management and staff in support of education in Florida.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Manny Diaz, Jr., Commissioner  
Department of Education

Attachment

## **INTRODUCTION**

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The Office of the Inspector General was established within the Department of Education to provide a central point for coordination of and responsibility for activities that promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency in government. Section 20.055 of Florida Statutes (F.S.) describes the responsibilities of the inspector general, which include:

- Conducting financial, compliance, electronic data processing, and performance audits of the department and preparing audit reports;
- Reviewing and evaluating internal controls necessary to ensure fiscal accountability, efficiency and integrity of the department's programs;
- Advising in the development of performance measures, standards, and procedures for the evaluation of department programs;
- Recommending corrective action concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies, and reporting on the progress made in implementing corrective actions; and
- Ensuring effective coordination and cooperation between the Auditor General, federal auditors, and other governmental bodies with a view toward avoiding duplication.

Section 20.055, F.S., further requires the inspector general to develop long-term and annual audit plans based on periodic risk assessments of the department. The objective of the risk assessment is to optimize the assignment of internal audit resources through a comprehensive understanding of the audit universe and the risks associated with each item.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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The risk assessment includes identifying programs and activities administered by the department and evaluating each activity based on indicators of risk exposure, or risk factors. The programs and activities were determined through review of organization charts and discussions with responsible management personnel. Risk factors were then used to rate the vulnerability of the programs and activities. Senior management scored each identified activity on seven risk factors:

- Financial impact
- Public relations impact
- Control environment
- Changes in operations/systems
- Management interest
- Audit coverage
- Sensitive data

We interviewed members of senior management and other key personnel to solicit their views on risks facing the department and areas where audits could add value. Using the results from these efforts and our professional judgment, we developed the audit plan for fiscal year 2023-2024. We also developed the long-term audit plan, which consists of anticipated projects for two subsequent fiscal years. The audit plan is subject to change as department priorities change and new risks are identified.

## **RESOURCES**

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The OIG currently has five professional auditor positions supervised by an audit director. Two of the audit positions are funded with federal vocational rehabilitation money and must be dedicated to audits of vocational rehabilitation programs.

## 2024-2025 PLANNED PROJECTS

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
CAREER AND ADULT EDUCATION	PERKINS GRANT
FLORIDA COLLEGES	REVIEW OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE (1010.25, FLORIDA STATUTES)
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS	ENTERPRISE PROJECT - RISK BASED COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF CONTRACTS (287.136, FLORIDA STATUTES)
EARLY LEARNING	FORMAL CONTRACT-TEACHSTONE, INC.*
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MONITORING – BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES – STATE DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS*
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	CPALMS GRANT
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING – ABILITY 1 <sup>ST</sup> *
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FORMAL CONTRACT – ABILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA*
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FORMAL CONTRACT – ALLIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC.
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FEE FOR SERVICE – IF I CAN DREAM FOUNDATION, INC.*
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FEE FOR SERVICE – EVOLVING LIVES

\* INDICATES ROLLOVER PROJECT

## 2024-2025 PLANNED CYBERSECURITY PROJECTS

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	APPLICATION - J MORROW TICKET TRACKER*
CHIEF INSPECTOR GENERAL	ENTERPRISE PROJECT – ASSET MANAGEMENT
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS	INTERNAL CONTROL AND DATA SECURITY AUDIT

\* INDICATES ROLLOVER PROJECT

## LONG-TERM PLANNED PROJECTS

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
2025-2026	FLORIDA COLLEGES	REVIEW OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE (1010.25, FLORIDA STATUTES)
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	AUDIT PLACEHOLDER
	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	ENTERPRISE PROJECT
	FINANCE AND OPERATIONS	STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH, AND MEASUREMENT	ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM (DJJ)
	EARLY LEARNING	AUDIT PLACEHOLDER
	BLIND SERVICES	FORMAL CONTRACT – FASB CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH, AND MEASUREMENT	FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORTS
	FLORIDA COLLEGES	ARTICULATION
	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	APPLICATION
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	MONITORING
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FEE FOR SERVICE
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
2026-2027	BLIND SERVICES	ASSET MANAGEMENT

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
	ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT	SCHOOL GRADES
	FINANCE AND OPERATIONS	SSFAD
	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	ENTERPRISE PROJECT
	FLORIDA COLLEGES	DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY
	FLORIDA COLLEGES	REVIEW OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE (1010.25, FLORIDA STATUTES)
	BLIND SERVICES	TRANSITION SERVICES
	INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AND PARENTAL CHOICE	AUDIT PLACEHOLDER
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
	BLIND SERVICES	REHAB CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	APPLICATION
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MONITORING – FEDERAL GRANTS
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROVIDER
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	FORMAL CONTRACT