



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER – FISCAL OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Financial Audit
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Release Date: December 19, 2024

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS						
	New	Repeat	Total	Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	0	1	1	2022	24-1		
Category 2:	0	0	0				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
TOTAL	0	1	1				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 2							

INTRODUCTION

This digest covers the Office of Comptroller’s Fiscal Officer’s Financial Audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Office of Comptroller - Fiscal Officer’s Compliance Examination as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 will be issued in a separate report at a later date.

SYNOPSIS

- (24-1) The Office of Comptroller did not implement adequate general Information Technology (IT) controls related to its environment and applications.

<p>Category 1: Findings that are material weaknesses in internal control and/or a qualification on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).</p> <p>Category 2: Findings that are significant deficiencies in internal control and noncompliance with State laws and regulations.</p> <p>Category 3: Findings that have no internal control issues but are in noncompliance with State laws and regulations.</p>

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER - STATE OF ILLINOIS
FISCAL OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES
FINANCIAL AUDIT
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FUND BALANCE (Amounts in Thousands)	Fiscal Year 2024		Fiscal Year 2023	
	Cash Balance	Budgetary Balances*	Cash Balance	Budgetary Balances*
Appropriated Funds				
General Funds.....	\$ 4,671,202	\$ 3,098,152	\$ 3,851,768	\$ 2,226,138
Highway Funds.....	6,268,087	5,986,126	4,763,458	4,577,280
Special State Funds.....	10,133,187	8,024,375	9,078,030	7,439,295
Bond Financed Funds.....	3,393,095	3,353,722	2,425,331	2,420,912
Debt Service Funds.....	2,225,709	2,217,242	1,935,339	2,010,637
Federal Trust Funds.....	1,366,718	(314,397)	1,875,181	479,482
Revolving Funds.....	194,269	(88,896)	179,689	(69,845)
State Trust Funds.....	961,957	859,703	1,282,476	1,142,597
Sub-Total.....	\$ 29,214,224	\$ 23,136,027	\$ 25,391,272	\$ 20,226,496
Non-Appropriated Funds				
Federal Trust Funds.....	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
State Trust Funds.....	3,878,537	3,769,441	3,571,832	3,449,467
Sub-Total.....	\$ 3,879,037	\$ 3,769,941	\$ 3,572,332	\$ 3,449,967
GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS.....	\$ 33,093,261	\$ 26,905,968	\$ 28,963,604	\$ 23,676,463
* Budgetary Balances represent balances remaining after reduction of Cash Balances at June 30 by lapse period transactions.				
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Amounts in Thousands)			FY 2024	FY 2023
Total Revenues - All Funds.....			\$ 252,209,102	\$ 244,761,790
Total Expenditures - All Funds.....			248,979,597	244,480,847
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance - All Funds.....			\$ 3,229,505	\$ 280,943
STATE COMPTROLLER				
During Engagement Period: Honorable Susana Mendoza				
Currently: Honorable Susana Mendoza				

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT ADEQUATE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS**

The Office of Comptroller (Office) did not implement adequate general Information Technology (IT) controls related to its environment and applications.

During testing, we noted the Office was unable to provide certain requested information covering the audit period concerning the network and related security policies and procedures. In addition, the Office was unable to provide a complete and accurate population of network devices for detailed testing. Due to these conditions, we were unable to conclude the Office's population records were sufficiently precise and detailed under the Professional Standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AU-C § 500.08). Despite this limitation, we performed testing on a sample of network devices and noted instances where the network security settings were not current or properly configured.

Instances noted where the network security settings were not current or properly configured

Also, during our testing of the Office's controls over access provisioning, we noted:

Weaknesses noted over access provisioning

- Three of nine (33%) users had access to critical applications when their job descriptions did not require such access.
- The Office had not established a formal process to periodically review users' access to the applications.
- The Office had not conducted periodic reviews of users' permissions to the Active Directory system.

Further, we requested the Office's population of changes to its network environment. However, the Office was unable to provide a complete and accurate population of changes. Due to these conditions, we were unable to conclude the Office's population records were sufficiently precise and detailed under the Professional Standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AU-C § 500.08). Despite this limitation, we performed testing on a sample of network changes and noted documentation of change approvals were not maintained for 18 of 18 (100%) network changes.

Network changes lacked documentation of approvals

In addition, we tested a sample of application changes, noting:

Inadequate documentation maintained for application changes

- Change requests did not have documentation of required approvals for 2 of 17 (12%) changes, and
- Documentation of work-hours was not maintained for 17 of 24 (71%) changes.

(Finding 1, pages 57-58) **This finding was first reported in 2022.**

We recommended the Office implement adequate general IT controls related to its environments and applications.

Office accepts the recommendation

Office officials accepted the recommendation and stated the Office must be agile in its operations to ensure statutory requirements are met and adapt when conditions change. Office officials further stated that over the past year, the Office has worked to address the items identified by the auditors and will continue to enhance critical event avoidance controls.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

The auditors stated the budgetary basis fund balances at June 30, 2024, and the revenues and expenditures for the year then ended relating to the State of Illinois, Office of Comptroller - Fiscal Officer Responsibilities' Traditional Budgetary Financial Report, are fairly presented in all material respects. The auditors noted the financial statements have been prepared on a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This financial audit was conducted by Sikich CPA LLC.

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JANE CLARK
Division Director

This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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Auditor General

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