

State Auditor

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The State Auditor's Office serves the people of Wyoming by providing quality statewide accounting and financial reporting services through the committed involvement of its staff, carrying out its duties with integrity, honesty and fairness at the least possible cost to the taxpayers. The office will effectively manage and coordinate the fiscal operations of the State of Wyoming by complying with and monitoring compliance with applicable Wyoming Statutes. Accomplishment of this mission will directly contribute to the state's eighth functional goal: "To operate our state and local governments responsibly, effectively and efficiently in an open, ethical and an accountable manner."

❖ *Results of outcomes*

The State Auditor's Office (SAO) suggested statutory revisions to meet its objective of increasing efficiency in state government. One suggestion revised the SAO statutes to allow electronic commerce and reduce paper-driven procedures. A second suggestion would have streamlined travel statutes, providing faster filing and review of travel claims, but was not approved. In prior years, the SAO suggested programs for Early Retirement, School Bond Guarantees and more timely federal fund reimbursements.

To measure customer satisfaction, the SAO conducts an annual survey each fall covering all areas of the office. This points to areas where the office is doing well, and also areas where additional efficiencies could be gained. Over the past three years, the overall customer satisfaction rating has ranged from 97 percent to 99 percent. At the time of this writing, the annual survey had not yet been conducted.

To meet the objective of assuring compliance with the State's budget, appropriation and fiscal statutes, the SAO processed 100 percent of all vouchers submitted within 24 hours of receipt. Also, 100 percent of all appropriations were processed by July 31.

During FY99, the SAO implemented a new payroll system, providing online data input and increased access to payroll information. The new system eliminated five existing systems and consolidated those functions into the new system. The new system eliminated paper forms for time card entry and most employee-specific data.

The office is a source of information to the public as well as to the Legislature, responding to more than 30 formal requests for information. These requests were not simply callers with questions but rather ranged from providing information readily available to in-depth, detailed data extraction and analysis.

To help ensure the integrity of the state's financial information, the state's annual financial reports are submitted for review by an independent body, the Government

General information

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Year established and reorganized

Established 1889, not reorganized

Statutory reference

Wyoming Constitution, Article 4, Section 11 & 12; W.S. 9-1-401 through 408; 9-4-217

Number of authorized personnel

21 full-time

Organizational structure

Internal/Systems Audit, Systems, Accounting and Appropriation Control

Clients served

General public, legislators, city and county officials, state officials and employees, federal officials and other state agencies.

Budget information

General funds	\$2,249,566
Federal funds	N/A
Trust and agency funds	N/A
Other	N/A
Total	\$2,249,566

Finance Officers Association (GFOA). In August, 1999, the GFOA awarded a Certificate of Excellence for Wyoming's FY98 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

Some modifications were made to the State Auditor's Office goals for the coming year. Goal 01, Objective 01 was modified to recognize the increased role technology will play in the office. Goal 01, Objective 02 has new language to assure 100 percent integrity of financial information. Goal 02's scope was expanded to include providing useful financial information to internal users, investors and federal agencies. Finally, Goal 02, Objective 03 now provides specific time lines for completion of the CAFR and the A-133 audit.

State Auditor organization chart

