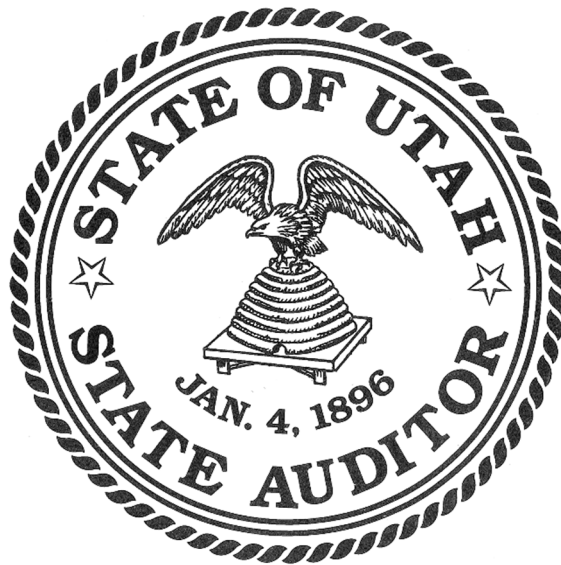


DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Single Audit Management Letter
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Report No. 20-21



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SINGLE AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER NO. 20-21

January 26, 2021

Mr. John Barrand, Executive Director
Department of Human Resource Management
2120 State Office Building
SLC, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Barrand:

This management letter is issued as a result of the Department of Human Resource Management's (Department's) portion of the statewide single audit for the year ended June 30, 2020, for which we tested the Department's working capital reserves. Our final report on compliance and internal control over compliance issued to meet the reporting requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is issued under separate cover.

In planning and performing our audit of working capital reserves, we considered the Department's compliance with the types of compliance requirements subject to audit as described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* for the year ended June 30, 2020. We also considered the Department's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements described above that could have a direct and material effect on working capital reserves in order to determine the auditing procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or to detect and correct on a timely basis noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to be reported under Uniform Guidance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purposes described in the second paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations,

during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in the Department's internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that were not identified.

We identified an instance of noncompliance which we are required to report under Uniform Guidance. This matter is described in the accompanying finding and recommendation.

The Department's written response to and Corrective Action Plan for the finding identified in our audit were not subjected to the audit procedures applied in our audit and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

The purpose of this communication is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, pursuant to *Utah Code* Title 63G Chapter 2, this report is a matter of public record, and as such, its distribution is not limited.

We appreciate the courtesy and assistance extended to us by the personnel of the Department during the course of our audit, and we look forward to a continuing professional relationship. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Seager', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Mysti Miskimins, Director of Finance, Department of Human Resource Management
Patricia Nelson, Assistant State Comptroller, State Division of Finance

WORKING CAPITAL RESERVES IN EXCESS OF FEDERAL GUIDELINES

Federal Agencies: **Various**
CFDA Numbers and Titles: **Various**
Federal Award Numbers: **Various**
Questioned Costs: **Undeterminable**
Pass-through Entity: N/A
Prior Year Single Audit Report Finding Numbers: **2019-024; 2018-034; 2017-022; 2016-038; 2015-049; 2014-041**

As of June 30, 2020, the Department of Human Resource Management held working capital reserves in excess of federal guidelines as follows:

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Excess # of Days in Reserve</u>	<u>Excess Amount in Reserve</u>
Service Area Level		
Payroll Field Services	60	\$107,759

2 CFR part 200, Appendix V, paragraph G.2, generally allows a working capital reserve as part of retained earnings of up to 60 days cash expenses for normal operating purposes in each internal service fund. The excess reserves are due to the inherent difficulty of accurately estimating expenses when setting rates. Excess reserves could result in a federal liability since federal programs share an interest in the reserves.

Recommendation:

Depending on the business requirements, we recommend that the Department of Human Resource Management reduce excess working capital reserves within each of the respective funds or obtain a waiver from the federal cost negotiator allowing for an increase in the number of days of working capital allowed to comply with federal guidelines.

DHRM's Response:

The Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) agrees with the findings.

1. DHRM is aware that the working capital reserves held in retained earnings exceeded the allowable 60 days of cash expenses on June 30, 2020 at the fund level due to excess reserves in Payroll Field Services.

Corrective Action Plan:

1. *The excess retained earnings for Payroll Field Services was caused by lower than anticipated expenses in fiscal year 2020 and an unplanned halt of all spending due to the uncertainty related to the pandemic. DHRM is evaluating the Payroll Field Services*

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rate for fiscal year 2021 and will adjust it, if necessary. DHRM anticipates this retained earnings balance will be in compliance with the 60 day working capital limit by June 30, 2021.

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Anticipated Correction Date: June 30, 2021*