

STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

William G. Holland, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

SUPREME COURT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION For the Two Years Ended: June 30, 2011 Summary of Findings:Total this audit:3Total last audit:3Repeated from last audit:1

Release Date: May 17, 2012

SYNOPSIS

- The Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) did not maintain sufficient controls over the recording and reporting of its State property.
- The Commission did not maintain sufficient controls over receipts processing.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the reverse page.}

SUPREME COURT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2011

EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	2011		2010		2009	
Total Appropriations	\$	10,000,000	\$	10,000,000	\$	10,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$	924,740	\$	805,392	\$	177,318
Total Receipts	\$	808	\$	16,122	\$	-
Average Number of Employees		2		3		3

AGENCY DIRECTOR
During Examination Period: John Lupton
Currently: John Lupton

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPERTY CONTROL WEAKNESSES

Lack of controls over property	The Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) did not maintain sufficient controls over the recording and reporting of its State property. During testing we noted the following:		
Reports did not reconcile	• The Commission did not reconcile its property listing to the Quarterly Report of State Property (C-15) filed with the Office of the Comptroller (IOC), therefore the Commission's property listing as of June 30, 2011 did not agree to the amount reported on the C-15.		
C-15 reports not filed timely	• The Commission did not timely file two C-15 reports with the IOC. The reports were submitted 3 and 25 days late.		
Donations excluded from property listing	• The Commission did not include \$14,645 of donations on its property listing.		
Incorrect property listing	• The Commission did not properly document nine equipment items on the property listing. (Finding 1, pages 8-9)		
	We recommended the Commission strengthen internal controls over recording and reporting of its equipment.		
Commission agrees with auditors	Commission management accepted the finding and recommendation and stated they have instituted better practices by reducing unnecessary property, educating themselves with requirements, and managing donated property.		
	INADEQUATE CONTROLS OVER RECEIPTS PROCESSING		
Lack of controls over receipts	The Commission did not maintain sufficient controls over receipts processing. During testing, we noted the following:		
Cash receipt log not maintained	• The Commission did not document maintain a cash receipt log containing the minimum detail and supporting documentation as required.		
Documentation not maintained	• The Commission did not maintain copies of checks, copies of receipts given for promotional sales, and copies of deposit receipts.		
Receipt Deposit Transmittal forms not submitted	• The Commission did not submit Receipt Deposit Transmittal forms to the Office of the Comptroller for 12 of 22 receipts tested.		

Refunds and miscellaneous receipts incorrectly recorded

Receipt reconciliations not performed

Commission agrees with auditors

- The cash receipt log recorded refunds and miscellaneous into one category.
- The Commission did not reconcile receipts to the Office of the Comptroller. (Finding 3, page 11)

We recommended the Commission strengthen its internal controls over receipts processing.

Commission management accepted the finding and recommendation and stated they will gain the proper education regarding the requirements and best practices to process income.

OTHER FINDING

The remaining finding pertains to controls related to voucher processing. We will review the Commission's progress toward the implementation of our recommendation in our next examination.

AUDITORS' OPINION

We conducted a compliance examination of the Commission as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The Commission has no funds that require an audit leading to an opinion of financial statements.

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND Auditor General

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AUDITORS ASSIGNED

Campbell, LLC were our special assistant auditors for this engagement.