

Save \$78 Million

The first state agency performance audits found \$78 million in potential savings for Ohio taxpayers through reviews of the Departments of Transportation, Education, Job & Family Services, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

Performance auditors worked with state officials to identify opportunities to reduce spending and increase efficiency. Audit recommendations ranged from changes to organizational structure to maximizing equipment use to process improvements.

Performance audits typically deliver a great return on investment. For every dollar spent to conduct these state agency audits, the Auditor of State's office identified \$47 in potential savings.

Million

Save

Living Up to Our Word

A firm believer in the benefits of performance auditing, Auditor Yost volunteered the Auditor of State's office to undergo the first state agency performance audit.

Completed in November 2011 by Plante & Moran, PLLC, the audit led to the restructuring of several departments and more than \$1 million in savings thus far.

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Department of Job \$19.8 million*

Pre-verify Medicaid provider services

\$10.8 million*

Right-size the number of supervisors through attrition

\$10 million* Bond providers to increase collections from Medicaid overpayments

\$6 million* Consolidate Medicaid enrollment functions and improve food stamp processes

& Family Services

Here is how the potential savings and agency recommendations break down:

\$1 million* Reclassify hearing

FINDING SAVINGS FOR OHIO

officers, level staff to workload, and spend federal dollars first

\$1.6

Housing Finance Agency

\$1.4 million** Eliminate the provision of select services and positions no longer needed

\$190,000** Upgrade timekeeping

* Annual savings ** Two-vear savings - Used rounded numbers

\$20,000**

380 staff hours

Reduce approximately

Department of Transportation

\$11.6 million*

\$23.0

\$5.8

Reduce operating expenses by mowing less frequently and closing underused rest areas

\$10 million* Sell underused equipment

and avoid maintenance cost

\$567,000* Modify aerial engineering and geotechnical enaineerina processes

\$800,000* Fuel savings through revisions to fuel use and purchasing

practices

Department of Education

\$710,000*

Streamline core agency responsibilities and process improvements

\$430,000*

Repeal the restriction and internalize the SSID system, while retaining privacy protections

\$3.8 million*

Right-size span of control and organizational structure

> \$870,000* Improve IT operations

Creating a New Era in **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

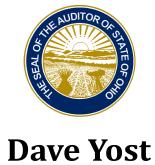
state government agencies.



Auditor of State Dave Yost worked Enacted in 2011, ORC §117.46 provided, with the Ohio General Assembly to for the first time, authority in the Auditor bring the efficiency and performance of State's office to conduct performance standards of the private sector to audits of at least four state agencies every two years. The intent of the law is to provide state agencies with a thorough review of their operations to identify areas for improvement and potential savings.

> State agency performance audits promise leaner, more efficient government using objective measures to determine the best use of scarce resources.

> PHOTO: Auditor Dave Yost discusses the state agency performance audits with Performance Auditor Joe Rust.



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