

BUDGET REQUEST

FISCAL YEAR 2027

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS MISSION STATEMENT

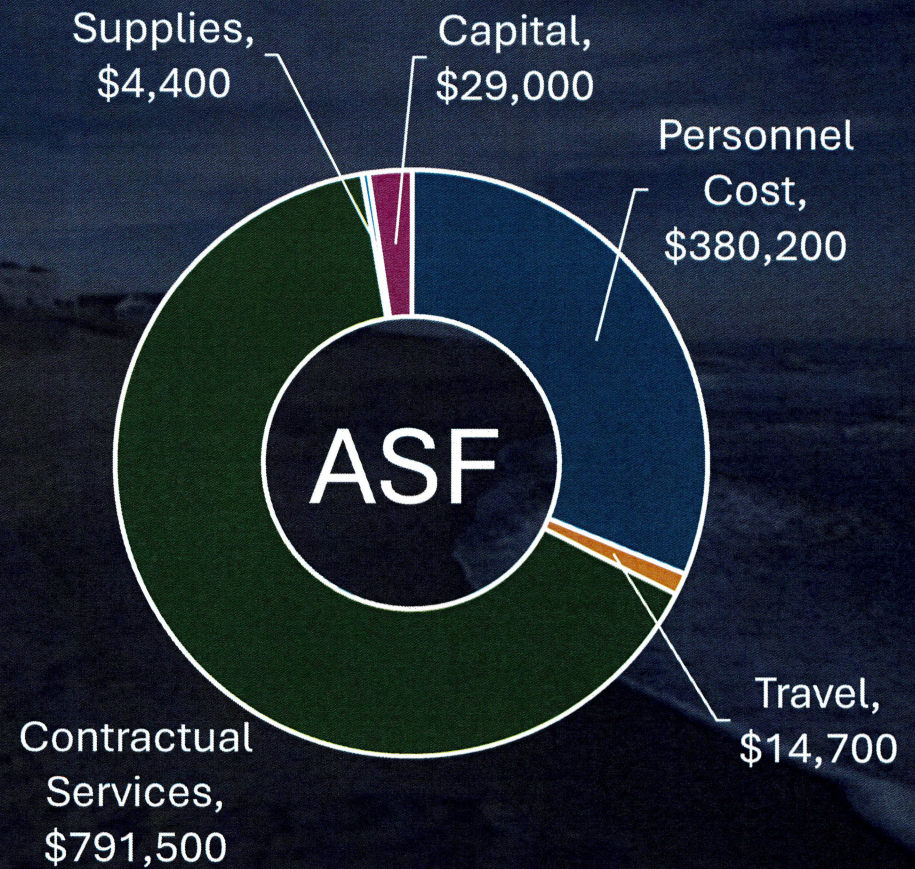
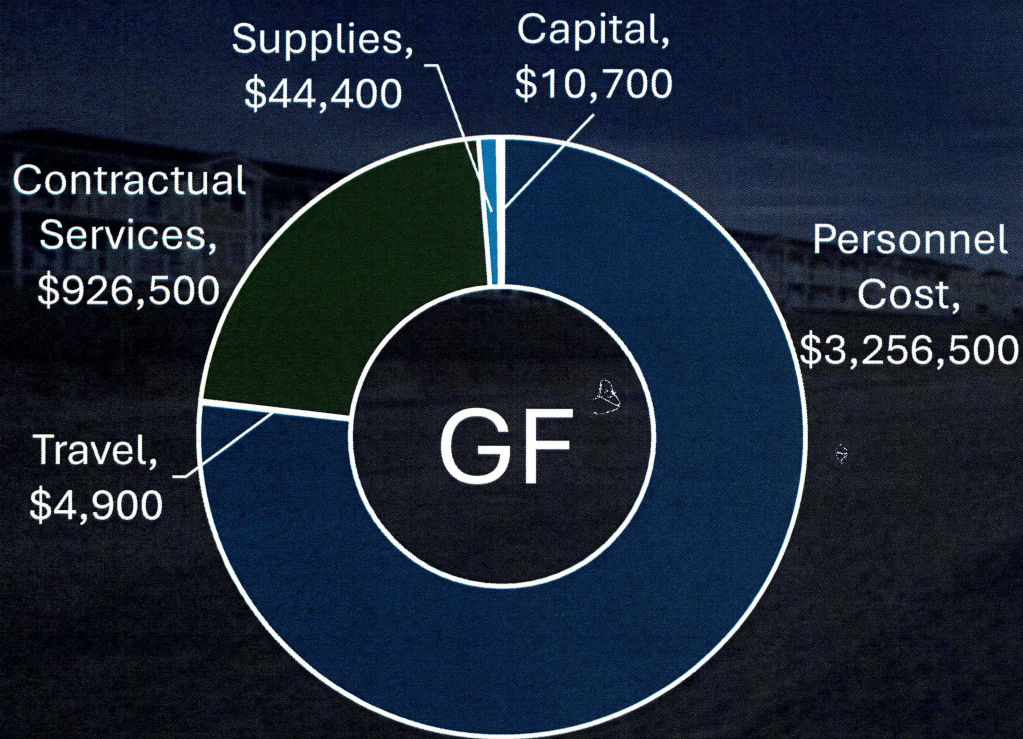
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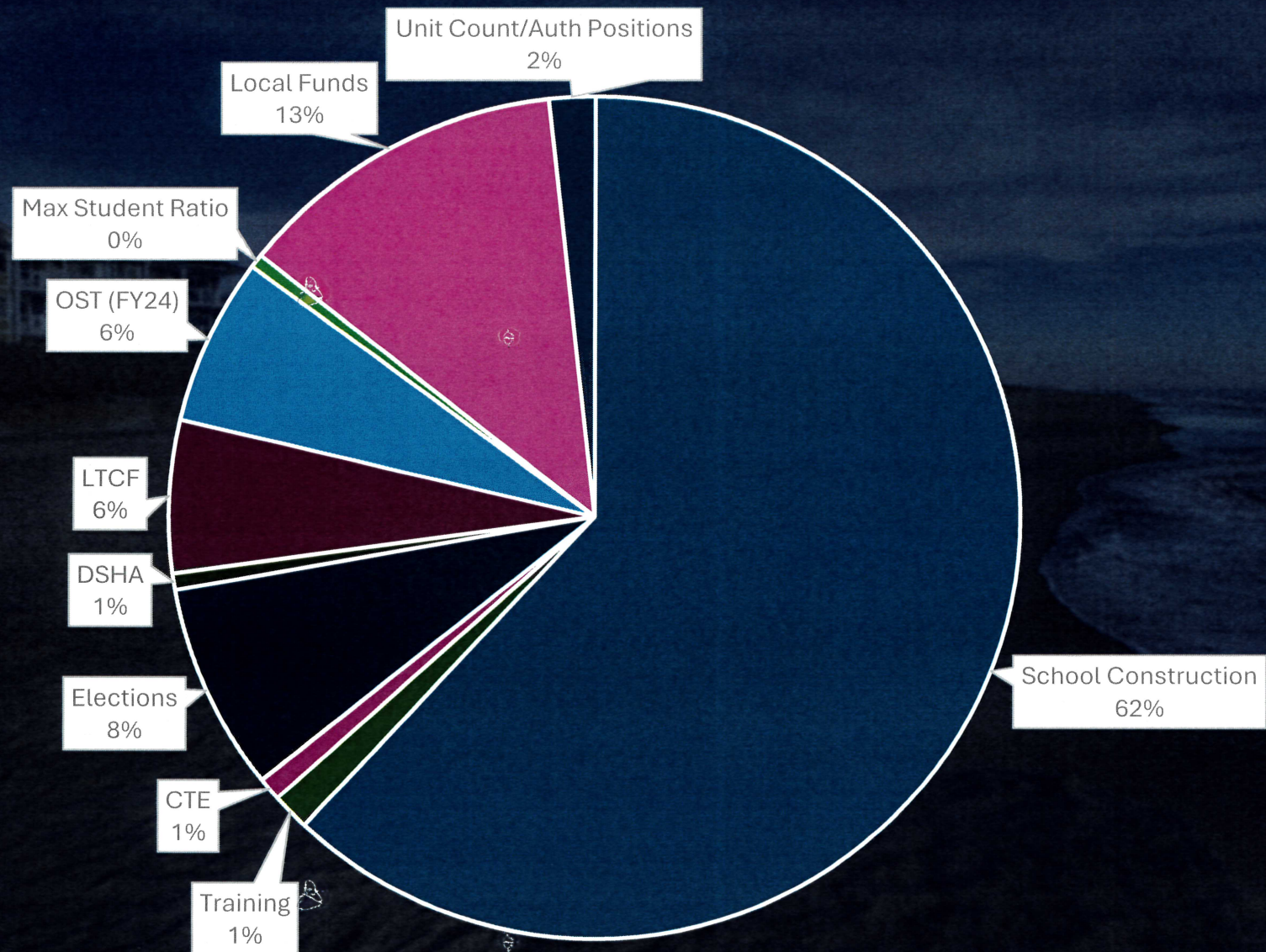
FY25 UPDATE/GRB METRICS

- 1 STAFF VACANCY
- 72 REPORTS ISSUED
100 planned for FY27
- 80% OF MANDATED AUDITS PERFORMED
100% of mandated audits completed by end of FY26
- 100% OF STAFF ENGAGED IN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
- 100% OF AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF COMPLETION
- 100% OF STAFF PROFESSIONALLY CERTIFIED WITHIN 1 YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT
- 159 CONFIDENTIAL FRAUD HOTLINE TIPS

FY26 OPERATING BUDGET



FY25 REVENUE SOURCES



AOA IN 2026

- A SHRINKING CONTRACTOR MARKET AND DIFFICULTY FINDING CPA FIRMS
- LIMITED STAFF CAPACITY
- HUNDREDS OF MANDATED ENGAGEMENTS
- COMMITMENT TO RESPONDING TO TIMELY PUBLIC REQUESTS

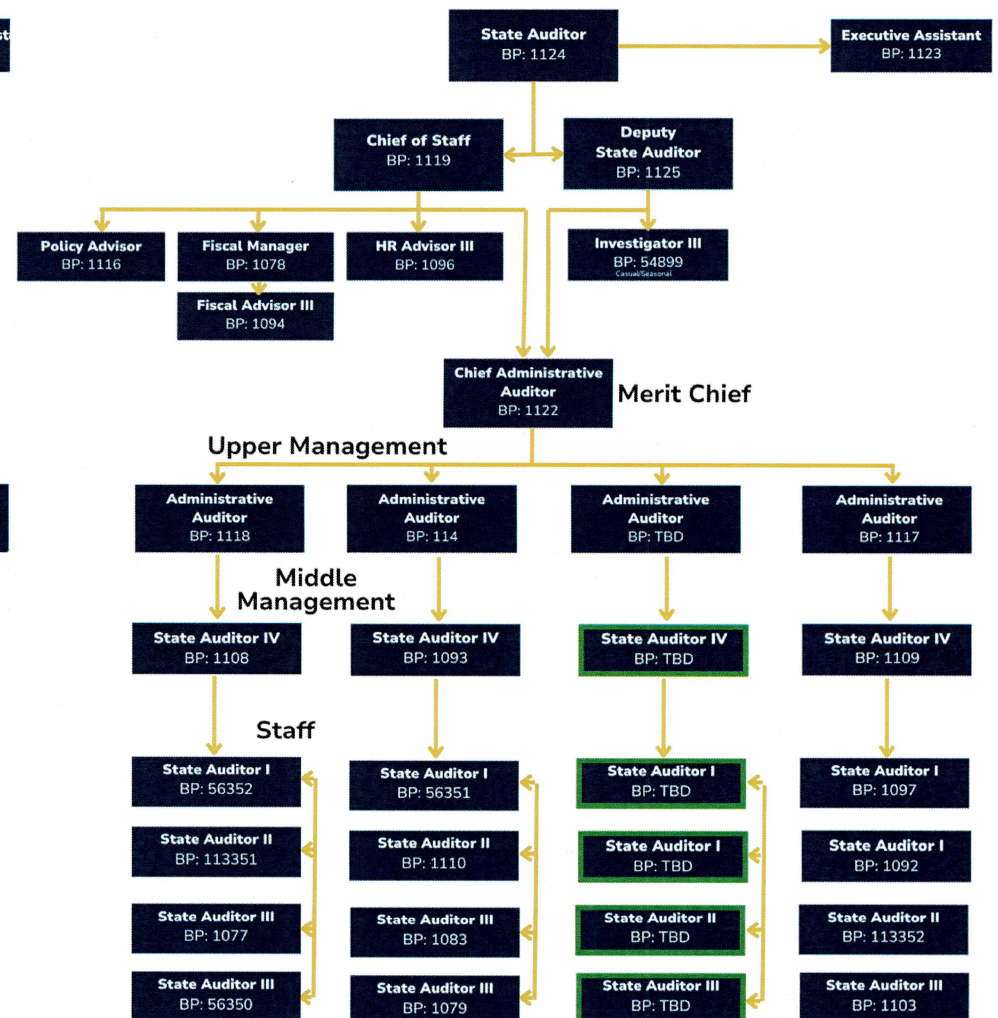
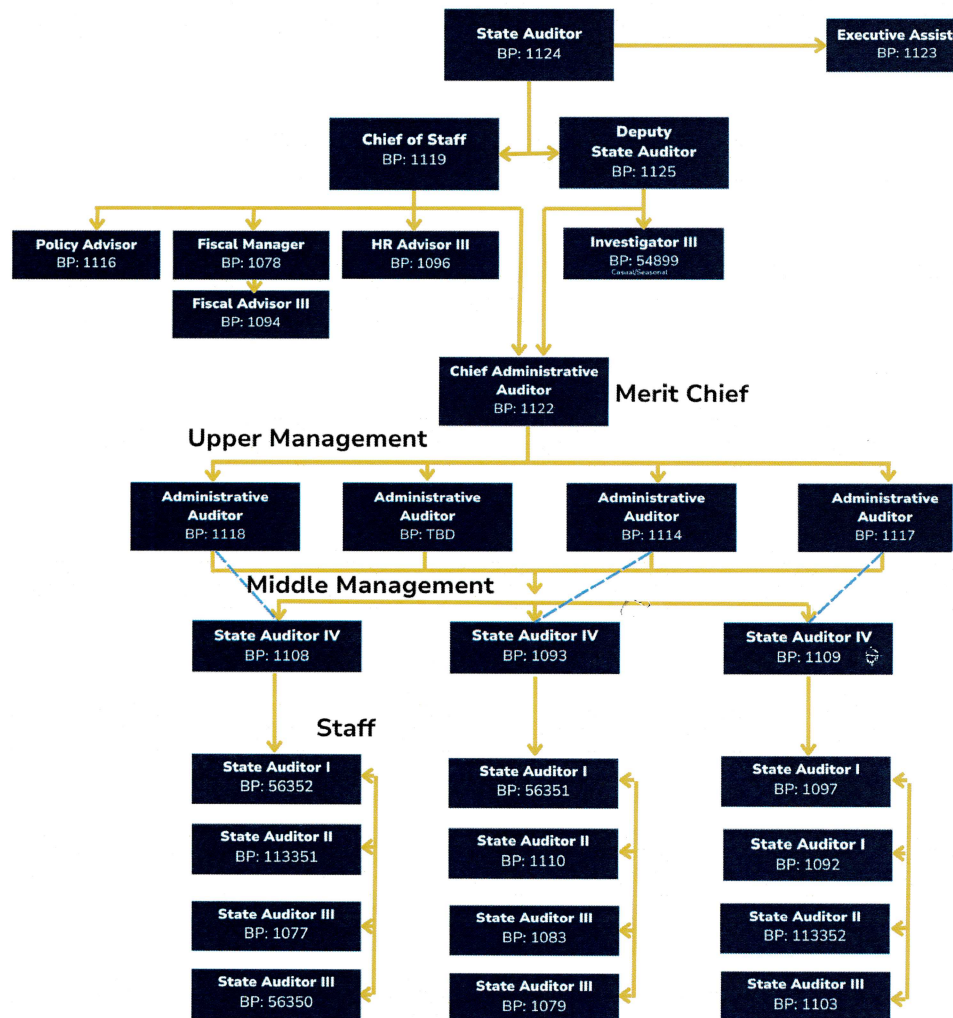
PERSONNEL REQUEST

1. SPENDING AUTHORITY TRANSFER

- **\$390,000 from ASF Contractual to ASF Personnel**

2. CREATE 5 NEW FTE POSITIONS PAID FROM ASF PERSONNEL

- **One Auditor IV**
- **Four Auditor I-III**



ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

- 1. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION TO CAPITAL OUTLAY**
 - **\$20,000 to purchase workstations for five requested FTEs**

- 2. GF CAPITAL OUTLAY INCREASE**
 - **\$20,000 to purchase software licenses for critical auditing technology**

1% INCREASE

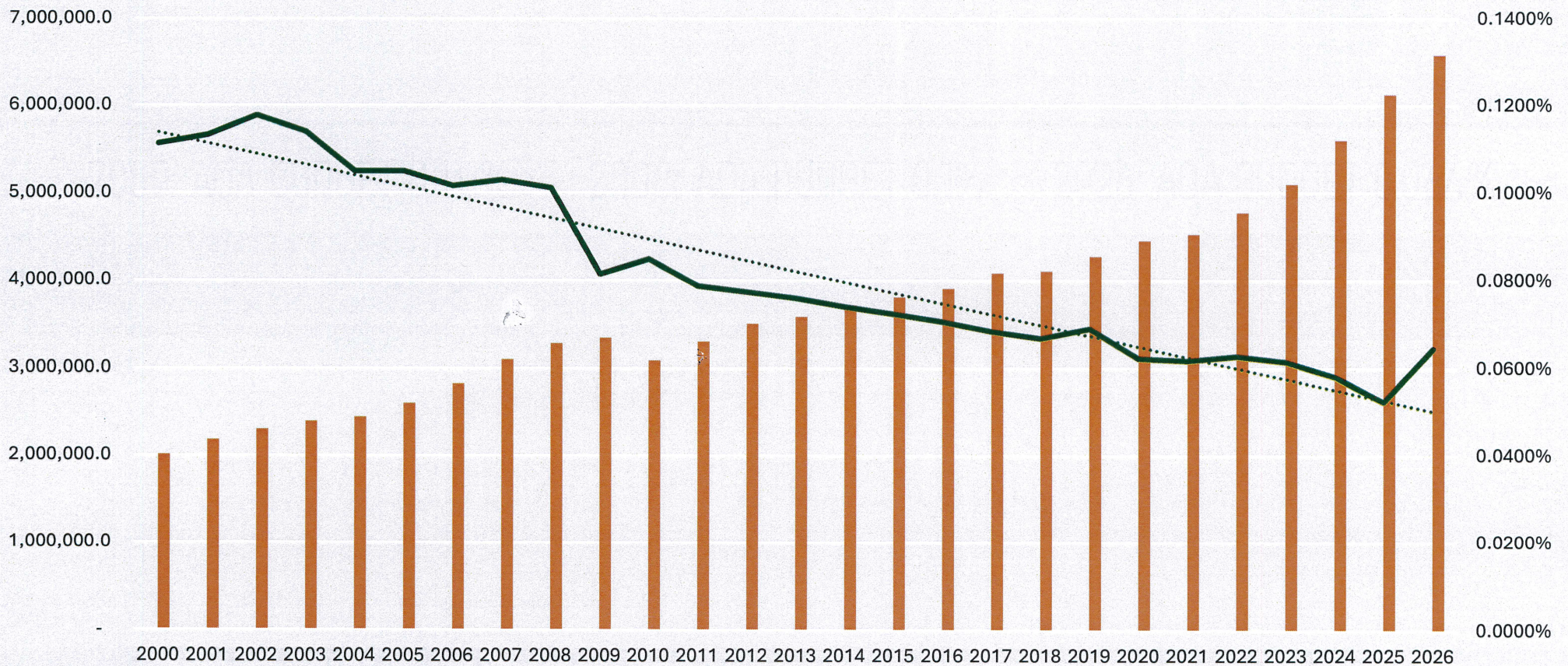
- 1. \$10,000 increase to GF Travel**
- 2. \$32,000 increase to GF Contractual Services**

EPILOGUE REQUEST

- Update epilogue language to reflect current audit contracting and billing practices
- Epilogue language request is included in GRB

HISTORICAL FUNDING DATA

AOA General Fund as a Percentage of Operating Budget



2000: AOA BUDGET 0.111%

2008: AOA BUDGET 0.1%

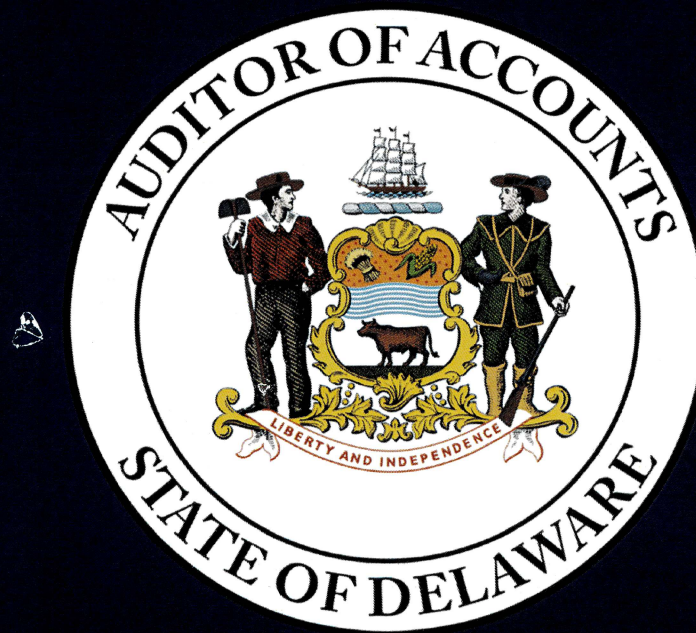
2026: AOA BUDGET 0.064%

AOA MILESTONES

- Issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report on time two years in a row
- Issued 72 reports, including financial audits, long-ignored mandates, special reports, and performance audits of State Agencies
- Expanded collaborations and partnerships across State government
- Received highest possible rating in peer review from the National State Auditor's Association

THE ROI OF AUDITING

- Government Accountability Office estimates a return of \$76 to \$114 for every dollar spent on government auditing
- AOA's reports create new opportunities for improvement
- Findings are a starting point for better government



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