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Dear Ms. Ashcroft:

Thank you for your email dated April 21, 2015, regarding DAFS' response to the Government Oversight Committee's recent letter dated March 13, 2015.

In your email, you inquired whether there was a specific date by which OPEGA could expect DAFS to adopt the Government Oversight Committee's requests, as no specific date was provided in DAFS' aforementioned response letter. To reiterate our letter, the recommendations listed by the Government Oversight Committee appear reasonable, and we in DAFS haven given them serious consideration. We anticipate adopting these recommendations, but no specific adoption date can be given at this time.

The reason for not giving a specific date is due to the fact that our adoption will be based upon the rule change process. There are multiple changes that we are considering for DAFS Rule Chapter 110 – the rule in question – and when those changes are coordinated and ultimately sought, the Government Oversight Committee requested change will be among them. We are happy to notify the committee once the suggested changes have been adopted.

As for the Government Oversight Committee's second request, pertaining to the DAFS/BGS/Division of Purchases "Policy on Contract Renewals and/or Amendments", we anticipate adopting that recommended change no later than May 15, 2015.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to point out that Part A of the Governor's Biennial Budget (page A-29) includes a \$180,000 request to "provide funding for annual licensing fees for a state electronic procurement system" for the DAFS/BGS/Division of Purchases. A direct link can be made between this budgetary line item and the goals sought by the Government Oversight Committee through the recommendations mentioned above. This budgetary request will allow the DAFS/BGS/Division of Purchases to better direct, oversee, and provide guidance for the State's current processes for handling contracts and grants.

If there are any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Richard W. Rosen, Commissioner  
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