

State Auditor

Wyoming Quality of Life Result:

Wyoming state government is a responsible steward of State assets and effectively responds to the needs of residents and guests.

Department/Division/Program:

State Auditor's Office

Contribution to Wyoming Quality of Life:

As the Comptroller, Chief Accountant and official custodian of state financial records, the office acts as the chief steward of state financial and fiscal assets. Additionally, the responsibility of providing a payroll and financial system capable of meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles is levied upon this office. Compliance with both is measured annually through the production of an annual financial report that is verified by an independent audit firm contracted by the Department of Audit.

Basic Facts:

The Auditor's office consists of a full time staff of 26 personnel working with an annual budget of \$5,418,006, consisting entirely of general funds.

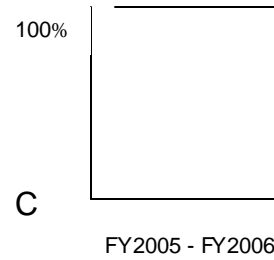
The office's primary responsibilities include:

Maintenance and operation of a state-wide payroll system, used by all three branches of government, for the efficient payment of payroll expenses, payroll deductions, tax reporting and remittance on a monthly basis. Including permanent employees, at-will employment contract employees, part-time seasonal employees and the state apprenticeship program, we service approximately 12,000 personnel annually.

Maintenance and operation of a state-wide accounting system, used by all three branches of government, for the efficient accounting, payment and processing of all accounts payables generated by state government, accounting and collection of all accounts receivables, reconciliation of all warrants and electronic funds transfer transactions. Tracks fund balances and cash balances, which reconcile daily to treasury account balances. We process approximately 600,000 transactions annually to over 100,000 vendors and customers.

Production of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) through the extraction of information from the accounting system, payroll system, and other data collection systems. Compilation of the data is formatted in accordance with GAAP and GFOA standards, audited by an external audit firm and published for citizens and government use and reference.

Performance:



Story Behind the Last Year of Performance:

Graph A depicts our goal of successfully running and accurately paying our employees on the last day of each month.

Graph B depicts our goal of providing accounting services to our customers in accordance with our published production schedule. Not only did the office comply with the published schedule, there were an additional 3 runs of the financial system during the course of the year.

Graph C depicts our goal of publishing the CAFR on or before 15 Dec of each year and our subsequent submission of the CAFR to the GFOA for attainment of the "Excellence in Financial Reporting Award"

What has been Accomplished?

During the budget session in 2002, the Auditor requested funds to upgrade both the payroll and financial systems. As of this writing, the upgrade of the payroll system has been accomplished, with a "go-live" of 1 Jan 06. Immediately following that implementation, the upgrade of the accounting system began, with an anticipated "go-live" on 1 July 07.