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Fiscal Year FY 2027-2028

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*		Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	X	Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*		Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	X	Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	X	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	Name	*Phone*	*Email*
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2027-2028 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	*Board or Commission Chair*
SIGN/DATE:	Brian D. Lamkin 9/21/2026	N/A
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	BRIAN D. LAMKIN	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Employee Salary Competitiveness and Retention Adjustments	165,000	0	0	0	165,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Increase in Other Operating Expenses - Division of Technology Operations - Shared Services	11,000	0	0	0	11,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			176,000	0	0	0	176,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Employee Salary Competitiveness and Retention Adjustments

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $165,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $165,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.1 - Investigate incidents of allegations of misconduct in the Executive Branch with emphasis on supervisors, managers and executives.

3.1 - Investigate incidents of Executive Branch waste having the broadest impact among state agencies.

3.2 - Assess and improve Executive Branch agencies' policies and processes.

3.3 - Assess and improve SIG investigative completion times.

5.1 - Investigate allegations of misconduct and/or performance in public schools and school boards.

All strategies would be benefitted and advanced by the increased ability to attract, hire, and retain experienced investigators and auditors. Results will be evaluated based on the timely completion of investigations that accurately identify issues and provide recommendations to improve government operations.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

SCOIG employees would receive these funds.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

SCOIG has been affected by changes in the labor market including the increasing disparity between public and private sector compensation, and competition from other state agencies that have audit and investigative positions. Those factors have led to costly turnover at SCOIG.

During the last three and a half years, SCOIG has encountered turnover in ten of its fifteen classified employee positions resulting in an annual turnover rate of 19%. Of the ten employees who left in the last three and a half years, three were previous retirees who retired permanently. One employee opened his own business and the remaining six obtained jobs in other state agencies, the federal government, and the private sector.

All six who obtained other jobs reported receiving higher salaries, most of which were significantly higher. Three of the six found jobs in other state agencies and received salaries that averaged 19% more than their SCOIG salary. One employee left for a federal government job at a salary increase of over 50%, and the remaining two employees found jobs with higher salaries in the private sector, one of which reported his new salary was 30% higher than his SCOIG salary.

The Competitiveness and Retention Adjustment will allow the movement of all employees closer to the midpoints of their pay bands in the new pay structure adopted by the state in 2026. The state's new pay structure did not address the required advanced training, credentials, and experience of SCOIG's auditors and investigators who deal with the breadth, scope, and complexity of SCOIG investigations, which surpasses what is dealt with by auditors and investigators in other state agencies. This additional funding will help to reduce the costly turnover and the loss of experienced auditors and investigators.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Increase in Other Operating Expenses - Division of Technology Operations - Shared Services

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $11,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $11,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.1 - Investigate incidents of allegations of misconduct in the Executive Branch with emphasis on supervisors, managers and executives.

3.1 - Investigate incidents of Executive Branch waste having the broadest impact amoung state agencies.

3.2 - Assess and improve Executive Branch agencies' policies and processes.

3.3 - Assess and improve SIG investigative completion times.

5.1 - Investigate allegations of misconduct and/or performance in public schools and school boards.

All strategies are benefitted through the use of the Division of Technology Operations Shared Services, in particular the enhanced security and reliability of data storage and protection that the Shared Services offerings provide. This request maintains the level of security and reliability that SCOIG has received since becoming a Shared Services customer in 2024. Being a Shared Services customer was instrumental in SCOIG passing its 2025 Security Assessment with zero findings.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Department of Administration - Division of Technology Operations - Shared Services

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The purpose of this request is to provide funds to cover increases in the cost of the Division of Technology Operations Shared Services offerings. SCOIG became a Shared Services customer in 2024 principally because our agency's small size made it impractical to comply with the required information security and privacy policies and procedures. Since becoming a Shared Services customer, SCOIG has benefitted greatly from the relationship with the Division of Technology through added functionalities that otherwise would not have been available and through greater efficiency for our employees.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	State Inspector General Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency PLan
AMOUNT	$79,059 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	Four of the agency's employees would have their weekly hours reduced by 7.5 hours per week. This action would result in a reduction of 0.80 FTEs. *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	The Program/Activity impacted includes the investigation of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement involving the Executive Branch of State Government, public education entities, and the Opioid Funds. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	A 3% budget reduction would reduce employee hours devoted to investigations from 39,000 hours annually to 37,440 hours, a 4% reduction in investigative capacity.

Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

Since 86% of the State Inspector General's budget is comprised of personnel costs, any significant reduction of cost would involve a reduction of staff or the reduction of staff hours, as illustrated above concerning the 3% reduction methodology. No measures have been taken.

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than $50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?