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DATE: September 14, 2010

TO: Jill Reich, Victim-Witness Program Director, Office of the District Attorney (DA)

FROM: Acting Deputy Director of Finance, Internal Audit & Licensing (DIAL)

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Award # 601020)

RE: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

General Information

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was enacted in February, 2009. Goals of ARRA were to create new jobs, save existing jobs, spur economic activity, and invest in long-term growth. ARRA's methods of achieving these goals included increasing federal funds for education, healthcare, and entitlement programs by \$224 billion and providing \$275 billion for federal contracts, grants, and loans.

The United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded DeKalb County the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$2,407,651 for the program period March 2009 through February 2013. DeKalb distributed \$300,956 (Award# 601020) of the JAG funds to the District Attorney's Office. The JAG program will support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime.

The grant may be used for any of the following purposes:

- Prosecution and Court Programs
- Prevention and Education Programs
- Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement Programs

The District attorney's office will utilize JAG Recovery funds to:

- Stabilize the local and state budget allocations by providing recovery money to areas of the budget that were cut to avoid reducing services when crime is not decreasing at the same rate and continue with an impactful leadership program targeting young Girls Achieving Leadership & Success (GALS).
- Provide funding for furloughed employees so criminal cases are not further delayed.
- Invest in technology and create a job for the next stage of our case management system development: thereby, eliminating the need for employees to do double data entry.
- Assist those impacted by the recession by providing post-graduate internships for attorneys that are unemployed coming out of law school to develop their resume with litigation experience and increase their marked value.
- Stimulate the economy by purchasing needed equipment and training for investigators that have SWAT duties, investigate computer crimes, and homicide.

Project Budget	Award Amount	Total Expenditures as of April 7, 2010	Award Balance
Drug Court ADA	129,13	10,31	118,82
Tracker Interface	87,21		87,21
GALS	18,00		18,00
Furloughed Supplement	60,00	24,98	35,01
Radio	3,10		3,10
FTK/EnCase Training	2,00		2,00
VIPER Medic supplies	1,50		1,50
Total Amount Awarded	300,95		
Total Expenditures		35,29	
Total Award Balance			265,66

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the audit is to ascertain the level of compliance of all agencies receiving funds with existing contracts and grant agreements in the District Attorney's Office for ARRA funds.

Scope

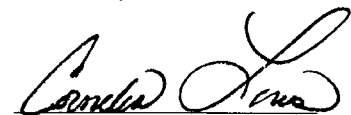
Our audit covered the period March 2009 through April 7, 2010. We reviewed the Board of Commissioner's Agenda, contract, application information, Oracle Data, invoices, and supporting documentation. Interviews were also held with employees from District Attorney and other departments.

Conclusion

Based on our review, we concluded that the District Attorney's Office is in compliance with the guidelines set forth by ARRA as of April 7, 2010.

Internal Audit expresses appreciation for the assistance provided by your staff during our review. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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