

**AUDITOR OF STATE (0059) - STATE OPERATIONS & UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
2007-09 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Office of Auditor of State is a constitutionally created office with the statutory responsibility to act as the general accountant of the state. The Auditor of State's responsibilities include issuance of all warrants drawn from the State Treasury and keeping an account of each state agency. The Auditor serves as the custodian for Unclaimed Property through the Administration of the Unclaimed Property Program. The Auditor also acts as a disbursing officer for the Court Reporter, Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, Continuing Education Programs, Trial Court Administrative Assistants, Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers and the elected Constitutional Officers.

Total Biennial Budget

The total Operations budget for the 2007-2009 biennium for the Auditor of State is \$2,643,461 the first year and \$2,501,390 the second year.

The Auditor serves as the custodian for Unclaimed Property. The Unclaimed Property Operations appropriation is for \$1,084,678 year one and \$1,098,301 year two of the biennium.

Funding Source

Both the Operations budget and Unclaimed Property are funded from State Central Services.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The State Operations Appropriation is for \$2,643,461 the first year and \$2,501,390 the second year which is \$210,000 and \$25,000 over base level for increases in operating expenses and restoration of capital outlay.

Unclaimed Property has four appropriations:

- 1) The Unclaimed Property Operations Appropriation is for approximately \$1 million each year.
- 2) An appropriation for \$775,000 each year for the payment of unclaimed property claims out of the miscellaneous revolving fund for claims paid to claimants after the property was held for three years and transferred to General Revenues.
- 3) The Cash Fund Appropriation for \$15,002,500 each year for payments of claims is \$9,997,500 over base level due to increasing claims requests.
- 4) Abandoned Mineral Proceeds Appropriation for \$1,500,500 each year is \$998,000 over base level due to increases in oil, gas, and mineral claims.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

State Operations: Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 26
 Total Positions for FY 2005-07 Biennium: 26

Unclaimed Property: Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 9
 Total Positions for FY 2005-07 Biennium: 9

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

The Capital Outlay-Carry Forward/Transfer Authority section allows appropriation to be carried over from the first year to the second year and allows the Auditor to transfer appropriation from the second year to the first year in the Capital Outlay line item in State Operations.