

Status of Audit Resolution

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Finding Number: 001

Finding: The Washington State Historical Society's internal controls over the State Capitol Museum's cash-receipting are inadequate.

Resolution: In August 2008, the Olympia location of the Historical Society implemented the point-of-sale system and its internal control system already in use at its Tacoma headquarters. The point-of-sale system is an industry-leading ticketing system that features reliable, flexible and high-speed ticketing and incorporates good internal controls. It produces numbered tickets that meet audit requirements. Staff training was completed, and new cash receipt handling procedures have been implemented.

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Finding Number: 002

Finding: The Washington State Historical Society has not completed a catalog or inventory of its historical artifacts.

Resolution: The Historical Society began an inventory project in March 2008 and has inventoried 39,718 artifacts, which is about forty-four percent of the 90,000-piece collection.

By reprioritizing the collection staff's work to place inventorying over cataloging and by extending the hours of several part-time employees to work on the project, the Historical Society is on target to complete the inventory by June 2009.

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