

Status of Resolution of Audit Findings

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Department of Services for the Blind (DSB)

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Finding Number: 022

Finding: The Department of the Services for the Blind is not complying with federal requirements regarding payroll costs charged to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Resolution: The Department agrees with the audit finding and recommendations. A corrective action plan has been completed which included:

- An Effort Certification form for staff working solely on a single federal award or cost objective has been adopted into Department procedures.
- Effort Certifications have been completed on all impacted staff for the latest 6-month period of time.
- Department support staff who had previously been preparing effort certifications has been changed to cost allocation effective October 1, 2011.
- The effort certification process has been added to the Department's calendar of due dates in coordination with the federal fiscal year.

The Department contacted the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), for their determination of any costs that are to be repaid as a result of the lack of certifications. The response from RSA was to distribute the questioned expenditures between the respective grants as if they had been initially cost allocated. The Department complied with this in September 2011.

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