

BUDGET LETTER

SUBJECT: YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS		NUMBER: 16-07
REFERENCES: STATE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL SECTIONS 6400, 7900 ET SEQ., 19462, 19463; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 12460, 12461.2, 13310, AND 13344, BL 15-03, 16-05, AND 16-06		DATE ISSUED: April 4, 2016
		SUPERSEDES: BL 15-04

TO: Agency Secretaries
 Department Directors
 Departmental Budget and Accounting Officers
 Department of Finance Budget and Accounting Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

This Budget Letter (BL) reminds and informs state departments of the year-end financial reporting requirements and deadlines for fiscal year 2015-16.

Deadlines and Deliverables	
August 1, 2016	General Fund, feeder funds (0081, 0084, 0085, 0086, 0089, 0090, 0091, 0094, and 0097) and economic uncertainty funds (0374 and 0375) due to the State Controller's Office (SCO).
August 22, 2016	All other funds due to the SCO.
August 22, 2016	Report of Accounts Outside the Treasury System, Report 14, due to the State Treasurer's Office (STO) and a copy to the SCO. Bank statements for accounts outside the State Treasury with balances indicating collateralization as of June 30 due to the STO.
August 22, 2016	Report of Expenditures of Federal Funds, Report 13, due to Department of Finance (Finance) Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit (FSCU), and a copy to the SCO.
September 1, 2016	Generally accepted accounting principles information, excluding independently audited financial statements, due to the SCO.
September 30, 2016	Independently audited financial statements due to the SCO. If the final statements are not available by September 30, a draft can be submitted on September 30, with final following on October 14.

Requirements for year-end financial reports are included in State Administrative Manual (SAM) sections 7900 et seq. and the SCO's Year-End Financial Information manuals. These requirements should be reviewed in order to minimize problems. Departments should also develop a year-end work plan. Work plans are an essential tool in planning and monitoring financial activities to ensure the timely completion of the year-end financial reports.

Government Code (GC) section 12461.2 authorizes the SCO to withhold any or all operating funds from a department that fails to submit complete and accurate financial reports to the SCO within 20 days from the above due dates.

FI\$Cal Departments

Departments using the Financial Information System for California (FI\$Cal) for accounting functions will be required to submit financial reports produced from FI\$Cal. Finance will provide assistance and year-end training for departments using FI\$Cal. Departments should work with their FI\$Cal Readiness Coordinator and Finance accounting analyst to make arrangements for additional support to meet the year-end deadlines. Please also see BL 16-05 and BL 16-06.

CALSTARS Departments

Finance, California State Accounting and Reporting System (CALSTARS) training unit, is offering year-end training classes for CALSTARS departmental accounting staff involved in year-end financial reports preparation. CALSTARS Operations Memos (COM) 16-02 and 16-03 announced this year's training schedule. COM 16-04 contains the CALSTARS Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-16 Year-End Closing. COMs are available on the CALSTARS website:

http://www.dof.ca.gov/accounting/calstars/procedures/operations_memos/.

Other year-end resources include Volume 7 of the CALSTARS Procedures Manual at:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/calstars/calsdocs/MANUAL/VOLUME-7/v7toc.pdf> and a report checklist at: <http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/calstars/optools.htm>. Assistance is also available from the CALSTARS Hotline at (916) 327-0100 or e-mail: hotline@dof.ca.gov.

Consistency between Governor's Budget and Year-End Financial Reports

GC section 12460 requires information in the SCO's Budgetary/Legal Basis Annual Report to account for funds on the same basis as that of the applicable Governor's Budget and Budget Act. GC section 13344 requires state departments to prepare and maintain financial and accounting data for inclusion in the Governor's Budget, Budget Act and related documents, and the Budgetary/Legal Basis Annual Report described in section 12460, according to the methods and bases provided in regulations, budget letters, and other directives of Finance. The SCO's Annual Report reflects a culmination of information submitted by departments. It is critical that departments' submittal of year-end financial reports to the SCO reflects correct and reconciled information.

As specified in SAM section 6400, it is important that fund balance, revenues, expenditures, and other data included in the past year's presentation of the Governor's Budget reconciles with similar data published in the SCO's Budgetary/Legal Basis Annual Report. Therefore, departments must ensure that data included in the budget documents reconcile with year-end financial reports. In very limited circumstances, there may be differences between the amounts in the Governor's Budget and the year-end financial reports (e.g., pending budget decisions or legislation).

Departments are required to submit fund reconciliation information to Finance during the development of the Governor's Budget. Last year's instructions for reconciling funds for the past year are available on Finance's website at: <http://www.dof.ca.gov/accounting/Fund%20Reconciliation/> for your reference. Information will be updated later this month or early next month to reflect this year's process.

If you have questions regarding this BL, please contact the FSCU Hotline at (916) 324-0385 or e-mail: fscuhotline@dof.ca.gov.

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