

- 3,642 audits were performed in FY 2001.
- The implementation of on-line audits is anticipated to save \$500,000 annually.
- Two-thirds of Ohio's townships, villages, and libraries are UAN members.

## Auditor of State

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### ROLE

The Auditor of State is an elected constitutional officer who serves a four-year term and is responsible for auditing all public offices in Ohio including: cities and villages, schools and universities, counties and townships, libraries, as well as many departments, agencies, and commissions of state government. The Auditor's office is comprised of seven divisions: Audit Division; Administration Division; Information Technology Division; Local Government Services Division; Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention Division; Planning, Initiatives and Communication Division; and Legal Division.

| Agency In Brief     |                                |                |                    |                |                       |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Number of Employees | Total Appropriations-All Funds |                | GRF Appropriations |                | Appropriation Bill(s) |
|                     | 2002                           | 2003           | 2002               | 2003           |                       |
| 965                 | \$88.1 million                 | \$89.3 million | \$37.9 million     | \$38.9 million | Am. Sub. H.B. 94      |

### OVERVIEW

The Auditor of State's office is organized into three budget programs, each referred to as a program series. The three program series are: Audit Services, Centralized Services, and Local Government Services. FY 2002 total appropriations are one percent above FY 2001 appropriations, although FY 2002 appropriations are 10.9 percent above actual FY 2001 expenditures. FY 2003 total appropriations are 1.4 percent above FY 2002 appropriations. According to the Auditor, the budget for FY 2002 and FY 2003 will allow for more performance audits and special audits, to continue to offer assistance and benchmarking reports, and upgrade the hardware and software for the Uniform Accounting Network.

### BUDGET ISSUES

#### *INCREASING DEMAND FOR SERVICES*

An increase in requests for assistance with financial forecasts and reporting from local governments, an expansion in the number of villages, townships, and libraries using UAN, and the expansion of local training requirements to include annual training for village clerks, treasurers, and fiscal officers have all contributed to the increased demand for services performed by the Auditor of State's office. The Auditor's office expects that it will maintain its duties with this increase in funding. 

**FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

| <i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>                      |         |  | <i>FY 1999:</i>         | <i>FY 2000:</i>      | <i>FY 2001:</i>      | <i>FY 2002<br/>Appropriations:</i> | <i>% Change<br/>2001 to 2002:</i> | <i>FY 2003<br/>Appropriations:</i> | <i>% Change<br/>2002 to 2003:</i> |
|--|---------|--|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>  |         |  | <b>Version: Enacted</b> |                      |                      |                                    |                                   |                                    |                                   |
| <b>AUD Auditor of State</b>                            |         |  |                         |                      |                      |                                    |                                   |                                    |                                   |
| GRF  | 070-321 | Operating Expenses                     | \$ 27,887,893           | \$ 33,982,036        | \$32,141,810         | \$ 33,541,922                      | 4.36%                             | \$ 34,481,096                      | 2.80%                             |
| GRF  | 070-403 | Fiscal Watch/Emergency Technical As    | ----                    | \$ 129,491           | \$236,159            | \$ 985,000                         | 317.09%                           | \$ 985,000                         | 0.00%                             |
| GRF  | 070-405 | Electronic Data Processing-Auditing an | \$ 502,253              | \$ 665,605           | \$984,487            | \$ 1,014,685                       | 3.07%                             | \$ 1,043,096                       | 2.80%                             |
| GRF  | 070-406 | Uniform Accounting Network             | \$ 1,370,342            | \$ 2,468,221         | \$7,565,008          | \$ 2,386,964                       | -68.45%                           | \$ 2,421,328                       | 1.44%                             |
| <b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>                      |         |  | <b>\$ 29,760,488</b>    | <b>\$ 37,245,353</b> | <b>\$ 40,927,464</b> | <b>\$ 37,928,572</b>               | <b>-7.33%</b>                     | <b>\$ 38,930,520</b>               | <b>2.64%</b>                      |
| 422  | 070-601 | Public Audit Expense-Local Governme    | \$ 26,622,034           | \$ 27,483,967        | \$28,859,091         | \$ 37,450,472                      | 29.77%                            | \$ 37,617,072                      | 0.44%                             |
| 109  | 070-601 | Public Audit Expense-Intrastate        | \$ 5,885,780            | \$ 7,952,426         | \$7,642,565          | \$ 9,497,201                       | 24.27%                            | \$ 9,629,588                       | 1.39%                             |
| 584  | 070-603 | Training Program                       | \$ 30,407               | \$ 88,823            | \$61,404             | \$ 198,200                         | 222.78%                           | \$ 217,000                         | 9.49%                             |
| 675  | 070-605 | Uniform Accounting Network             | \$ 257,311              | \$ 1,218,754         | \$1,941,720          | \$ 2,809,200                       | 44.68%                            | \$ 2,741,600                       | -2.41%                            |
| <b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>               |         |  | <b>\$ 32,795,532</b>    | <b>\$ 36,743,970</b> | <b>\$ 38,504,780</b> | <b>\$ 49,955,073</b>               | <b>29.74%</b>                     | <b>\$ 50,205,260</b>               | <b>0.50%</b>                      |
| R06  | 070-604 | Continuous Receipts                    | \$ 30,423               | \$ 43,785            | \$27,921             | \$ 204,400                         | 632.08%                           | \$ 209,510                         | 2.50%                             |
| <b>Holding Account Redistribution Fund Group Total</b> |         |  | <b>\$ 30,423</b>        | <b>\$ 43,785</b>     | <b>\$ 27,921</b>     | <b>\$ 204,400</b>                  | <b>632.08%</b>                    | <b>\$ 209,510</b>                  | <b>2.50%</b>                      |
| <b>Auditor of State Total</b>                          |         |  | <b>\$ 62,586,443</b>    | <b>\$ 74,033,108</b> | <b>\$ 79,460,164</b> | <b>\$ 88,088,045</b>               | <b>10.86%</b>                     | <b>\$ 89,345,290</b>               | <b>1.43%</b>                      |