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TO: All Holders of the Financial Planning and Control Manual

NEW ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: Quick Pay Vouchers - Increased Payment Ceilings

\* This bulletin supersedes the payment threshold provisions of New Accounting Procedures Bulletin number 300, dated January 27, 2005.

Once again, the Unified Court System's excellent internal control record has resulted in the granting of an increase, by the Office of the State Comptroller, in the payment thresholds for eligible vendor and employee travel reimbursement payments which are processed via the Quick Pay voucher system. **Effective May 1, 2006**, the following payment ceilings are applicable:

- ? The payment threshold for Quick Pay vendor payments (batch type 'KPV') is increased from \$10,000 to **\$15,000** per invoice. Multiple invoices totaling more than \$15,000 may be paid via Quick Pay, as long as no single invoice exceeds the \$15,000 limit.
- ? The payment threshold for Quick Pay travel reimbursements (batch type 'KTV') is increased from \$10,000 to **\$15,000** per voucher.
- The limited number of UCS agencies currently operating under a \$2,500 Quick Pay threshold shall remain at that level for the time being. The Division of Financial Management, in consultation with the Office of Internal Affairs, has requested that the State Comptroller's Office consider an increase in the Quick Pay limits for these agencies.

In view of the administrative efficiencies that the Quick Pay system makes possible, full utilization of the higher limits for the processing of eligible payments is encouraged. The adoption of these higher Quick Pay limits, however, requires a corresponding increase in the need for the maintenance of proper

internal control procedures. Responsible administrative personnel are required to take the appropriate steps to ensure that:

- ? Individuals authorized to certify Quick Pay vouchers do not certify batches of Quick Pay vouchers which include payments or reimbursements payable to themselves.
- ? All terminal and password security procedures are adhered to and that no employee is able to perform both Quick Pay entry/correct and certification functions.
- ? Daily warrants (VOU065A) are verified to ensure that only authorized payments have been issued.
- ? Travel reimbursements issued via Quick Pay are associated with authorized travel for official State business, that all travel rules and regulations, as contained in the Financial Planning & Control Manual, have been adhered to and that any excess (taxable) reimbursements are properly recorded in the Central Accounting System.
- ? Any overpayments issued via the Quick Pay process are identified and recovered.
- ? For audit purposes, Quick Pay documentation is retained for a minimum of three (3) years and that such documentation is available upon demand from OSC and UCS auditors.

Please ensure the distribution of this bulletin to all personnel within your respective jurisdictions who may be responsible for the processing of, or the monitoring of internal controls relating to, Quick Pay vouchers.

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