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**DATE:** December 10, 2007

**TO:** Government Accountability Board Members

**FROM:** Sharrie Hauge, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Campaign Finance Information System (CFIS) Status Report

The State Elections Board submitted a 13.10 request to the Legislative Joint Committee on Finance requesting the release of \$900,000 from its appropriation under Section 20.865(4)(a) to:

- Enable the agency to contract with PCC Technology Group, LLC, a software vendor, for the Campaign Finance Information System, implementation, warranty and maintenance as a result of the RFP procurement process;
- Pay DET for application hosting services; and
- Continue to retain the services of Dr. Kenneth Macur (an LTE consultant) to manage the database conversion project.

The Legislature set aside this funding (\$450,000 for each fiscal year) as part of the 2007-2009 biennial budget (2007 Wisconsin Act 20).

The Legislative Joint Committee on Finance has scheduled the 13.10 meeting for Wednesday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m., in Room 412 East, State Capitol.

The Campaign Finance Information System will allow the Government Accountability Board to: (a) track all registrants that are required to register with the Board; (b) enter required data from registrant campaign finance reports, including information on contributions, disbursements, loans, in-kind contributions, contributions returned to contributors and contributions donated to charity or the Common School Fund; (c) audit campaign finance reports to ensure that state campaign finance laws are adhered to; (d) to produce reports; and (e) to provide the public with a searchable database of campaign finance activity.

If the Committee releases the funds, the agency will enter into a master lease agreement with the Capital Finance office in the Department of Administration, finalize the contract with PCC and begin work on the Campaign Finance Information System. We anticipate a kick-off date for the project in early January 2008.