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Statement on Legislative Audit Bureau Evaluation of the Contract Sunshine Act

MADISON, WI – Kevin J. Kennedy, director and general counsel of the Government Accountability Board, released the following statement regarding the Legislative Audit Bureau’s [evaluation of the Contract Sunshine Act](#):

“The audit confirms issues previously identified by the G.A.B. staff stemming from the original legislation, which focused solely on purchasing, and did not even require agencies to report the names of individuals and companies who received state contracts. Other issues include the limited resources available to administer the Contract Sunshine Act, as well as the original design of the Contract Sunshine website.”

“The G.A.B. welcomes the Legislature’s new, more holistic approach to state government financial transparency, which will give taxpayers a website that provides the full picture of state spending.”

“G.A.B. staff will ask the Board to endorse the Legislative Audit Bureau’s recommendations at the September 12 meeting, and we will continue to work to maintain and improve our current window on state purchasing with the limited resources we have.”

Attached to this news release is a copy of Kennedy’s letter to LAB in response to the audit.

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