I thought this month’s newsletter should focus on information about the State Budget Cuts as outlined in the Governors Mid-Year Deficit Elimination Plan published last Friday. This will affect almost all state agencies and thus affect us all.

**Mid-Year Deficit Elimination Plan February 6, 2015**

This mid-year deficit elimination plan proposes $103.5 million in potential solutions through targeted reductions in contracts, travel and operating services as well as strategic program reductions and continued eliminations at state agencies. Overall, this plan includes: » $60.66 million in agency reductions » $42.84 million in revenue opportunities.

Summary of Reductions

Agency Reduction Summary

**Agriculture** ($2,006,308) Savings from reduced fuel expenses, delaying IT projects and not filling some vacant positions.

**Corrections** ($1,073,911) Contract reductions and unnecessary unemployment funding.

**Public Safety** ($329,746) Reduction in financial service and legal services contracts, equipment purchases and other administrative costs.

**CPRA** ($1,240,775) Reduces excess budget authority to IT consolidation and LaGov project cost.

**DCFS** ($146,932) Reduction in child support enforcement contract for medical support orders and admin services.


**DHH** ($13,045,970) Contract reductions and funds not projected to be spent.

**DNR** ($375,059) Savings from debt service, attrition, utilities reduction, contracts and legal services.

**DOA** ($2,528,000) Savings from debt service, attrition, utilities reduction, contracts and legal services.

**DOE** ($899,286) Savings from reductions in administrative contracts.

**DOJ** ($1,535,655) Savings in tobacco arbitration.

**DOTD** ($16,651,498) GEMS eliminations and other savings in supplies.

**Executive of** ($10,000) Reduction in travel expenses.

**Insurance** ($1,383,935) Contract reductions and elimination of 7 vacant positions.

**LCLE** ($3,239,293) Reduction in projected number of eligible participants in supplemental pay program in addition to a reduction in expenses in drug abuse program and reduction in victim reparations training for local law enforcement.

**LDR** ($2,258,568) Savings from hiring freeze, travel reduction, and contract reductions.

**LED** ($221,080) Additional fees and revenue.

**Lt. Gov** ($74,143) Reduces the number of Education Program Grants associated with various events and presentations throughout the state.

**LWC** ($329,467) The midyear cut will be mitigated through administrative savings and the cancelation of an IT contract.

**LWF** ($1,821,150) Reduction postpones...
land acquisition OIG ($32,393) Savings from attrition OJJ ($4,000,000) Reduction from contract authority not utilized this year PSC ($12,750) Savings from selling seven underutilized vehicles SOS ($931,593) Reduction in services, postponing BESE Election to Fall elections, hiring freeze for Registrars of Voters offices including part-time staff Tourism ($3,488,871) Reductions in contracts, supplies, operating services and repairs at state parks. Reductions in supplies and operating hours at libraries. Treasurer ($491,102) Contract reductions and decrease in Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund Revenue Opportunities $42.84 million in revenue was identified in the following areas.

Revenue Opportunities $42.84 million in revenue was identified in the following areas. » $11.1 million from Department of Revenue excess collections » $8 million excess in the DEQ Motor Fuels Underground Tank Fund » $8.2 million in Riverboat Fund revenues - $2.2 million is a FY14 Fund Balance from the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund; the remaining $6 million is available TTF from DOTD which can be appropriated to Public Safety for patrol » $4.2 million in excess funds from the Telephone Company Property Assessment Relief Fund » $1.4 million in federal reimbursement at the Department of Military Affairs » $9 million from the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly.

Breakdown by agencies or department


For a detailed breakdown and full copy of this Plan, go to:

We have all had to deal with resource limitations, and if there is a method you would like to share with our association, please feel free to let me know.