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California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Review Period: July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2009



Division of Executive Programs

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

TO: Chief Deputy Attorney General

We have performed procedures, which were agreed upon by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program (CAL WRAP), and the Office of Program Review and Audits (OPRA), solely to assist the CAL WRAP in evaluating the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LACDAO) assertions that they have followed the policies and procedures of the CAL WRAP and have claimed only reimbursable costs for the period July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2009.

Procedures were performed to verify that the LACDAO:

- 1. Implemented the program in a manner consistent with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
- 2. Claimed costs that were reasonable and allowable for reimbursement under the CAL WRAP guidelines.
- 3. Claimed costs that were supported by source documents (cash receipts, rental receipts, rental agreements, invoices, payroll registers, time sheets and/or other relevant documents).
- 4. Returned or credited rental and utility deposit(s) to the CAL WRAP when a case was closed or terminated or when the witness moved to a different location.
- 5. Claimed per diem costs consistent with the rates allowable with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
- 6. Complied with the 25 percent (25%) match required of all expenditures incurred on or after January 1, 2008, unless the CAL WRAP waived the required local match.
- 7. Returned unused funds to the CAL WRAP for closed or terminated cases.

We have performed the procedures in accordance with attestation standards established by the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. In performing the agreed-upon procedures, certain matters that came to our attention are reported in the Findings and Recommendations section of this report.

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We were not engaged to nor did we perform an examination, the objective of which would have been the expression of an opinion. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for use by the CAL WRAP and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

Andrew J. Kraus III, CPA
Director
Office of Program Review and Audits
April 22, 2010

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FINDINGS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1

The LACDAO was unable to substantiate the following lodging expenses in the amount of \$800 that was claimed for CAL WRAP reimbursement:

Case #	Category of Expense	Period (if multi-year audit)	Amount	
	Temp Lodging		\$	800.00
Total			\$	800.00

The OPRA requested receipts or other documentation to support these expenses.

Criteria

The CAL WRAP Policy and Procedures Manual states, "Agencies are responsible for reporting costs (as well as maintaining their original receipts associated with the case), submitted for reimbursement to CAL WRAP."

Recommendation

The CAL WRAP should request that the LACDAO substantiate lodging expenses in the amount of \$800 by providing supporting documentation to justify these costs. If the LACDAO fails to provide supporting documentation, the CAL WRAP should require the LACDAO to return \$800 to the CAL WRAP or provide a signed declaration that expenses claimed for CAL WRAP reimbursement are true and accurate.

Division Comments

The CAL WRAP requested and received \$800 from the LACDAO for unsubstantiated lodging expenses.