

CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the audit of the Kirksville Contract License Office

Background

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has appointed 178 contract agents to operate contract license offices across the state. These offices issue driver licenses; titles for motor vehicles, trailers, and marine craft; and license plates. Contract agents are compensated through transaction-based processing fees. Under a state law, which became effective in 2009, the state auditor may audit contract license offices.

Prepayment Void Transactions

Prepayment void transactions occur when transactions are voided before payment is made, such as when the customer lacks sufficient funds or the entry has incorrect information. DOR procedures require a documented reason for voiding a transaction and customer acknowledgement if a new transaction is not completed or is for a lesser amount. License office personnel did not document the reason for voiding 4 of 10 (40 percent) prepayment void transactions that occurred from February 23 to February 26, 2015, and license office personnel did not obtain customer acknowledgment for 3 of these 4 transactions.

Accounting Controls and Procedures

The license office did not always accurately record the method of payment (cash, check, or credit card) and did not reconcile the composition of monies received to deposits. The composition of receipts did not match the composition of deposits for 3 February 2015 deposits reviewed, and both manual receipt slips on hand during a June 2015 cash count did not include the method of payment.

In the areas audited, the overall performance of this entity was **Good**.*

*The rating(s) cover only audited areas and do not reflect an opinion on the overall operation of the entity. Within that context, the rating scale indicates the following:

Excellent: The audit results indicate this entity is very well managed. The report contains no findings. In addition, if

applicable, prior recommendations have been implemented.

Good: The audit results indicate this entity is well managed. The report contains few findings, and the entity has indicated

most or all recommendations have already been, or will be, implemented. In addition, if applicable, many of the

prior recommendations have been implemented.

Fair: The audit results indicate this entity needs to improve operations in several areas. The report contains several

findings, or one or more findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated several recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, several prior recommendations have

not been implemented.

Poor: The audit results indicate this entity needs to significantly improve operations. The report contains numerous

findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated most recommendations will

not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, most prior recommendations have not been implemented.