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This is the announcement I messaged you about last week.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let me know.

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Auditor Fitzpatrick announces audit of the City of Louisiana

Audit was requested by the Louisiana City Council

JEFFERSON CITY, MO (May 15, 2024) -- Missouri State Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick announced today that his office has started an audit of the City of Louisiana, located in northeast Missouri. The audit was requested by the Louisiana City Council, which had concerns about the city's financial practices. Auditor Fitzpatrick said his office started the audit on Monday, May 13 with an entrance meeting with city officials.

The Missouri State Auditor's Office last audited the City of Louisiana in 2000. Though the **report** was released prior to the current rating system, the audit work revealed the city did not have formal written bidding policies and procedures, and bids were not solicited or bid documentation was not retained for purchases totaling more than \$200,000.

Individuals may provide confidential information for consideration during the audit of the City of Louisiana to the State Auditor's Whistleblower Hotline at 800-347-8597, by email at moaudit@auditor.mo.gov or by visiting www.auditor.mo.gov/hotline.

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Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick was sworn in as the 39th auditor of the State of Missouri in 2023. As State Auditor, he serves as Missouri's taxpayer watchdog, making sure government at all levels is efficient, effective, and transparent. He is committed to rooting out fraud in government and ensuring those who are responsible for stealing taxpayer funds are held accountable for their actions. Auditor Fitzpatrick holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri.