Attached is the final report on our compliance audit of the business management functions and services of the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS). The objective of our audit was to determine compliance with policies set forth in the State Administrative Manual, and the terms and conditions of any specific delegations of authority or exemptions from approval granted by the Department of General Services.

As noted in the report, we concluded that DCSS is conducting its business management functions and services in compliance with state requirements.

We greatly appreciated the cooperation and assistance provided by DCSS' personnel.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 376-5058, or Dennis Miras, Audit Supervisor, at (916) 376-5064.

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This report presents the results of our compliance audit of the business management functions and services of the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS). These audits are routinely performed under the authority granted to the Department of General Services (DGS) by Government Code Sections 14615 and 14619. The objective of our audit was to determine compliance with policies set forth in the State Administrative Manual, and the terms and conditions of any specific delegations of authority or exemptions from approval granted by DGS.

As applicable, the scope of our audits of state agencies includes, but is not limited to, compliance with policies governing contracting, fleet administration, small business and disabled veteran business enterprises usage, driver safety and insurance, records and forms management, surplus property and real estate. Our audit was conducted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards.

Based on the results of our fieldwork conducted over the period January 9, 2013 through July 2, 2013, we concluded that DCSS is conducting its business management functions and services in compliance with state requirements. However, we did identify a number of areas for improvement with those functions and services. These matters included our concern that business management policies and procedures were not ensuring the attendance of a defensive driver training course by frequent drivers and the completion and annual update of a vehicle certification form by employees who use their own vehicle to conduct state business.

Prior to the completion of our audit, we verified that appropriate actions had been or were being taken to address the above issues. Therefore, they are not further discussed in this report.

We are pleased with the prompt actions taken by DCSS to address findings identified during our audit fieldwork. However, we did not perform effectiveness tests to determine whether the corrective actions were functioning as intended. DCSS' management has the ongoing responsibility for ensuring that its business management policies and procedures are functioning as prescribed and are modified, as appropriate, for changes in conditions.

To determine compliance, we reviewed policies and procedures, interviewed parties involved, tested records and transactions and performed other tests as deemed
necessary. The period covered by our testing varied depending upon the area of review and the type of transactions involved; however, the emphasis of our review and testing was with current procedures and transactions completed during the 2012/13 fiscal year.

We greatly appreciated the cooperation and assistance provided by DCSS' personnel.

If you need further information or assistance on this report, please contact me at (916) 376-5058, or Dennis Miras, Audit Supervisor, at (916) 376-5064.

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