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And Interested Parties and Affected State Agencies (See Enclosed Mailing List)

RE: Adopted Statement of Decision and Draft Parameters and Guidelines
Agency Fee Arrangements (00-TC-17, 01-TC-14)
Clovis Unified School District, Claimant
Statutes 1980, chapter 816; Statutes 2000, chapter 893; Statutes 2001, chapter 805
Government Code sections 3543, 3546, and 3546.3

Dear Mr. Petersen:

The Commission on State Mandates adopted the attached Statement of Decision on December 9, 2005. State law provides that reimbursement, if any, is subject to Commission approval of parameters and guidelines for reimbursement of the mandated program, approval of a statewide cost estimate, a specific legislative appropriation for such purpose, a timely-filed claim for reimbursement, and subsequent review of the claim by the State Controller's Office.

Following is a description of the responsibilities of all parties and of the Commission during the parameters and guidelines phase.

- **Draft Parameters and Guidelines.** Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.12 (operative September 6, 2005), the Commission staff is expediting the parameters and guidelines process by enclosing draft parameters and guidelines to assist the claimant. The proposed reimbursable activities are limited to those approved in the Statement of Decision by the Commission.
- **Claimant's Review of Draft Parameters and Guidelines.** Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.12, subdivisions (b) and (c), the successful test claimant may file modifications and/or comments on the proposal with Commission staff by **January 6, 2006**. The claimant may also propose a reasonable reimbursement methodology pursuant to Government Code section 17518.5 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.13. The claimant is required to submit an original and two (2) copies of written responses to the Commission and to simultaneously serve copies on the state agencies and interested parties on the mailing list.
- **State Agencies and Interested Parties Comments.** State agencies and interested parties may submit recommendations and comments on staff's draft proposal and the claimant's modifications and/or comments within 15 days of service. State agencies and interested parties are required to submit an original and two (2) copies of written responses or

rebuttals to the Commission and to simultaneously serve copies on the test claimant, state agencies, and interested parties on the mailing list. The claimant and other interested parties may submit written rebuttals. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1183.11.)

- **Adoption of Parameters and Guidelines.** After review of the draft parameters and guidelines and all comments, Commission staff will recommend the adoption of an amended, modified, or supplemented version of staff's draft parameters and guidelines. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1183.14.)

Please contact Nancy Patton at (916) 323-3562 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


PAULA HIGASHI
Executive Director

Enclosures: Adopted Statement of Decision, Draft Parameters and Guidelines, and California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 1183.12 and 1183.13 (operative September 6, 2005).

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tions concerning the proposed parameters and guidelines within fifteen (15) days of service.

(e) State agencies and interested parties shall submit an original and two (2) copies of written responses to commission staff and shall simultaneously serve a copy on the test claimant, other affected state agencies, and other interested parties who are on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

(f) Within fifteen (15) days of service of the comments and recommendations prepared by state agencies and interested parties, the claimant and other interested parties may submit an original and two (2) copies of written rebuttals to commission staff, and shall simultaneously serve a copy on the other parties and interested parties who are on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 17527(g) and 17553(a), Government Code. Reference: Sections 17530, 17553(a) and 17557, Government Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 7-23-96; operative 7-23-96. Submitted to OAL for printing only (Register 96, No. 30).
2. Amendment of subsections (b)-(d) filed 9-13-99; operative 9-13-99. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Government Code section 17527 (Register 99, No. 38).
3. Amendment of section heading, new subsections (a) and (b), subsection relettering and amendment of newly designated subsections (c)-(f) filed 9-6-2005; operative 9-6-2005. Exempt from OAL review and submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Government Code section 17527(g) (Register 2005, No. 36).

§ 1183.12. Alternate Process for Proposed Parameters and Guidelines.

(a) Within ten (10) days after adoption of a statement of decision on a test claim, commission staff may expedite the parameters and guidelines process by drafting proposed parameters and guidelines to assist the claimant. The draft proposed parameters and guidelines shall be served on the parties and interested parties on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

(b) In lieu of filing an original proposal pursuant to Government Code section 17557, subdivision (a), the successful test claimant may file modifications and/or comments on staff's draft proposal with commission staff. The claimant shall review all sections and if necessary may:

(1) Clarify the reimbursable activities identified by commission staff, and provide an explanation of why the clarification is necessary.

(2) Include additional descriptions of the most reasonable methods of complying with the mandate. "The most reasonable methods of complying with the mandate" are those methods not specified in statute or executive order that are necessary to carry out the mandated program. For each additional method proposed, the test claimant shall provide an explanation of why it is reasonably necessary.

(3) Indicate whether the commission should consider a reasonable reimbursement methodology for this program, and the basis for the recommendation.

(4) Identify offsetting revenues and reimbursements (if applicable), including:

- i. Dedicated state and federal funds appropriated for this program.
- ii. Non-local agency funds dedicated for this program.
- iii. Local agency's general purpose funds for this program.
- iv. Fee authority to offset partial costs of this program.

(5) Identify offsetting savings (if applicable), including any offsetting savings in the same program experienced because of the same statute(s) or executive order(s) found to contain a mandate.

(c) The successful test claimant shall file its proposed modifications and/or comments within twenty (20) days of receipt of commission staff's draft proposal.

(d) The opportunity for state agencies and interested parties to comment on staff's draft proposal and the claimant's modifications and/or comments, and the claimant and interested parties' opportunity for rebuttal will be conducted according to the timelines under Section 1181.11 of these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 17527(g), 17530 and 17553(a), Government Code. Reference: Sections 17553(a), 17556(e), 17557 and 17564, Government Code.

HISTORY

1. Renumbering of former section 1183.12 to section 1183.14 and new section 1183.12 filed 9-6-2005; operative 9-6-2005. Exempt from OAL review and submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Government Code section 17527(g) (Register 2005, No. 36).

§ 1183.13. Reasonable Reimbursement Methodology.

(a) If the claimant indicates in the proposed parameters and guidelines or comments that a reasonable reimbursable methodology, as defined in Government Code section 17518.5, should be considered; or if the Department of Finance, Office of the State Controller, any affected state agency, claimant, or interested party proposes consideration of a reasonable reimbursement methodology, commission staff shall immediately schedule an informal conference to discuss the methodology.

(b) Proposed reasonable reimbursement methodologies, as described in Government Code section 17518.5, shall include any documentation or assumption relied upon to develop the proposed methodology. Proposals shall be submitted to the commission within sixty (60) days following the informal conference.

(c) Claimants, state agencies, and interested parties shall submit an original and two (2) copies of a proposed reasonable reimbursement methodology, and shall simultaneously serve a copy on the other parties and interested parties on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

(d) Commission staff shall notify all recipients that they shall have the opportunity to review and provide written comments or recommendations concerning the proposed reasonable reimbursement methodology within fifteen (15) days of service.

(e) Claimants, state agencies, and interested parties shall submit an original and two (2) copies of written responses to commission staff and shall simultaneously serve a copy on the other parties and interested parties on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

(f) Within fifteen (15) days of service of the written comments prepared by other parties and interested parties, the party that proposed the reasonable reimbursement methodology may submit an original and two (2) copies of written rebuttals to commission staff, and shall simultaneously serve a copy on the other parties and interested parties on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 17527(g) and 17553(a), Government Code. Reference: Sections 17518.5 and 17557, Government Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 9-6-2005; operative 9-6-2005. Exempt from OAL review and submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Government Code section 17527(g) (Register 2005, No. 36).

§ 1183.14. Adoption of Parameters and Guidelines.

(a) After review of the proposed parameters and guidelines, written comments, recommendations, and rebuttals submitted by state agencies and interested parties, commission staff shall recommend the adoption of the claimant's proposed parameters and guidelines or adoption of an amended, modified, or supplemented version of the claimant's proposed parameters and guidelines. Commission staff's recommendation may include a reasonable reimbursement methodology.

(b) A draft of commission staff's recommendation may be presented to the parties and interested parties at a prehearing or informal conference before presentation to the commission.

(c) The commission shall conduct at least one (1) informational hearing on parameters and guidelines before adoption pursuant to Government Code section 17557.

(d) Within ten (10) days of the adoption of parameters and guidelines, the executive director shall send copies to the Office of the State Controller, and to parties and interested parties who are on the mailing list described in Section 1181.2 of these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 17527(g) and 17553(a), Government Code. Reference cited: Sections 17557 and 17553(a), Government Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 7-23-96; operative 7-23-96. Submitted to OAL for printing only (Register 96, No. 30).

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Mailing List

TO ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Each commission mailing list is continuously updated as requests are received to include or remove any party or person on the mailing list. A current mailing list is provided with commission correspondence, and a copy of the current mailing list is available upon request at any time. Except as provided otherwise by commission rule, when a party or interested party files any written material with the commission concerning a claim, it shall simultaneously serve a copy of the written material on the parties and interested parties to the claim identified on the mailing list provided by the commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.2.)

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