



## Division of the Budget

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### Via Electronic Mail

October 15, 2019

Elena Sassower  
Director  
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request to the New York State Division of the Budget (the "Division") dated October 7, 2019, in which you seek the following: "a copy of (1) publicly-available records pertaining to the "competitive procedure" utilized by the governor and the director of the budget to select the independent certified accountants to conduct the most recent "independent audit" of the executive department and the division of the budget, including: (a) their written request(s) to independent certified public accountants for proposals for the "independent audit"; (b) the winning proposal(s) they selected for the "independent audit" - AND the contract(s) of retention; (c) the proposals they did not select - or records reflecting the number and names of the independent certified public accountants who submitted proposals. (2) "the results" of the last three "independent audits" of the executive department and the division of the budget - "including any related management letters." "

Division staff has been asked to review applicable files and provide pertinent records in the possession of the Division, if any, that are responsive to your request. Any such pertinent records will be reviewed to determine what records and/or information should be disclosed under FOIL. We estimate that the Division will respond to your request by December 16, 2019. We need extended time to complete a response to your request because of (i) the limited resources available at the Division, and (ii) the time needed to collect and review the materials, if any, that are responsive to your request.

The Division will notify you in writing when/if any responsive materials with respect to your request are available for release or if the time needed to complete the processing of your request extends beyond the above date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lombardi', written over a horizontal line.

Joel C. Lombardi  
FOIL Officer