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Mr. Douglas R. Norton
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Re: I84-090 (R84-087)

Dear Mr. Norton:

We are writing in response to your letter dated May 2, 1984, concerning the scope of authority of your office to expend monies contained in the Audit Services Revolving Fund ("Fund"). A.R.S. § 41-1279.06 authorizes the establishment of an audit service revolving fund and provides:

A. There is established an audit service revolving fund. The Auditor General shall administer the fund. The fund consists of any monies received by the Auditor General from:

1. State budget units for audits of federal funds required under federal law and federal rules and regulations.
2. State budget units and counties, community college districts and school districts for which the Auditor General performs special audits, financial statement audits or provides accounting services.

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B. The Auditor General shall use the fund monies for the purpose of conducting audits required under federal law, special audits or financial statements or accounting services requested by state budget units and counties, community college districts and school districts or to pay for certified public accountants to conduct such audits or provide such services.

You have asked whether monies deposited in the Fund can be expended for audits which would otherwise be funded through the General Fund.

Subsection B of A.R.S. § 41-1279.06 expressly allows Fund monies to be expended for three purposes:

1. Audits required under federal law;
2. Special audits or financial statements or accounting services requested by state budget units and counties, community college districts and school districts;
3. To pay for certified public accountants to conduct such audits or provide such services.

A.R.S. § 41-1279.06 is specific as to the use of Fund monies for these particular audits and provides an additional source of spending authorization to the Auditor General over and above the general fund spending authority.

We conclude that Fund monies may be used for the specific types of audits outlined in Subsection B of A.R.S. § 41-1279.06, notwithstanding the fact that those audits may also be funded by the general fund.

Very truly yours,

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