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Case Study State of Confusion

Central Service Cost

Allocation Plan

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001

One of the objectives of OMB Circular A-87 is to provide a procedure whereby State/local governments can identify, value and recover the costs of administrative service rendered outside the grantee/contractor departments, but which are nevertheless necessary to the accomplishment of federally supported programs performed by those departments.

The State/local central service allocation plan is that procedure.

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Central Service Cost (continued)

The State of Confusion is a typical State/local government. It has numerous central service organizations which provide support to its operating or line departments.

The Chief Financial Officer for the State made a study of the central service departments in her government. She concluded that all or a portion of the functions of some of those departments fell within the meaning of the concept of “the general costs of government” stipulated in A-87 and, hence, the costs associated with those functions were unallowable or ineligible as a charge to Federal awards.

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However, she identified many functions, and the cost related thereto which were not general costs of government and hence could be considered for reimbursement.

She also made a quick assessment of the work involved in putting together a cost allocation plan and the benefits she might realize from such a plan in terms of probable additional Federal monies and useful management information. She decided the anticipated benefits justified the expense, which she estimated to be primarily staff time.

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The pertinent information that she gathered is shown on the following slides.

Assignment:

Using that information, identify the most appropriate allocation base to use for each element of cost and then distribute these to the benefiting activities.

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Departments	Total	Unallowable(2)	Allowable
Chief Executive(1)	\$ 960,000	\$ 960,000	\$ 0
Auditor(3)	1,785,000	60,000	100,000
ADP(3)	780,000	0	0
Treasurer	450,000	20,000	430,000
Personnel	560,000	40,000	520,000
Budget	325,000	29,000	296,000
Purchasing	250,000	20,000	230,000
Accounting	450,000	25,000	425,000
Building & Grounds(4)	250,000	40,000	210,000
Total	\$ 5,810,000	\$ 1,194,000	\$ 2,111,000

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Additional Information:

- 1. General expenses required to carry out the overall responsibility of government as stipulated in OMB Circular A-87. These amounts are included in all others in the following schedules.**
- 2. Costs related to the other departments have been analyzed for allowability under A-87. As a result, specific items of unallowable cost have been identified and excluded from further consideration.**

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- 3. The Automatic Data Processing and the Auditor functions are considered to be services furnished and billed for and as such are identified as a direct billed item. However, the over/under recovery is handled differently between the two activities. For the Auditor, the over/under recovery is handled as an allocated cost while for the ADP function, the over/under recovery is rolled into a subsequent billing rate.**
- 4. The building occupied by the operating agencies costs \$4,000,000 and is 60 years old. The Controller has determined that comparable space in this area is renting for \$6.25 per square foot.**

State of Confusion Central Service Cost Allocation Plan Statistics - FY Ending June 30, 2001

	(A) Total		Audit		Checks		Purchase		Building		Personnel	
	Direct Cost		Man Hours		Issued		Orders		Square Feet			
<u>Operating Agencies</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Agriculture	3,000,000	10%	2,000	20%	13,000	10%	13,500	15%	35,000	10%	1,500	15%
Corrections	1,800,000	6%	1,000	10%	6,500	5%	4,500	5%	7,000	2%	1,000	10%
Community Affairs	600,000	2%	0	0%	5,200	4%	900	1%	10,500	3%	300	3%
Health	1,200,000	4%	1,000	10%	13,000	10%	13,500	15%	42,000	12%	900	9%
Social Services	9,900,000	33%	4,000	40%	26,000	20%	27,000	30%	122,500	35%	2,300	23%
Education	4,800,000	16%	1,000	10%	19,500	15%	9,000	10%	70,000	20%	1,400	14%
Transportation	1,500,000	5%	0	0%	6,500	5%	5,400	6%	10,500	3%	600	6%
Law Enforcement	1,200,000	4%	0	0%	3,900	3%	3,600	4%	14,000	4%	800	8%
All Others	<u>6,000,000</u>	20%	<u>1,000</u>	10%	<u>36,400</u>	28%	<u>12,600</u>	14%	<u>38,500</u>	11%	<u>1,200</u>	12%
Totals	<u>30,000,000</u>	100%	<u>10,000</u>	100%	<u>130,000</u>	100%	<u>90,000</u>	100%	<u>350,000</u>	100%	<u>10,000</u>	100%

(A) Excluding equipment, major subagreements and flow-through funds.

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Auditing</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Purchasing</u>	<u>Accounting</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Building & Grounds</u>	<u>Building Use Allow.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Central Services:</u>										
Auditing	\$100,000									
Budget	296,000									
Treasurer	430,000									
Purchasing	230,000									
Accounting	425,000									
Personnel	520,000									
Bldg & Grnds	210,000									
Bldg Use Allowance										
Total	\$									
<u>Operating Agencies:</u>										
Agriculture										
Corrections										
Community Affairs										
Health										
Social Services										
Education										
Transportation										
Law Enforcement										
All Others										
Total		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$