



# ACCOUNTING ADVISORY

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TO: Fiscal Officers of All State Agencies

FROM: Steven L. Valasek, Director of State Accounting

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SUBJECT: Delays in General Revenue Fund Payments

All state agencies, employees, state vendors and payees should be advised that the current delays affecting payments out of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) are expected to continue and likely lengthen throughout the remainder of calendar year 2007 and into calendar year 2008.

Under optimal revenue conditions, or for payments from non-GRF funds, the Illinois Office of the Comptroller (IOC) can issue a payment within 2-4 days after a proper voucher is presented to our office. However, to date, substantially more GRF bills or vouchers have been submitted to the IOC than incoming revenues or cash on hand permits to be processed on a timely basis. We do not anticipate that there will be sufficient GRF revenues to significantly reduce current payment backlogs in the near future.

Please note that while agency payrolls should not be impacted by these conditions, the majority of other payments out of the GRF will continue to be delayed due to the lack of sufficient and/or timely revenues. At this time, these delays are in excess of 30 business days and are expected to increase over the next several months.

Comptroller Hynes has directed IOC staff to continue to work with state agencies and state payees to minimize any disruptions created by these circumstances and to assist in identifying critical payment issues. Your cooperation under these difficult conditions is greatly appreciated.