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**FEE REVIEW UPDATE**

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To Our Valued Customers,

In May and June of this year, the Oregon State Police (OSP) held a series of eight statewide regional meetings. The meetings were scheduled to inform our customers and obtain feedback concerning the 2009 Oregon Legislature's budget note to OSP which stated:

*"The agency is instructed to review the current fees for the Identification Services unit and report back to the 2011 Legislature on the results of this review. The review must include the estimate of what a specific fee must be to support its share of costs for the total programs."*

Over 300 people attended the regional meetings which were held in Bend, Central Point, Coos Bay, Ontario, Pendleton, and Salem. The input we received during the regional meetings will become an integral part of the record we are creating as we move through this process.

A central question presented during the regional meetings is how "core services" should be funded. Core services, which have historically been funded using state general funds, consist of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) System, known as the state's criminal record repository. Without core services, virtually none of the mandated fee for service programs maintained by the Identification Services Section (ISS) could be provided.

Based in part on the feedback we received during the eight regional meetings, OSP requested to fund core services with state general funds as it prepared the Department's "agency request" budget. This request budget has now been submitted to the Governor's Office. It is important to note that our new Governor and the State Legislature will face many challenges and difficult decisions surrounding the future use of state general funds. Given the reality of the budget climate Oregon faces, it is unknown if the request for state general funds will prevail.

According to the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), the overall state-wide gap between revenue and expenditures for the 2011-13 biennium was projected to be \$2.67 billion after the June 2010 revenue forecast. The September 2010



forecast indicated an even larger gap after reporting another \$377.5 million decrease in revenue and current projections are for a \$3.3 billion revenue shortfall for the 2011-13 biennium. Additional forecasts which are due in December 2010 and in March and June of 2011 will be critical. Source documents and additional information can be obtained at:

[http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lfo/2011-13\\_budget/2011-13\\_tentative\\_budget\\_june.pdf](http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lfo/2011-13_budget/2011-13_tentative_budget_june.pdf)

<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEA/docs/economic/executive.pdf>

We appreciate the many comments we have received in writing, via email, phone, and in person during the regional meetings. If you have not yet had the opportunity to provide comment, we encourage you to do so. A copy of our comment form is available at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/ID/docs/ISS\\_Fee\\_Review\\_Comment\\_Form.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/ID/docs/ISS_Fee_Review_Comment_Form.pdf)

As we approach the 2011 legislative session, OSP will be continuing efforts to inform our customers. Another update will be provided in about February 2011, once the legislative session is under way. We would encourage you to periodically visit the following web page where ISS Fee Review news and information can be found:

[http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/ID/fee\\_review.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/ID/fee_review.shtml)

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