



Oregon Secretary of State's Office

The Secretary of State supports efforts by the Department of Administrative Services to add an internal auditor, improve security, and quickly implement OregonBuys.

In August 2018, we released an audit of internal audit functions statewide titled: [Opportunities Exist to Increase the Impact of State Agency Internal Audit Functions](#). The audit outlines how internal audit functions that are properly structured and resourced are a valuable asset for mitigating risks and improving agency performance and accountability.

In November 2018, we released an audit of the state data center titled: [Progress Has Been Made to Address Security Weaknesses at the State Data Center, but Improvements Are Still Needed](#). The audit outlines recent successes as well as further opportunities.

In December 2018, we released an audit of statewide procurement titled: [Significant Cost Savings Can be Achieved by Modernizing Oregon's Procurement Systems and Practices](#). The audit outlines how the state's reliance on legacy systems and outdated procurement processes prevents analysis of state spending data that could have saved between \$400 million and \$1.6 billion in the 2015-17 biennia. A modern electronic procurement system can result in substantial savings, so implementation should be expedited.

The Secretary of State is the first state agency to implement OregonBuys. This success was only possible due to work with a multi-agency coalition that included:

- Department of Administrative Services,
- Department of Human Services/Oregon Health Authority,
- Department of Education,
- Department of Transportation,
- Department of Consumer and Business Services,
- Department of Forestry,
- Department of Fish and Wildlife,
- Department of Revenue,
- Secretary of State, and
- Judicial Department.

This diverse coalition includes a mix of large, medium, and small agencies. Together they make up over half of Oregon's 2017-19 total funds budget. This coalition already set the standards needed to implement OregonBuys. Now that the Secretary of State has successfully implemented it, OregonBuys should be prioritized and quickly implemented statewide.

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