

October 5, 2020

Hon. Thomas P. DiNapoli
New York State Comptroller
110 State Street
Albany, NY 12236

Re: Audit Report 2019-S-16

Dear Mr. DiNapoli:

As required by Executive Law § 170, the Department of State (DOS) respectfully submits this 180-day response to recommendations made in the audit report 2019-S-16, "Compliance with Executive Order 95 (Open Data)," which found the DOS in compliance with Executive Order 95.

Recommendations:

Recommendation 1: As soon as practicable, submit to ITS and make publicly available a complete catalogue and schedule of publishable State data for addition to Open Data.

Department Response: As OSC concluded in their report, DOS generally complies with the requirements set forth in EO 95 and continues to work with ITS to add new data sets to Open Data that are useful and of value to the public. DOS has continued to incorporate compliance with EO 95 into our core business functions. Our publishable state data catalogue is found on the Open Data website. We continue to work with ITS to add data to the Open Data website as well as incorporate a data management program and inventory system that will assist in identifying new data sets for Open Data. The Department has also added a Chief Data Officer within the Agency Transformation unit who will assist the previously designated Data Coordinator responsible for ensuring EO 95 compliance.

Recommendation 2: Work with ITS to enhance the quality and utility of publishable State data by improving Department data accessibility, as well as consistency, where permitted under applicable law.

Department Response: The data posted to Open Data meets all the guidelines in the Open Data Handbook. As OSC concluded in their report, the data was found to be complete, accurate, and reliable. DOS has continued to work with ITS on refreshing the data already posted on Open Data to ensure it is in compliance with the updated Open Data Handbook.

Respectfully,



Rossana Rosado
Secretary of State



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