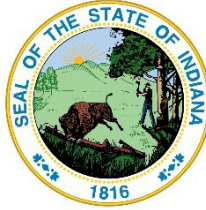


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Mr. Joseph M. Habig
State Budget Agency
200 W. Washington Street, Room 212
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Office of Indiana State Comptroller FY 2026 – FY 2027 Biennial Budget Request

Dear Acting Director Habig,

Please find attached the Office of State Comptroller's budget request for the FY 2026 - FY 2027 biennium. We are requesting the same appropriation as the previously approved biennial appropriation to support the business operations for the State of Indiana and its employees. Per budget instructions, a change package request has been submitted for the funds to cover the 27th pay date in FY 2027 for Comptroller employees.

The Comptroller's Office processes nearly every financial transaction for the State of Indiana, processing the biweekly payroll checks for more than 33,000 active state employees and an additional 500 on disability. We process in excess of 7.5 million payments annually, including distribution of funds to counties, school corporations, cities and towns.

Additionally, the Office is statutorily charged to maintain the centralized accounting records of the State and supports agencies statewide in providing data and training for financial and payroll services.

The Comptroller's Office continues to seek avenues to streamline and enhance financial reporting and payments to its various stakeholders. Here are a few of the ongoing projects the Office has advanced this past year to enhance the State's financial and payroll systems:

Accounting and Reporting and Accounts Payable

- Implementation of Workiva, an electronic platform that allows us to better connect data and unify processes across the state for the compilation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This technology will be expanded to include compilation for the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).
- Enhanced internal control documentation and testing.
- Statewide training with all agency accounts payable staff created and implemented.

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Payroll

- Inaugural internal control security protocols implemented for PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) for auditing compliance in the ACFR.
- UKG Timekeeping management launched across all State hospitals. The Department of Correctional facilities will all be online by mid-October.
- White River State Park successfully transferred employee payroll to the Comptroller's Office.
- Statewide training with all agency payroll staff created and implemented.
- Secure 2.0 changes implemented in PeopleSoft which allows employees age 60-63 to contribute at a 'super' catch-up rate to deferred compensation starting January 1, 2025.

In addition, I am committed to the following initiatives towards the advancement of financial information and transparency through the Indiana Transparency Portal (ITP):

- Add a federal grants dashboard to the ITP.
- Enhance search functionality for tax distributions by local units of government.
- Electronic settlement submission through Gateway for local units of government.
- Annual State of Indiana's Finances Report. A summary of the 900-page ACFR for the benefit of Hoosiers.

We appreciate the Budget Committee and Budget Agency, as well as this legislature's consideration of the Comptroller's Office and work.

At your service,



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Indiana State Comptroller