



SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

State Capitol, 500 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

November 14, 2008

Mr. Richard Benda, Secretary
Department of Tourism and State Development
711 East Wells Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Secretary Benda:

The Government Operations and Audit Committee has scheduled a meeting for December 1, 2008 in LCR 1&2, in the State Capitol Building, to review various issues involving state government.

The Committee requests that you be present on December 1, 2008 to discuss the Future Fund Grant Award to Eagle Creek Software. The Committee is interested in the criteria used and justification for the grant to this business. The Committee would also like further clarification on the \$6,883,977.96 contract with Lawrence & Schiller, Inc. The published agenda has this scheduled to begin at approximately 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flannery with the Department of Legislative Audit at 773-3595.

Sincerely,

Senator Jason M. Gant, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee

Cc: Jason Dilges, Commissioner of Bureau of Finance and Management