



SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

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

April 7, 2009

Mr. William Even, Secretary
Department of Agriculture
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Secretary Even:

The Government Operations and Audit Committee has scheduled a meeting for April 21, 2009, in room 414, in the State Capitol Building, to review various issues involving state government.

The Committee requests that you be present on April 21, 2009 to discuss the differences between the condition statements provided in the prior year or during the 2009 Session and actual results for FY08 as reflected in the cash balances on the State's accounting system at 6/30/08 for the following company: Company 3054 – Soybean Research and Promotion.

For the following funds, the committee would like you to discuss the purpose of the fund, sources and uses of the fund and provide a current condition statement: Company 3002 – Wheat Commission, Company 3050 – Nursery Fund, and Company 3050 – Weed and Pest Control Fund. The tentative agenda has this scheduled to begin at approximately 11:15 a.m.

The Committee requests that you provide the Committee with a written explanation of what type of orientation/training (including training over financial reporting) is provided to new personnel that are hired by the various Boards and Commissions that your Department has oversight for.

The Committee would also like a written response to the FY08 audit report for the Corn Utilization Council regarding internal control findings over financial reporting and the lack of segregation of duties. Please forward the written responses to Tim Flannery, Department of Legislative Audit, 427 S. Chapelle, Pierre, SD 57501.

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

Sincerely,

Representative Deb Peters, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee

Cc: Jason Dilges, Commissioner of Bureau of Finance and Management
Neil Fulton, Governors Office