April 17, 2000

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

There were 268,764.26 full-time equivalent (FTE) state employees for the quarter ending February 29, 2000, based on reports submitted by 215 agencies and institutions of higher education. There were 245,119 full-time state employees and 72,466 part-time state employees. Work performed by temporary and/or contract workers who worked for more than half the workdays during the previous year equaled 890.64 FTE staff members. The overall statewide management-to-staff ratio was 1 manager to 14.21 staff members.

Beginning this quarter, we are making our FTE System available to legislators, their staff members, and other legislative agencies. With this System, the legislative bodies will be able to access and query detailed FTE, trend analysis, contractor, and management-to-staff data for each agency and university, as well as for any groupings of such entities. Our Office will be glad to demonstrate how to use the System. Instructions for accessing and installing it and arranging for a demonstration follow under separate cover.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Mericle, PHR, Assistant State Classification Officer, at (512) 936-9500.

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. Alwin, CPA
State Auditor

Summary of Objective, Scope, and Methodology

This report provides the Legislature and the public with information on the number of Texas state employees and the number of consultants and contract individuals who perform services for state government. It was prepared in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2052, Subchapter B.

This report was prepared from information submitted to the State Auditor's Office by 215 agencies and institutions.