REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL (SAM)

Agency Code: 015

Department: Governor's Finance Office

Division (if applicable): Division of Internal Audits

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Proposed BOE date: May 13, 2025
Proposed effective date: Upon approval

1. Reason/purpose for requested change:

Multiple changes are proposed to reinstate provisions of SAM that were previously deleted in error or that impact the statewide system of internal control. Section 0112 has been modified to state that the State Public Works Division Administrator has the authority to enter leases. Section 0114 reinstates the requirement to attach the BOE justification memo for retroactive contracts to CETS. Sections 0204, 0206, and 0210 have been modified to: reinstate the requirement for agencies to maintain travel policies; allow agency heads to approve reimbursements that exceed GSA rates in certain circumstances and cap lodging reimbursements at 150% of GSA-approved rates; add back the Camping policy; and add the requirement to receive pre-approval for all outof-country travel requests from the Governor's Office. Section 0218 reinstates the requirement for agencies to include meal reimbursement periods in their travel policies. Section 0230 removes the 10-day requirement for approving certain travel and moving expenses. Section 0304 reinstates the threshold for purchases not made on a contract. Section 0305 was modified to clarify agency solicitation thresholds for service contracts. Section 1210 removes the statement that the Mail Services Division will not be held liable for damaged items in interdepartmental mail. Section 2622 removes the statement that the Clerk of the BOE may request approval for exceptional transactions.

2. Explain how the recommended change(s) will benefit agencies or create consistencies or efficiencies, etc. (provide examples if applicable):

Agencies will benefit from clarified guidance on travel and procurement policies. Clarifying the thresholds for service contract solicitations may reduce agency workload.

- 3. Will recommended change have a fiscal impact (if yes, explain): The recommended changes will not have an adverse fiscal impact.
 - 4. Existing and recommended language in SAM (*blue bold italics* is new language being proposed and red strikethrough is deleted language being proposed). (please provide requested change as an attachment):

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- 9. Additional bank ATM facility charges relating to obtaining an authorized advance from an ATM are also reimbursable by the State to the employee, and should be limited to one (1) per authorized trip.
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- E. It is the Board of Examiners (BOE) general policy that service contracts be solicited every four years. However, there are often valid reasons for entering into a longer or shorter contract and an agency may request a different term. State Purchasing makes the final determination on the length of a proposed contract term and/or inclusion of option years that will yield best value for the State.
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E. Addressing Interdepartmental Mail

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 - 3. For payroll expenses.
- C. All other stale claims must be submitted to the Budget Division for approval.
- D. When submitting a stale claim, the agency must specify whether the stale claim will be paid from agency resources or from the Stale Claims Account established pursuant to NRS 353.097(2). In some cases, partial payment may be made from the Stale Claims Account and partial payment from the current year funds of the budget account where the claim was incurred.
- E. Payment of stale claims from the Stale Claims Account for an agency may not exceed the amount reverted by that agency for the fiscal year during which the claims were incurred. If the stale claims of an agency exceed the amount reverted for the fiscal year in which the obligations represented by the stale claims were incurred, the State agency may:
 - 1. Pay the balance from the appropriate budget account with current year funds; or
 - 2. If savings cannot be generated to cover the stale claims expenditure within the current fiscal year, request Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account funds or, if the Legislature is in session, a supplemental appropriation.
- F. Stale claims from available federal grants or from a permanent fund other than the State General Fund or the State Highway Fund may be paid from the appropriate budget account with current year funds once approved. For non-General Fund or non-Highway Fund stale claims, the payment from current year funds cannot exceed the amount that was available to pay the claim in the account at the close of the fiscal year in which the obligation was incurred.

Final Policy:

2622 Stale Claims

- A. Stale claim is defined in NRS 353.097(1).
- B. Pursuant to statute, the BOE may authorize its Clerk (the Director of the Governor's Finance Office), or a person designated by the Clerk, to approve stale claims on behalf of the BOE. The BOE has authorized the Clerk to approve stale claims. Pursuant to statute, agencies may pay from the appropriate budget account in the current fiscal year (i.e., the budget account from which the claim would have been paid had it been received prior to the close of the fiscal year), if funding is available, a stale claim of the State agency which is:
 - 1. Less than \$100; or
 - 2. For medical expenses pursuant to a claim from a third-party administrator; or
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