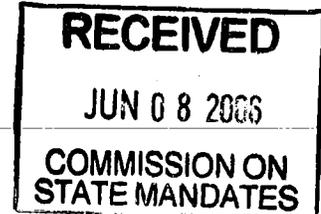




STEVE WESTLY  
California State Controller



May 26, 2006

Ms. Nancy Patton  
Assistant Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814-2722

RE: PROPOSED PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES FOR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF CARE FACILITIES, 01-TC-16, STATUTES OF 1989, CHAPTER 993

Dear Ms. Patton:

We have reviewed the proposed Parameters and Guidelines (P's & G's) submitted by the City of San Jose for the above-referenced subject matter. We attached our recommendations for changes to the proposed P's and G's. We designated our additions with an underline and our deletions with a strike-through. The State Controller's Office (SCO) requests that a pre-hearing be held to discuss with interested parties the use of unit cost for specific reimbursable activities, actual cost for the other reimbursable activities, and offsetting savings in order to come up with a reasonable reimbursement methodology to perform fire inspections for care facilities.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact Ginny Brummels, Manager of the Local Reimbursements Section in the Division of Accounting and Reporting, at (916) 324-0256.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Korach".

JOHN A. KORACH, Chief  
Division of Accounting and Reporting

Enclosure

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**COMMENTS ON PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES**  
**FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF CARE FACILITIES**  
**STATUTES 1989, CHAPTER 993**

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

A. One-time Activity of Training

For each new fire inspector assigned to the inspection of care facilities, a maximum of eight hours of care facilities inspection training is allowable.

V. Claim Preparation

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for the reimbursable activities identified in sSection IV, Reimbursable Activities, of this document. Each reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.