

AUDIT AND CONTROL - 1315

MISSION

The Comptroller is charged with providing oversight of the financial affairs of Albany County, conducting departmental audits and ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of information about the County's finances.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

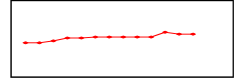
The Department of Audit and Control maintains records of appropriations, revenues, funds and expenditures. The Department prescribes approved methods of accounting for County officers and administrative units, examines all requisitions to certify the availability of funds and encumbers such funds for expenditure. The Department validates the general ledger on a daily basis and audits and certifies for payment all lawful claims or charges against the County or against funds for which the County is responsible. The Department consults with the Commissioner of Management and Budget regarding the designation of depositories for County funds. It procures and reconciles statements from all depositories of County funds; and reports the results of financial operations to Federal, State and County Officials and to the general public.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget proposes the elimination of two positions and a salary reduction in a third, vacant position. One eliminated position is vacant and is no longer in accordance with the duties of the department. The other eliminated position is eligible for the early retirement incentive, and is one of seven retirement eligible positions in the agency. Six other positions that were targeted for early retirement are left in place. Given the broad reduction in county workforce proposed in this budget, this reduction in senior staffing is appropriate in the department. Adjustment of salaries is a common practice when vacancies occur in positions that have long been occupied. Total salaries are reduced by 13.3 percent.

Additionally, the Department of Audit and Control approves all encumbrances as per the County Charter, including encumbrance requests that affect their own budget. Encumbrances show as upward adjustments to the 2010 adopted budget. Because the 2010 adjusted budget has been artificially increased with encumbered funds, the comparison to 2011 gives the appearance of dramatic cuts. However, the proposed cuts shouldn't reduce the department's ability to perform vital duties.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$1,021,716
1999:	\$1,049,397
2000:	\$1,169,351
2001:	\$1,402,262
2002:	\$1,364,975
2003:	\$1,438,852
2004:	\$1,467,485
2005:	\$1,424,946
2006:	\$1,441,094
2007:	\$1,461,271
2008:	\$1,789,148
2009:	\$1,678,719
2010:	\$1,661,254

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