MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Legislative Post Audit Committee
FROM: Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor
DATE: December 13, 2018
SUBJECT: OSCAR IT Project Monitoring– Close Out

K.S.A. 46-1135 directs our office to conduct continuous audits of ongoing information technology projects by state agencies, including systems development and implementation. Our primary objective in monitoring IT projects is to identify when a project is at risk of failure due to scope, schedule, cost, or quality problems.

We have concluded our monitoring activities for the Department of Labor's Online System for Claims Administration and Research (OSCAR) IT project, which went live on November 30, 2018. The OSCAR system replaced the agency's legacy system (Biltmore), and the agency will use information from the system to:

- conduct fraud investigations
- hold administrative hearings, and
- administer the state's workers' compensation system

A few contractors were involved in this project, as was the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) which reviewed the system before it went live and indicated satisfaction with the system's controls.

We have monitored this IT project since January 2017. With the system rolling out November 30, 2018, we have ended our monitoring efforts. Agency officials reported the final project cost at $8.5 million.