

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO: Anthony Nicks, County Auditor
FROM: Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director *HKO*
DATE: May 9, 2023
SUBJECT: Response to the GSICA Policy and Program Audit for
Fulton County Government--2023

Thank you for conducting the audit of Fulton County Government's compliance with the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act (GSICA). The audit has revealed that greater communication is required between Fulton County and its vendor Avenu Insights & Analytics. We have carefully reviewed the audit findings and recommendations, and below is our response with proposed actions:

Response to Audit Finding 1 – Failure to Provide Eligibility Verification Identification

In order to effectively tackle the problem of missing identification documentation, we will enhance our supervision over the vendor handling business license applications. This will involve conducting regular meetings with the vendor, Avenu Insights & Analytics, to emphasize the significance of thoroughly reviewing each application for completeness. It is essential that all required identification documents are properly submitted with the applications

Response to Audit Finding 2 - Lack of Supporting Documentation

As we move forward, our management team is committed to strengthening the existing review process to ensure that all necessary documents are correctly submitted and kept, in compliance with both the County's policy and the GSICA. To support this effort, we will also conduct quarterly spot checks on the documentation. Additionally, we will engage in regular communications with Avenu Insights & Analytics, emphasizing the critical importance of meeting the GSICA requirements and maintaining comprehensive and accurate records.

Additionally, we will collaborate closely with our third-party vendor, Avenu Insights & Analytics, to ensure that all necessary documentation is obtained and maintained accurately. If there are any challenges or issues in acquiring these documents, we will provide the necessary support and assistance to address them, making certain that complete and correct documentation is always on file.

In conclusion, we acknowledge the audit findings and are committed to implementing the recommended actions to ensure Fulton County remains compliant with GSICA requirements. We have already begun having discussions with Avenu Insights & Analytics toward the goal of addressing all issues. Once again, we thank you and your staff for conducting this audit and for the guidance provided in addressing these issues.

Please contact me with any questions on this matter.

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