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Auditor General DePasquale, Attorney General Beemer Launch Joint Performance Audit of Philadelphia Parking Authority

Joint audit to be conducted concurrent with sexual harassment policies, procedures audit

PHILADELPHIA –Auditor General Eugene DePasquale and Attorney General Bruce Beemer today announced a joint performance audit with financial objectives of the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA).

“Through this audit we hope to bring some much-needed sunlight to a government entity that serves hundreds of thousands of people in the Philadelphia area, and that is charged with providing much-needed educational funding for students in the Philadelphia School District,” DePasquale said.

DePasquale said the audit will be conducted concurrent with an [audit he announced last month](#) to determine the adherence to and the effectiveness of PPA’s employment policies and procedures, including those related to prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace.

“This audit comes at a time when the PPA is beginning to recover from internal turmoil, including allegations of sexual harassment by the authority’s former executive director,” DePasquale said. “It is my hope that this additional audit with the OAG’s highest level of cooperation and support will provide the authority with a playbook for operational and financial improvements for the benefit of Philadelphia school students, residents, commuters and visitors.”

"We are pleased to collaborate with Auditor General DePasquale and his staff on a performance audit with financial objectives to ensure the PPA is accountable to Pennsylvania taxpayers," Attorney General Beemer said. "We will be prepared to take appropriate action if the audit reveals evidence of possible unlawful activity."

The audit period will be April 1, 2014, through the end of our audit procedures for the following objectives:

- Determine the effectiveness of PPA’s contracting and procurement policies and procedures and whether authority contracts were awarded in compliance with those procurement policies and procedures.
- Determine the reasonableness of PPA’s parking prices related to the On-Street Parking Program.

The audit period will be April 1, 2012, through the end of our audit procedures for the following objective:

- Determine whether the PPA is properly determining operating and administrative expenses related to the On-Street Parking Program, and ensuring that all appropriate net revenue is transferred to the School District of Philadelphia in accordance with applicable law.

“The Philadelphia Parking Authority is just the latest example of municipal authorities across the commonwealth that need legislatively authorized, independent state-level oversight,” DePasquale said. “These authorities collect and spend millions and millions of dollars, and the public has a right to know how these authorities are performing, both financially and service-wise.”

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