

**“WHEN GOVERNMENT LIVES BY THE SAME RULES AS EVERYBODY ELSE, THE RESULT IS BIG GAINS FOR OHIO TAXPAYERS.”**

— Auditor of State  
Dave Yost

## Save \$78 Million

The first state agency performance audits found \$78 million in potential savings for Ohio taxpayers through reviews of the Departments of Transportation, Education, Job & Family Services, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

Performance auditors worked with state officials to identify opportunities to reduce spending and increase efficiency. Audit recommendations ranged from changes to organizational structure to maximizing equipment use to process improvements.

Performance audits typically deliver a great return on investment. For every dollar spent to conduct these state agency audits, the Auditor of State’s office identified \$47 in potential savings.

## Living Up to Our Word

A firm believer in the benefits of performance auditing, Auditor Yost volunteered the Auditor of State’s office to undergo the first state agency performance audit.

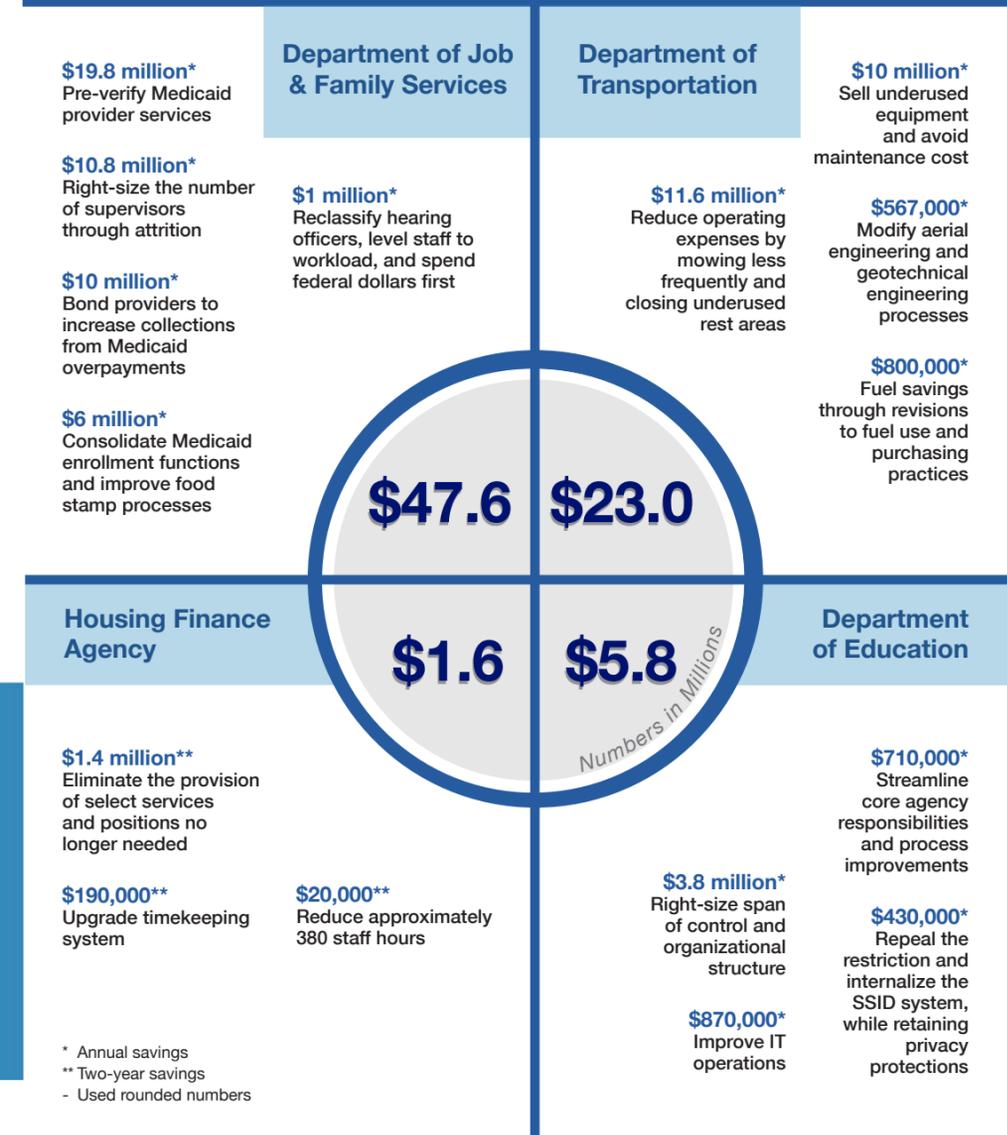
Completed in November 2011 by Plante & Moran, PLLC, the audit led to the restructuring of several departments and more than \$1 million in savings thus far.

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## FINDING SAVINGS FOR OHIO

Here is how the potential savings and agency recommendations break down:



## Creating a New Era in GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Auditor of State Dave Yost worked with the Ohio General Assembly to bring the efficiency and performance standards of the private sector to state government agencies.

Enacted in 2011, ORC §117.46 provided, for the first time, authority in the Auditor of State's office to conduct performance audits of at least four state agencies every two years. The intent of the law is to provide state agencies with a thorough review of their operations to identify areas for improvement and potential savings.

State agency performance audits promise leaner, more efficient government using objective measures to determine the best use of scarce resources.

*PHOTO: Auditor Dave Yost discusses the state agency performance audits with Performance Auditor Joe Rust.*

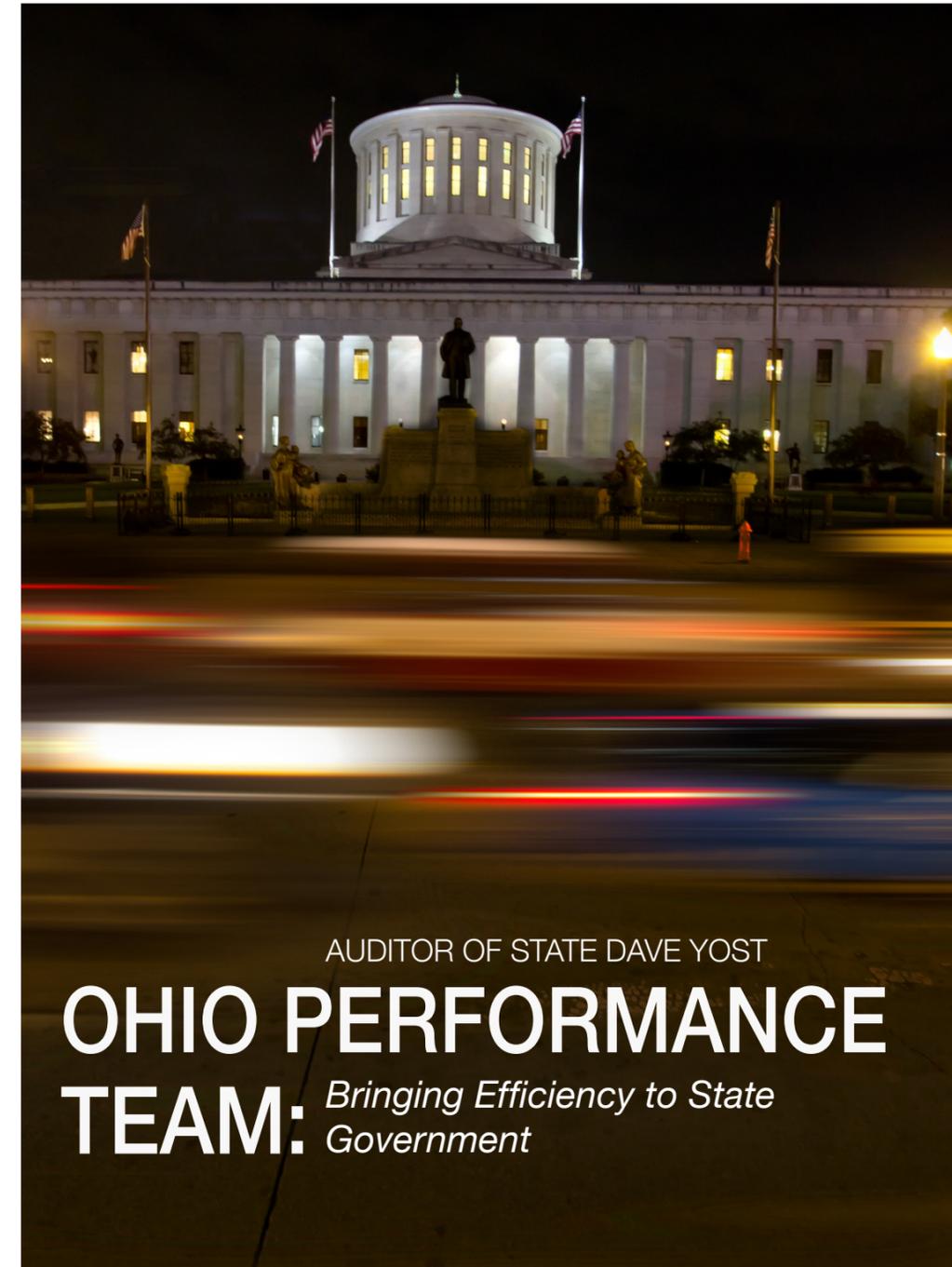


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