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CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT REGARDING STATE AUDITOR'S REVIEW

Santa Fe – New Mexico Corrections Department Secretary Joe R. Williams and his financial management team recently asked the State Auditor's Office to conduct a review of the department's procurement transactions.

Secretary Williams requested assistance after receiving information that a former employee may have violated state purchasing rules during interactions with contractors. An internal review ordered by Secretary Williams indicated irregularities that require a more thorough review by an outside entity.

"We want an objective evaluation of the matter, which is why we contacted State Auditor Hector Balderas' office," Secretary Williams said. "We look forward to working with him to ensure that the Corrections Department is in complete compliance with state procurement policy."

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