OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR <u>C82D00</u>

Response to DLS Budget Analysis

Background

The Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) is an independent agency within the Executive Branch of government. OSP continues its mission to increase public confidence in, and ensure the honesty and integrity of State government and elections by conducting thorough, independent investigations and, when appropriate, prosecutions of allegations of criminal conduct affecting the integrity of our State and local government institutions, officials, employees and elections. Only as an independent agency is OSP able to protect against even the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Emmet C. Davitt is the present State Prosecutor. Mr. Davitt is dedicated to the continued success and growth of the Office. While being fully aware and respectful of the State's current budget climate, OSP is looking forward to continued support from the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Legislative Services.

Analysis in Brief

OSP concurs with the Governor's allowance.