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November 12, 2018

TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Approval of Transition Budget for the Governor-Elect

BACKGROUND

Under s. 13.09(5) of the statutes, the Joint Committee on Finance is required to convene, within one week after the general election in November, to approve a transition budget for the Governor-Elect whenever that person is a non-incumbent Governor. The statute provides that this transition budget is to enable the "incoming governor to review and analyze the budget, to hire staff and obtain space, and to do such other tasks as the committee approves." A proposed transition budget for the Governor-Elect is usually submitted to the Committee by the Governor-Elect's transition staff.

Under the statutorily-required timeline for action on a transition budget request, a meeting of the Committee to deal with such a request is required by November 13, 2018. Further, the statutes specifically provide that with regard to a transition budget request, the normal s. 13.10 procedures do not apply. This means that there is no request submitted by a state agency (rather the transition team submits it), there is no incumbent Governor's recommendation provided with respect to the request, and the Committee's action on the request is not subject to item veto by the incumbent Governor. A notice of formal Committee action on the transition budget request would, however, appropriately be communicated by the Co-chairs to the Governor-Elect and the Department of Administration.

The statute further directs that any funding approved is authorized to be paid from the existing sum sufficient appropriation for the operation of the Governor's Office [s. 20.525 (1)(a)]. Therefore, no release of funds from the Committee's supplemental appropriation is required. The statute also provides that any transition staff employed by the Governor-Elect is to be placed on the payroll of the Office of the Governor.

For the Committee's information, listed below are the transition budget amounts that were approved for the two prior incoming administrations when the Governor-Elect was a non-incumbent.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>
November, 2002	\$87,500
November, 2010	82,723

TRANSITION BUDGET REQUEST

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the proposed transition budget which has been submitted by Governor-Elect Ever's Transition Director to the Co-chairs of the Committee for approval under s. 13.09(5).

A summary of the requested budget is provided below:

Summary of Transition Budget Request

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staff Salaries & Fringe Benefits (7.0 Positions)	\$79,400
Equipment/Phones	5,000
Travel	3,200
Supplies	3,000
Legal	3,000
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$94,600

The Committee is scheduled to meet to consider this request at Noon, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in Room 412 East, State Capitol.

Attachment

November 11, 2018

Senator Alberta Darling, Senate Chair
Representative John Nygren, Assembly Chair
Joint Committee on Finance

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren,

Included with this correspondence please find the official request for funding needed by Governor Elect Tony Evers to establish an incoming administration for a newly elected governor. This budget outline includes payroll for requisite staff, and administrative costs related to hiring, making appointments, conducting budget review and preparation, and other necessary functions.

We look forward to a smooth transition and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnne Anton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

JoAnne Anton
Evers Transition Director

cc: Secretary Ellen Nowak, Department of Administration
Eric Schutt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

**Governor Elect Evers
Transition Budget**

Payroll	Monthly x 2	Total
Director	\$7,500	\$15,000
Deputy Director	\$6,000	\$12,000
Press Secretary	\$6,000	\$12,000
Director of Operations	\$6,000	\$12,000
Director of Personnel	\$6,000	\$12,000
Receptionist	\$2,600	\$ 5,200
Office Assistant	\$2,600	\$ 5,200
Fringe/FICA	\$3,000	\$ 6,000
Equipment/Phones		\$5,000
Travel		\$3,200
Supplies		\$3,000
Legal		\$3,000
Misc		\$1,000

**FINAL TOTAL =
\$94,600**