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The Honorable Judy Burges, Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Thayer Verschoor, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Representative Burges and Senator Verschoor:

Our Office has recently completed an 18-month followup of the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission (Commission) regarding the implementation status of the 8 audit recommendations presented in the performance audit report released in September 2008 (Auditor General Report No. 08-05). As the attached grid indicates:

- 8 have been implemented.

Unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this concludes our follow-up work on the Commission's efforts to implement the recommendations from the September 2008 performance audit report.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Dr. Dawn Schroeder, Director
Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission (Commission)

Auditor General Report No. 08-05

18-Month Follow-Up Report

Recommendation	Status/Additional Explanation
Finding 1: Commission-funded projects appear to have positive impacts, but impacts could be better documented and reported	
1.1 The Commission should take steps to collect more complete impact information on commission-funded projects by revising its annual progress report request form to require researchers to report information on:	
a. Patents received, whether or not the Commission is the controlling party.	Implemented at 12 months
b. Both the source and amount of additional funding received.	Implemented at 12 months
c. Presentations given related to commission-funded projects.	Implemented at 6 Months
1.2 The Commission should report more complete impact information in its annual report by including information on the number of patents, additional funding received, presentations given, projects relevant to Arizona-specific populations or needs, collaborations, and the number of types of jobs receiving full or partial commission funding.	Implemented at 18 months
1.3 The Commission should improve accessibility to its annual report by posting the annual report on its Web site.	Implemented at 6 Months
1.4 The Commission should ensure that TGen's annual report effectively presents impact information by:	
a. Ensuring that TGen reports all contractually required impacts.	Implemented at 6 Months
b. Requiring that TGen also report on the number and types of jobs created as well as the other key impact items identified for commission-funded projects, including presentations, projects relevant to Arizona-specific populations or needs, and collaborations.	Implemented at 6 Months
1.5 The Commission should include in its annual report some of the impacts reported in TGen's annual report.	Implemented at 6 Months