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Audit Bureau Hotline (1-877-FRAUD-17) is an Aid for Better Government

MADISON – Today, the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) released its report summarizing and highlighting the activities of its Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement Hotline during 2011. The hotline was established in April 2008 and provides the public, state employees, and contractors with a confidential method of reporting potential fraud, inefficiencies, abuse, and other improper activities in state agencies or programs.

From April 2008 through December 2011, 389 reports were made to the hotline. In 2011, LAB received 79 hotline reports, of which 58 were specific to state agencies or programs. These reports involved a variety of issues, such as allegations of improper receipt of public assistance benefits and inadequate state agency oversight of programs.

“The hotline has proven beneficial as many of these calls have led to larger audits that we have recently completed,” said Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay). “This is a great resource for Wisconsin citizens and the information provided often helps the Legislature ensure that state programs and finances have proper oversight.”

“I’m glad that recent hotline reports have shed light on abuses of state resources,” said Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Randall). “I encourage any concerned citizen who suspects fraud to report it to the hotline right away.”

Any individual may report concerns related to state government activities to LAB by calling the toll-free hotline at 1-877-FRAUD-17, by mail, or through a secure online reporting form available at www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lab. By law, the identity of the individual making the report will remain confidential.

Copies of the summary report on 2011 hotline activity (report 12-4) may be obtained from LAB’s website at www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lab or by calling (608) 266-2818.

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