

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY

MISSION

Established in 2007 by the merger of the State Ethics Commission and the Temporary State Commission on Lobbying, the Commission on Public Integrity is charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the State's ethics and lobbying statutes along with the new anti-nepotism law and the New York State "little Hatch Act." Building upon the strong foundations established by the Temporary State Commission on Lobbying and the State Ethics Commission, the new Commission combines all powers, duties, functions, and staff of both Commissions into a single independent agency to ensure compliance with the ethical standards that public officials and lobbyists must observe in order to foster public trust and confidence in government.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Public Employee Ethics Reform Act sets forth the administrative and enforcement responsibilities of the 13 - member Commission. The Commission's office is in Albany.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$5.8 million All Funds (\$5.8 million General Fund)** for the Commission on Public Integrity. This is an increase of **\$0.8 million** from the combined 2007-08 budgets of the two formerly separate agencies. This change reflects an increase of five additional staff, rent at the new office location, and inflationary adjustments. For 2008-09, the Commission will have a workforce of **62 FTEs**, an increase of **5 positions** from the combined 2007-08 staff of the prior agencies.

Major budget initiative:

- **Mandated Expansion of Jurisdiction:** The budget provides 5 FTEs and \$150,000 to enable the Commission to conduct ongoing investigations in a more timely manner and address an increase in anticipated cases as a result of its expanded jurisdiction.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission has jurisdiction over 250,000 executive branch employees and officials filing over 26,000 financial disclosure statements annually, as well as approximately 5,000 lobbyists representing 3,000 clients that reported spending \$151 million in lobbying efforts. The Commission is responsible for issuing formal and informal advisory opinions to those under its jurisdiction, providing comprehensive outreach and education programs, administering a website that offers online filing for all lobbyists, state employees and officials, managing the disclosure of all information that is required to be made available to the public, and conducting investigations and holding hearings to enforce the laws under the Commission's mandate.

PUBLIC INTEGRITY

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2007-08</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2008-09</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2008-09</u>
State Operations	4,946,000	5,779,000	833,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	4,946,000	5,779,000	833,000	0

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08</u>	<u>2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>
Commission on Public Integrity			
General Fund	57	62	5
Total	57	62	5

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2007-08</u>	<u>Recommended 2008-09</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	4,946,000	5,779,000	833,000
Total	4,946,000	5,779,000	833,000

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From	
Lobbying, Temporary State Commission on General Fund	(2,701,000)
State, Department of General Fund	(2,245,000)
Appropriated 2007-08	0

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2007-08</u>	<u>Recommended 2008-09</u>	<u>Change</u>
Commission on Public Integrity			
General Fund	4,946,000	5,779,000	833,000
Total	4,946,000	5,779,000	833,000

PUBLIC INTEGRITY

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Commission on Public Integrity	4,250,000	170,000	4,200,000	170,000
Total	4,250,000	170,000	4,200,000	170,000

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Commission on Public Integrity	50,000	0
Total	50,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Commission on Public Integrity	1,529,000	663,000	50,000	1,400
Total	1,529,000	663,000	50,000	1,400

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Commission on Public Integrity	26,000	700	1,350,000	658,500
Total	26,000	700	1,350,000	658,500

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Commission on Public Integrity	103,000	2,400
Total	103,000	2,400