

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 anti-nepotism laws 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. The Commission operates through 8 units: Executive, Public Information, Administration, Technology, Legal, Investigations, Programs, and Training and Educational Services.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends over **\$5.1 million General Fund** for the Commission on Public Integrity. This is a decrease of **\$0.7 million** from the 2008-09 budget, reflecting administrative efficiencies, and savings achieved through the use of technology. For 2009-10, the Commission will have a workforce of **55 FTEs**.

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 6,300 lobbyists representing 4,000 clients that reported spending \$172 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.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2008-09	Appropriations Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2009-10
State Operations	5,902,000	5,162,000	(740,000)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	5,902,000	5,162,000	(740,000)	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2008-09	2009-10	FTE Change
	Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	
Public Integrity, Commission on General Fund	55	55	0
Total	55	55	0

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

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	2008-09	2009-10	
General Fund	5,902,000	5,162,000	(740,000)
Total	5,902,000	5,162,000	(740,000)

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From Special Pay Bill General Fund	(123,000)
Appropriated 2008-09	5,779,000

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

Program	Available	Recommended	Change
	2008-09	2009-10	
Public Integrity, Commission on General Fund	5,902,000	5,162,000	(740,000)
Total	5,902,000	5,162,000	(740,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2009-10 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Integrity, Commission on	3,890,000	(483,000)	3,840,000	(483,000)
Total	3,890,000	(483,000)	3,840,000	(483,000)

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

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Integrity, Commission on	1,272,000	(257,000)	51,000	1,000
Total	1,272,000	(257,000)	51,000	1,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Integrity, Commission on	27,000	1,000	1,088,000	(262,000)
Total	27,000	1,000	1,088,000	(262,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Public Integrity, Commission on	106,000	3,000
Total	106,000	3,000