



**Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027**

**Agency Budget Plan**

**FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY**

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| <b>OPERATING REQUESTS</b><br><i>(FORM B1)</i>     | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"): |                                                                           |
|                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | Requesting General Fund Appropriations.                                   |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.                                   |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Not requesting any changes.                                               |
| <b>NON-RECURRING REQUESTS</b><br><i>(FORM B2)</i> | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"): |                                                                           |
|                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.                                  |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.                     |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Not requesting any changes.                                               |
| <b>CAPITAL REQUESTS</b><br><i>(FORM C)</i>        | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"): |                                                                           |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Requesting funding for Capital Projects.                                  |
|                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | Not requesting any changes.                                               |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |                                                                           |
| <b>PROVISOS</b><br><i>(FORM D)</i>                | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"): |                                                                           |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos. |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).      |
|                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | Not requesting any proviso changes.                                       |

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

|                           | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Phone</u>   | <u>Email</u>                    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>   | George Davis          | (803) 896-4732 | georgedavis@oig.sc.gov          |
| <b>SECONDARY CONTACT:</b> | Christina Musselwhite | (803) 896-6875 | christinamusselwhite@oig.sc.gov |

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

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| <b>SIGN/DATE:</b><br><b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b> | <u>Agency Director</u>         | <u>Board or Commission Chair</u> |
|                                              | <i>Brain D. Larkin</i> 9/24/25 | N/A                              |
|                                              | Brain D. Larkin                | N/A                              |

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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| Agency Name: | <a href="#">Office Of Inspector General</a> |
| Agency Code: | D250                                        |
| Section:     | 94                                          |

| <u>BUDGET REQUESTS</u> |                    |                                                                                                        | <u>FUNDING</u> |         |           |            |         | <u>FTES</u> |         |           |            |       |
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| Priority               | Request Type       | Request Title                                                                                          | State          | Federal | Earmarked | Restricted | Total   | State       | Federal | Earmarked | Restricted | Total |
| 1                      | B1 - Recurring     | Request for Additional Five Positions to Increase Investigative Capacity                               | 647,309        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 647,309 | 5.00        | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 5.00  |
| 2                      | B2 - Non-Recurring | One Time Costs Related to the Request for Additional Five Positions to Increase Investigative Capacity | 38,156         | 0       | 0         | 0          | 38,156  | 0.00        | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 0.00  |
| TOTALS                 |                    |                                                                                                        | 685,465        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 685,465 | 5.00        | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 5.00  |

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

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| <b>AGENCY<br/>PRIORITY</b> | <b>1</b> |
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

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| <b>TITLE</b> | <b>Request for Additional Five Positions to Increase Investigative Capacity</b> |
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| <b>AMOUNT</b> | <b>General: \$647,309</b><br><br><b>Federal: \$0</b><br><br><b>Other: \$0</b><br><br><b>Total: \$647,309</b> |
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

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| <b>NEW POSITIONS</b> | <b>5.00</b> |
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

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| <b>FACTORS<br/>ASSOCIATED<br/>WITH THE<br/>REQUEST</b> | <b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>                      |                                                                           |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience |
|                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                      | Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines          |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program        |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas                    |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative                     |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program  |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program            |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | IT Technology/Security related                                            |
|                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                      | HR/Personnel Related                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                               | Consulted DTO during development                         |                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                               | Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 2 |                                                                           |

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| <b>STATEWIDE<br/>ENTERPRISE<br/>STRATEGIC<br/>OBJECTIVES</b> | <b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b> |                                                |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Education, Training, and Human Development     |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Healthy and Safe Families                      |
|                                                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                              | Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security    |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Public Infrastructure and Economic Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | Government and Citizens                                                          |                                                |

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| <b>ACCOUNTABILITY<br/>OF FUNDS</b> | <p>1.1 Investigate incidents of Executive Branch employee fraud reported by agency heads and the public utilizing the forensic accounting &amp; certified fraud examiner skills of State Inspector General (SIG) staff.</p> <p>1.2 Investigate incidents of allegations of misconduct in the Executive Branch with emphasis on supervisors, managers and executives.</p> <p>3.1 Investigate incidents of Executive Branch waste having the broadest impact among state agencies.</p> <p>3.2 Assess and improve Executive Branch agencies' policies and processes.</p> <p>3.3 Assess and improve SIG investigative completion times.</p> |
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5.1 Investigate allegations of misconduct and/or performance in public schools and school boards.

This additional funding will provide increased investigative capacity to address the growing demand for more investigations. The utilization of this additional funding will be evaluated using the currently established metrics of the number of investigations and reviews completed; the timeliness of those investigations and reviews; the measurement of waste identified and prevented; the number of recommendations for improvement of policies and procedures produced from the investigations; and the number of those recommendations adopted by the entities investigated.

*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

## RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The recipients of this funding include individuals selected and hired according to state personnel regulations; the Division of Technology Operations for providing IT services to the new employees; and state term contractors and other contractors, selected under state procurement regulations, to provide equipment and services to the new employees.

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

In reviewing the results for the FY2024-25 Annual Accountability Report it was noted that the average investigative time increased 50% over the prior FYs. Specifically, the number of public school district investigations increased which averaged 131 business days to complete and draft the initial report. These in turn increased the average for all investigations in the office. A second area that increased the investigative time were two budget provisos (117.200 & 117.201) issued by the legislature that required the Office of the State Auditor to coordinate with the IG's office in conducting external forensic audits of two political subdivision governments (Town of Calhoun Falls and Hampton County) during FY2024-25. The average completion time was more than 225 calendar days. These new areas of authority exceeded the staffing capacity of the IG's office to handle in an expeditious manner. In consultation with the Governor's Office and the Department of Education it was determined that additional investigative and auditing resources would be needed for FY2026-27 in order to meet the investigative needs of the IG's office. As a sidebar, during IG Lamkin's confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in May 2025, Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey inquired of IG Lamkin if the new authorities and investigations had slowed down the IG's ability to complete the investigations in a more timely manner, and if the office was in need of additional staffing.

The five additional FTE(s) requested include:

1. AH45 Program Manager I (GEN11) X 1
2. JA20 Investigator IV (GEN09) X 2
3. AN21 Senior Auditor (GEN10) X 2

As a result of the public school district investigations conducted by our office, we were requested by the Governor's office to request additional personnel. These additional five positions will assist our agency, not only with public school district/public charter schools/public charter school authorizer investigations but will also assist with complaints/investigations involving allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and misconduct in the executive branch of the state government.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

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| <b>AGENCY<br/>PRIORITY</b> | 2 |
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

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| <b>TITLE</b> | One Time Costs Related to the Request for Additional Five Positions to Increase Investigative Capacity |
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| <b>AMOUNT</b> | \$38,156 |
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

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| <b>FACTORS<br/>ASSOCIATED<br/>WITH THE<br/>REQUEST</b> | <b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>                                                                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience |
|                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                         | Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines          |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program        |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas                    |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative                     |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program  |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program            |
|                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                         | IT Technology/Security related                                            |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Consulted DTO during development                                          |
|                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                         | HR/Personnel Related                                                      |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations                                  |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                    | Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                               | Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Request for Additional Five Positions to Increase Investigative Capacity |                                                                           |

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| <b>STATEWIDE<br/>ENTERPRISE<br/>STRATEGIC<br/>OBJECTIVES</b> | <b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b> |                                                |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Education, Training, and Human Development     |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Healthy and Safe Families                      |
|                                                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                              | Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security    |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Public Infrastructure and Economic Development |
|                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                         | Government and Citizens                        |

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| <b>ACCOUNTABILITY<br/>OF FUNDS</b> | <p>1.1 Investigate incidents of Executive Branch employee fraud reported by agency heads and the public utilizing the forensic accounting &amp; certified fraud examiner skills of State Inspector General (SIG) staff.</p> <p>1.2 Investigate incidents of allegations of misconduct in the Executive Branch with emphasis on supervisors, managers and executives.</p> <p>3.1 Investigate incidents of Executive Branch waste having the broadest impact among state agencies.</p> <p>3.2 Assess and improve Executive Branch agencies' policies and processes.</p> <p>3.3 Assess and improve SIG investigative completion times.</p> <p>5.1 Investigate allegations of misconduct and/or performance in public schools and school boards.</p> <p>This additional funding will provide increased investigative capacity to address the growing demand for more investigations. The utilization of this additional funding will be evaluated using the currently established metrics of the number of investigations and reviews completed; the timeliness of those investigations and reviews; the measurement of waste identified and prevented; the number of recommendations for improvement of policies and procedures produced from the investigations; and the number of those recommendations adopted by the entities investigated.</p> |
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

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| <b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b> | <p>The recipients of this funding include individuals selected and hired according to state personnel regulations; the Division of Technology Operations for providing IT services to the new employees; and state term contractors and other contractors, selected under state procurement regulations, to provide equipment and services to the new employees.</p> |
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

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| <b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b> | <p>In reviewing the results for the FY2024-25 Annual Accountability Report it was noted that the average investigative time increased 50% over the prior FYs. Specifically, the number of public school district investigations increased which averaged 131 business days to complete and draft the initial report. These in turn increased the average for all investigations in the office. A second area that increased the investigative time were two budget provisos (117.200 &amp; 117.201) issued by the legislature that required the Office of the State Auditor to coordinate with the IG's office in conducting external forensic audits of two political subdivision governments (Town of Calhoun Falls and Hampton County) during FY2024-25. The average completion time was more than 225 calendar days. These new areas of authority exceeded the staffing capacity of the IG's office to handle in an expeditious manner. In consultation with the Governor's Office and the Department of Education it was determined that additional investigative and auditing resources would be needed for FY2026-27 in order to meet the investigative needs of the IG's office. As a sidebar, during IG Lamkin's confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in May 2025, Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey inquired of IG Lamkin if the new authorities and investigations had slowed down the IG's ability to complete the investigations in a more timely manner, and if the office was in need of additional staffing.</p> <p>The non-recurring operating request of \$38,156 includes the projected one-time expenses (data wiring, IT equipment, security system extension, and office furniture) associated with the request in priority #1 - Request for Additional Five Positions [detailed in FORM B1] to Increase Investigative Capacity.</p> |
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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**FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION  
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

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| <b>TITLE</b> | State Inspector General Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan |
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| <b>AMOUNT</b> | \$58,505                                                                                                                         |
|               | <i>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</i> |

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| <b>ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS</b> | Four of the agency's employees would have their weekly hours reduced by 6 hours per week. This action would result in a reduction of 0.69 FTEs. |
|                                  | <i>How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?</i>                                                          |

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| <b>PROGRAM /<br/>ACTIVITY IMPACT</b> | The investigation of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement involving the Executive Branch of State Government, public education entities, and the Opioid Funds. |
|                                      | <i>What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?</i>                                                                                |

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| <b>SUMMARY</b> | A 3% budget reduction would reduce employee hours devoted to investigations from 27,300 hours annually to 26,052 hours, a 4.6% reduction in investigative capacity. |
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*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

## **AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS**

Since employee salaries and employer benefit costs represent approximately 86% of the State Inspector General's total budget, the only practical way to achieve a cost reduction in excess of \$50,000 is to reduce employee hours or eliminate positions, as was shown to achieve the 3% reduction (\$58,505). No measures have been taken.

*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*



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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

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| TITLE | N/A - see explanation below |
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

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| EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS | The State Inspector General's Office does not generate revenue or assess fees or fines through its statutory authority, and the Office does not have the statutory authority to promulgate regulations on businesses and citizens in South Carolina. |
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What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

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| FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST | Mark "X" for all that apply: |                                                                          |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Repeal or revision of regulations.                                       |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.             |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden. |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Other                                                                    |

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| METHOD OF CALCULATION | N/A |
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

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| REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES | N/A |
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Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

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| REDUCTION OF REGULATION | N/A |
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

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| SUMMARY | N/A |
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*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*