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Evaluation of Adult Offender Computer System Acquisition Process

Department of Corrections

This report contains two recommendations addressing:

- **The development of a structured decision-making and project management framework.**
- **The development of a methodology to address data quality problems and ensure the problems are identified, corrected and solved prior to implementing the new system.**

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of the Montana State Legislature:

We conducted an Information Systems audit of the Montana Department of Corrections' Adult Offender Computer Systems. Our audit focused on the effectiveness of the data accuracy improvement efforts for the existing systems, ACIS and ProFiles, and the acquisition and planning processes for the new offender management system, O-Track.

We wish to express our appreciation to the department for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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