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**STATE AUDITOR TO REVIEW STRIKE TEAM DEPLOYMENTS AFTER REPORT OF LINK TO
POLITICAL DONOR.**

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State Auditor Rob Sand today confirmed that the State Auditor's Office will review Iowa State government's deployment of COVID-19 testing "strike teams." Reports show public record emails in which a metal-working manufacturer owned by major donors to Governor Reynolds received a strike team deployment upon a personal request made to her office, while the same county's public health department saw its requests for locations with higher needs ignored.

"We don't know what a review will uncover, but these emails are plain enough that a review is certainly necessary to promote transparency and encourage the most appropriate and effective pandemic response possible," said Sand.

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