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Qs related to AVI Systems payments

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To: "Van Rees, Gloria" <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 10:32 AM

Hello Gloria, any comment or clarification?

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 3:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Gloria, if OCIO is refusing to answer these questions, please let me know.

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 9:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Hello Gloria,

Hope you had a good holiday weekend. Circling back on these questions.

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Thu, Jul 1, 2021 at 3:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Hi Gloria,

How are things going on answering these questions? Have you been unable to determine what funding source covered these purchases? Or do you not have approval to provide that information to me?

I'd like to confirm where OCIO got the money and whether the governor's office has reimbursed or plans to reimburse.

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 2:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Hi Gloria,

Checking to see whether you can tell me anything about these purchases and where the money that covered them came from.

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021 at 8:25 AM
Subject: Fwd: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Hello Gloria,

When can I expect to receive answers to these questions?

Thanks,

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 9:59 AM
Subject: Fwd: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Circling back on these questions, Gloria.

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 8:41 AM
Subject: Qs related to AVI Systems payments
To: Van Rees, Gloria <gloria.vanrees@iowa.gov>

Hello Gloria,

The state of Iowa's pandemic payment explorer shows 12 payments to AVI Systems, Inc coming out of the Coronavirus Relief Fund on December 15 or December 16, totaling \$67,543.48. (see attached screenshots)

However, the state checkbook shows the same 12 payments on the same dates, totaling the same amount, coming from the Office of Chief Information Officer.

https://checkbook.iowa.gov#!/year/2021/explore/0-/vendor/AVI+SYSTEMS+INC/0-/service/ADMINISTRATION+AND+REGULATION/0-/department/CHIEF+INFORMATION+OFFICER,+OFFICE+OF/0-barChart/program/BROKERAGE+SERVICES/1/expense_category

My understanding from documents OCIO provided as part of a previous records request is that these payments are related to work done to update the AV system in the Ray Conference Room in the governor's office suite. Please confirm.

In addition, my understanding is that these vendor payments were planned to be covered by the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and therefore coded that way on the pandemic payment explorer. (See attached image taken from spreadsheet)

showing OCIO's FY21 expenditures, with the "COVID" label next to payments to AVI Systems in December.)

However, I infer that a decision was made later not to use CARES Act funds for those expenditures, which is why the state checkbook shows OCIO making those vendor payments.

Please confirm whether my understanding is accurate, and if so, when the state checkbook entries were corrected to show OCIO (not the Coronavirus Relief Fund) made those payments to AVI Systems.

Please also confirm whether the governor's office reimbursed OCIO for \$67,543.48 in payments made to AVI Systems related to any computer or audio/visual equipment installed in the Ray Conference Room.

If the governor's office did not reimburse OCIO for those payments, please tell me what funding stream OCIO used to cover the costs associated with the upgrade in the Ray Conference Room.

Thank you in advance.

Laura

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4 attachments

Payment Number	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Payment Description	Payment Category	Payment Status	Payment Type	Payment Amount
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00

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Payment Number	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Payment Description	Payment Category	Payment Status	Payment Type	Payment Amount
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00

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Payment Number	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Payment Description	Payment Category	Payment Status	Payment Type	Payment Amount
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00

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Payment Number	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Payment Description	Payment Category	Payment Status	Payment Type	Payment Amount
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00
1000000	12/31/2020	1000000.00	AVI SYSTEMS	AVI SYSTEMS	PAID	AVI SYSTEMS	1000000.00

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