



STATE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTION AWARD BOARD (SGSAB) 2009 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 84th General Assembly (Public Act 84-943) created the State Employees' Suggestion Award Board which is governed by 20 ILCS 405/405-130. Public Act 95-0185 changed the name of the program to the State Government Suggestion Award Board (SGSAB) and opened the program to Illinois residents as of January 1, 2008. SGSAB's role is to perform confidential reviews of submitted cost-savings suggestions. If deemed appropriate, these suggestions are forwarded to the respective state agencies for their determination of feasibility, originality and cost-savings. If an agency head certifies that a suggestion is feasible, SGSAB then considers its eligibility for an award. Monetary awards are paid based on the savings generated in accordance with the Schedule of Payment as set forth in statute.

In FY10, the General Assembly appropriated \$8,200 for payment of awards and reimbursable expenses. At the writing of this report, the balance in the SGSAB account is \$8,200.

The Board consists of eight members, appointed two each by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The Directors of the Department of Central Management Services and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget serve as ex-officio, non-voting members. The SGSAB members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for Board duties.

The 2009 SGSAB Board members are:

Senator Larry K. Bomke, Chairman
Former Senator Howard Carroll
Representative Bob Flider
Former Representative Terry Parke
Representative Betsy Hannig
Representative Rich Brauer
Director of Department of Central Management Services, James P. Sledge,
ex-officio, non-voting member
Director of Governor's Office of Management and Budget, David Vaught,
ex-officio, non-voting member

Currently, there are 2 vacancies on the Board.

The Board meets monthly in Springfield in the office of Chairman, Senator Larry Bomke. The Director of Central Management Services serves as Secretary to receive suggestions and perform all administrative support functions for the Board. In calendar year 2009, the Board received 45 new suggestions. To date, none of these suggestions have been conferred an award. Since 1993, a total savings of \$566,021 has been realized by the State from suggestions received and reviewed by the Board.