

As specified in Initiative 900 of 2005, the scope of the Washington State Auditor's performance audits shall not be limited and shall include the following nine elements:

- (1) identification of cost savings;
- (2) identification of services that can be reduced or eliminated;
- (3) identification of programs or services that can be transferred to the private sector;
- (4) analysis of gaps or overlaps in programs or services and recommendations to correct gaps or overlaps;
- (5) feasibility of pooling information technology systems within the department;
- (6) analysis of the roles and functions of the department, and recommendations to change or eliminate departmental roles or functions;
- (7) recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes that may be necessary for the department to properly carry out its functions;
- (8) analysis of departmental performance data, performance measures, and self-assessment systems;
- (9) identification of best practices.