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DIRECTOR'S
NEWS UPDATE

Cost Savings

As the agency prepares for another round of yet unspecified percentage amounts of budget reduction, it is imperative that all means of possible savings be explored.

Fiscal Year 2011 which starts July 1, 2010, may have larger budget reductions than have already been experienced. The reductions could range from 7% to 12%. To place the magnitude of these possible reductions in perspective, another 7% cut would be an additional 32.8 million dollars.

I appreciate all the suggestions being received on ways to reduce cost and to avoid possible cost increases. These suggestions are especially beneficial since we need to be pro-active and begin preparing now for the FY 2011 budget. So, in that vein an email address has been established so those of you who wish can share cost savings suggestions. The suggestions will be reviewed by executive staff and/or management staff who may be responsible for the suggested area.

The address is costsavings@doc.state.ok.us. Please accept my appreciation in advance for those of you who will be submitting suggestions.