

From: [Leider, Mary \(SAO\)](#)
To: [Henderson, Larry \(ESD Partner\)](#)
Subject: SAO Response to PRR #7859
Date: Friday, March 13, 2026 10:20:00 AM

Dear Mr. Henderson,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

A list of all new businesses in the following counties: Grant, Adams, Douglas, Chelan, Okanogan that have started in the last 2 years. Please include the UBI number. Prefer in CSV format.

In response, our office does not have the records you are seeking, you may want to contact the individual counties to obtain those records. Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we:

- Perform special investigations of fraud and whistleblower cases and referrals from our Citizen Hotline.
- Conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments.
- Produce several annual reports addressing state, local and internal matters.
- Take our role as partners in accountability seriously. We provide training and technical assistance to government organizations and have an extensive program to coordinate audit efficiency and to ensure high-quality audits. To learn more, explore the material in the Center for Government Innovation.

Since we have no responsive records to fulfill your request with us, we will now consider this closed. SAO does not intend to further address the request, and the PRA's one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run as of the date of this letter. Please contact us within 30 days by e-mail at PublicRecords@sao.wa.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Leider, CPRO

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