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## Correspondence Memorandum

**Date:** May 28, 2024

**To:** Employee Trust Funds Board

From: Tim Steiner, Director

Budget, Contract Administration and Procurement

**Subject:** Procurement, Contract, and Program Appropriation Charging Updates

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

#### **Current Status of Active ETF Board Contracts**

<u>Segal Consulting - Consulting Actuary for Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Programs</u> Contract Amendment #25 was signed by the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) secretary on Feb. 26, 2024. This amendment was for the 2024 GASB 75 Wisconsin Health Insurance OPEB valuation for \$120,000 and is reimbursed to ETF by the Department of Administration under an interagency agreement.

Contract Amendment #26 was signed by the ETF secretary on April 16, 2024. This amendment was for the 2024 actuarial audits of income continuation insurance for \$85,000 and duty disability insurance for \$60,000.

Milliman - Consulting Actuary for Wisconsin Group Insurance and Disability Programs Contract amendment #23 was signed by the ETF secretary on April 12, 2024. This amendment was for the 2024 actuarial audits of the sick leave conversion program for \$37,000, group life insurance for \$60,000, and group health insurance for \$60,000.

Ice Miller LLP Federal Tax and Contract Counsel to the State of Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds Board for the Wisconsin Retirement System and Related ETF Programs Contract amendment #4 was signed by the ETF secretary on May 13, 2024. This amendment extended the contract term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

<u>Wipfli Compliance Audit Services for Group Life Insurance Contract</u>
Contract amendment #2 with Wipfli to perform a compliance audit on the group life insurance contract for years 2022 and 2023 at a cost of \$23,500 was signed by the ETF secretary on April 9, 2024.

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## **ETF Operational Financial Reporting**

## Administrative Appropriation Charges

Information on ETF administrative expenses through the first quarter (Q1) of calendar year (CY) 2024 are reported in Attachment A. ETF spent \$15.02 million on administrative expenses in the Q1 of CY 2024, a 6.6% increase from Q1 of CY 2023, where ETF spent \$14.09 million. The reason for the total cost increase has remained consistent with prior reported comparisons and is primarily due to increases in contractual service costs.

#### **Program Appropriation Charges**

Information on non-benefit disbursements charged to ETF's benefit program appropriations for the period one-year ending on March 31, 2024, are reported in Attachment B. Reported costs include third-party administration (TPA) expenses, as well as data warehouse and analytical service expenses. Costs reported do not include:

- Indirect expenses that are charged to ETF's operational appropriations, such as: staff salaries and fringe benefits, travel/training, rent, contract staff, and other contractual services; or
- Benefit disbursements made to participants.

Staff will be at the Board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment A: Quarterly ETF Administrative Expenses (Q1 CY 2024)

Attachment B: Quarterly Non-Benefit Disbursements Charged to Benefit Program Appropriations

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# **Attachment A: Quarterly ETF Administrative Expenses** (Q1 CY 2024)

Expense Summary	Q2 CY 2023	Q3 CY 2023	Q4 CY 2023	Q1 CY 2024	Year Ending 3/31/23	Year Ending 3/31/24
Salary and Fringe (FTE)	\$7,926,949	\$6,927,685	\$8,532,865	\$7,594,073	\$29,300,131	\$30,981,572
Limited Term Employees (LTEs)	\$57,663	\$61,722	\$60,820	\$55,342	\$234,094	\$235,546
Supplies and Services						
Contractual Services	\$5,537,205	\$3,420,059	\$4,021,046	\$4,819,349	\$14,878,294	\$17,797,659
IT	\$1,332,072	\$918,216	\$1,642,046	\$1,243,508	\$4,903,957	\$5,135,842
Rent	\$467,682	\$381,719	\$339,775	\$339,651	\$1,889,820	\$1,528,827
Mail	\$435,482	\$94,606	\$142,036	\$333,574	\$1,239,920	\$1,005,698
Travel/Training	\$70,596	\$47,107	\$61,107	\$35,402	\$170,988	\$214,212
Other/Misc.	(\$203,808)	\$139,746	\$770,513	\$601,176	\$1,280,317	\$1,307,626
Subtotal	\$7,639,230	\$5,001,453	\$6,976,523	\$7,372,659	\$24,363,296	\$26,989,865
Total	\$15,623,842	\$11,990,859	\$15,570,208	\$15,022,074	\$53,891,521	\$58,206,982

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Attachment B: Quarterly Non-Benefit Disbursements Charged to Benefit Program Appropriations<sup>1</sup>

Expense Summary	Q2 CY 2023	Q3 CY 2023	Q4 CY 2023	Q1 CY 2024	Year Ending 3/31/24
Third-Party Administration					
Health Insurance	\$5,879,538	\$4,118,742	\$5,391,612	\$4,677,209	\$20,067,100
Life Insurance	\$1,156,386	\$1,174,560	\$1,149,539	\$1,138,973	\$4,619,458
Income Continuation Insurance	\$664,500	\$664,500	\$664,500	\$664,500	\$2,658,000
ERA and Commuter Benefits	\$126,439	\$126,449	\$126,655	\$88,873	\$468,415
Wisconsin Deferred Compensation	\$655,990	\$655,990	\$655,990	\$655,990	\$2,623,960
Other Administrative					
Health Data Warehouse	\$144,585	\$314,633	\$240,859	\$151,562	\$851,639
Total	\$8,627,437	\$7,054,873	\$8,229,154	\$7,377,107	\$31,288,572

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information is presented on a cash rather than accrual basis, resulting in the potential for material disbursement differences between quarters based on cash transaction timing.