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Government efficiency suggestions compiled based on surveying our Staff:

1. The gap between merit and non-merit benefits is widening. Non-merit employees now receive less benefits from insurance to reimbursement of expenses. We believe efforts should be made to close this gap in the interest of equal treatment of state employees.
2. Travel expense claims are very detailed and time-intensive both for employees who submit them and for staff who review and approve them. Simplifying the travel expense claim process would result in employee time savings.
3. Our understanding of the current Master Agreement policy is there is a penalty levied on agencies who choose not to use the Master Agreement. However, if a better deal is found than that of the Master Agreement, agencies should not be punished for saving taxpayer dollars by finding the better deal.

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