# NINTH WARD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation New Orleans, Louisiana

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

I am required to be independent of **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my review.

The Board of Directors

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#### **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

August 8, 2022

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents (NOTES 2, 4, 7 AND 10)	\$	530,231
Accounts receivable (NOTES 7 AND 10)		12,000
Grant receivable (NOTES 2, 7 AND 10)		69,323
Rent receivable (NOTES 7 AND 10)		1,982
Deposits (NOTES 7 AND 10)		1,034
Buildings, net of accumulated depreciation of		
\$52,357 (NOTES 2 and 8)		1,109,987
Total assets	\$	1,724,557
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
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Liabilities:	<b>.</b>	
Accounts payable (NOTE 7)	\$	653
Rental deposits (NOTE 7)		6,262
Retainage payable (NOTE 7)		36,379
Total lightities		42 204
Total liabilities		43,294
Net Assets (NOTE 2):		
Without Donor Restrictions		1,681,263
With Donor Restrictions		_
Total net assets		1,681,263
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	1,724,557

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		Total	
Revenue and Support:						
Grants and contracts (NOTE 2)	. \$	287,351	\$	. <b>-</b>	\$	287,351
Rental income		66,007		-		66,007
FEMA income-admin		1,173				1,173
Interest income		975		-		975
Other		5		· -	* .	5
Total revenue and support	•	355,511				355,511
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Expenses:						
Program services		106,296		-		106,296
Support services		13,333				13,333
Total expenses		119,629		· _		119,629
Changes in net assets		235,882		-		235,882
Net Assets:						
Beginning of the year		1,445,381	<u> </u>			1,445,381
End of year	\$	1,681,263	\$		\$	1,681,263

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Program		Support		Total	
	Services		Services		Expenses	
Insurance	\$	14,356	\$		\$	14,356
Depreciation		33,995		-		33,995
Rent		-		12,408		12,408
Repair and maintenance	•	1,678		- ,		1,678
Supplies		5,253		-		5,253
Utilities		2,998			•	2,998
Equipment		815				815
Telephone		602		-		602
Advertisement		4,380		· <del>_</del>		4,380
Legal fees		-		562		562
Property manager		12,352		<u>-</u>		12,352
Computer and internet				265		265
Bank fees		-		98		98
Miscellaneous		5,417		-		5,417
Property maintenance		10,293				10,293
Professional services		5,748		-		5,748
Code enforcement	<u> </u>	8,409		. =		8,409
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Total functional expenses	\$	106,296	\$	13,333	\$	119,629

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### **Cash Flows From Operating Activities**

Change in net assets	\$	235,882
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided by operating activities:		•
Depreciation		33,995
Increase in receivables		(12,000)
Increase in grants receivable		24,145
Increase in rent receivable		(1,075)
Decrease in prepaid expenses		6,895
Decrease in accounts payable		(1,402)
Increase in rent deposits		2,462
Decrease in retainage payable		(56,164)
Net cash provided by operating activities		232,738
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Construction of buildings		(60,643)
Net cash used in investing activities	•	(60,643)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		172,095
Cash and cash equivalents - July 1, 2020		358,136
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2021	\$	530,231

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION:

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation was organized to engage exclusively in charitable, educational and scientific activities within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal income tax laws) and, more particularly and in furtherance of such activities, to seek, investigate, formulate, develop, organize and carry out programs and projects for improvement in housing and related facilities for low income families and for providing opportunities for members of minority groups to participate in organizing, financing, constructing and managing such facilities; to rehabilitate existing and construct new low and moderate income housing and stimulate the constructions of such housing.

#### NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>:

#### Principles of Accounting

The financial statements and the supplemental schedule are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and are prepared on the accrual basis.

#### Basis of Presentation

For the year ended June 30, 2021, Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation followed the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, in the presentation of its financial statements. The purpose of the FASB ASC 2016-04 is to improve the financial reporting of those entities. other provisions, this ASC reduces the number of classes of net assets from three to two, requiring the presentation of expenses in both natural and functional classifications, and requiring additional disclosures concerning liquidity and the availability of financial resources. This standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2017 and requires the use of the retrospective transition method. Ninth Ward Housing **Development Corporation** adopted this standard for the year ended June 30, 2020 and its implementation is reflected in the financial statements.

A description of the two net asset categories is as follows:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:

#### Basis of Presentation, Continued

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The only limits on the use of net assets without donor restrictions are the broad limits resulting from the nature of the Organization, the environment in which it operates, the purposes specified in it corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations.

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Other restrictions may be perpetual in nature; such as those that are restricted by a donor that the resources be maintained in perpetuity.

At June 30, 2021, **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** did not have any net assets with donor restrictions.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

#### Property, Plant, and Equipment

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation capitalizes items with a unit cost of greater than \$5,000 and a useful life greater than 1 year. Property, plant, and equipment is recorded at historical cost, if purchased, or at fair market value at the date of the gift, if donated. Additions, improvements and expenditures that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which is 30 years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and reported in detail on the Statement of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefitted.

#### Allowance for Losses

Allowances for estimated losses on receivables are provided when, in the opinion of management, such losses are expected to be incurred. Management evaluates the carrying value of these assets at least annually and the allowances are adjusted accordingly.

#### Support and Revenues

Revenues received under federal grant programs are recognized when earned.

Contributions are received and recorded as net assets without donor restrictions unless specifically restricted by the donor or the board of directors.

#### Fair Value

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation has adopted certain provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures." ASC Topic 820 refines the definition of fair value, establishes specific requirements as well as guidelines for a consistent framework to measure fair value, and expands disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. ASC Topic 820 requires Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation to maximize the use of observable market inputs, minimize the use of unobservable market inputs, and disclose in the form of an outlined hierarchy, the details of such fair value measurements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 3 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY:

The primary source of revenue for Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation is federal and state grants provided through various funding agencies. The continued success of Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation is dependent upon the renewal of contracts from current funding sources and obtaining new funding.

#### NOTE 4 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation has deposit cash balances in three financial institutions. Interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing deposit accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for deposit amounts up to \$250,000. The FDIC insurance coverage limit applies per depositor and per insured depository institution for each account ownership category. At June 30, 2021, Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation's uninsured cash balances totaled \$54,486.

#### NOTE 5 - INCOME TAXES:

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provisions for federal or state income taxes have been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. Should Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation's tax status be challenged in the future, the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 tax years are open for examination by the IRS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 6 - <u>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</u>:

#### Participation in Grant Programs

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation is a recipient of grant funds from certain funding sources. These grants are governed by various federal, state and local guidelines, regulations, and contractual agreements.

The administration of the program and activities funded by the grants are under the control and administration of **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** and are subject to audit and/or review by the applicable funding source. Any grant funds found not to be properly spent in accordance with the terms, conditions, and regulations of the funding source may be subject to recapture.

#### Operating Leases

**Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** leases administrative office space under the terms of a non-cancellable lease. The term of the lease is one year. The lease began on October 1, 2020 and ends on September 30, 2021. Future minimum lease payments under the terms of the operating lease as of June 30, 2021 were:

2714 Canal Street Year Ending June 30, 2021:

2022 \$<u>3,102</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

## NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820, fair value is defined as the price that Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. ASC Topic 820 established a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between (1) inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs) and (2) inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs) and to established classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** assets or liabilities. The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices included within Level 1, which are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability as of the reporting date, and fair value is determine through the use of models or other valuation methodologies.
- Level 3 Pricing inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any market activity. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

# NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, CONTINUED

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment. All investments are considered Level 1 investments.

The carrying value and the estimated fair values of **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation's** financial instruments at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Description</u>		rying alue	Fair <u>Value</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	530,231	\$ 530,231		
Accounts receivable		12,000	12,000		
Grants receivable		69,323	69,323		
Rent receivable		1,982	1,982		
Deposit		1,034	1,034		
Retainage payable	•	36,379	36,379		
Rent deposits	•	6,262	6,262		
Accounts payable		653	653		

#### NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

	Balance at 07/01/20	Additions (Reductions)	Balance at 6/30/21
Buildings Construction in progress Accumulated depreciation	\$1,101,700 -0- (18,362)	9,000 51,644 (33,995)	1,110,700 51,644 <u>(52,357)</u>
Net property, plant, and equipment	\$ <u>1,083,338</u>	\$ <u>26,649</u>	\$ <u>1,109,987</u>

Amortization/depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2020 totaled \$33,995.

# NINTH WARD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 9 - <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>:

FASB Accounting Standards Codifications Topic 855-10, "Subsequent Events" requires the disclosure of the date through which **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** has evaluated subsequent events and the reason for selecting that date. Management evaluated subsequent events from July 1, 2021 to August 8, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and determined that the following events occurred that require disclosure:

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern", and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus include restrictions on travel, quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate it have had and are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on the economies and financial markets of many countries, including the geographical area in which the Organization operates. Although it is unknown how long these conditions will last and what the complete financial consequences will be, to date, the Organization has not experienced an adverse financial impact due to the coronavirus outbreak. It is not likely that the financial statements will be affected by declining revenue in the 2021 fiscal year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 10 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY:

The following reflects **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation's** financial assets as of June 30, 2021 reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of June 30, 2021. As of June 30, 2021, there were no donor-imposed restrictions.

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 530,231
Accounts receivable	12,000
Grant receivable	69,323
Rent receivable	1,982
Deposit	1,034
Total financial assets at year end Less: Amounts not available to meet general expenses within one year:	614,570
Deposits	(1,034)
Financial assets available to meet general expenses within one year	\$ 613,536

#### 2021-001 - Untimely Submission of Audit Report

#### Criteria

Pursuant to the requirement of Louisiana Statute R.S 24:513 A.(5)(a)(i), annual financial reports shall be completed within six (6) months of the close of an entity's fiscal year. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal Holiday, the reporting package is due the next business day.

#### Conditions

The June 30, 2021 report was not submitted within the prescribed time frame.

#### Context

The audit report was outstanding six (6) months after the entity's fiscal year.

#### Cause

Management failed to ensure that the audit report was issued within prescribed timeline.

#### Effect

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation has not complied with the audit reporting requirement of Louisiana Statute R.S. 24:513 A.(5)(a)(i).

#### Recommendation

I recommend that management of **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation** take steps to ensure that the report is submitted within the prescribed deadlines.

#### Management's Response

Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation concurs with this finding. Delay was mainly due to not engaging an auditor in a timely manner. Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation will submit future audits in a timely manner.

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#### **Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation**

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To Ninth Ward Housing Development Corporation:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Agency's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Agency's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Agency has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the Agency's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the year ended June 30, 2021. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. The report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### Federal, State, and Local Awards

1. Obtain the list of federal, state, and local government grant award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year, from the Agency's management.

The Agency provided us with the following list of expenditures made for federal grant awards received during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

Federal, State, or Local Grant Name	Grant Year	CFDA No. (if applicable)	Amount
Disaster Grant-Public Assistance	June 30, 2021	97.036	47,351
Road Home	June 30, 2021	14.UNKNOWN	13,293
Total Expenditures			60,644

- 2. For each federal, state, and local grant award, randomly select six disbursements from each grant administered during the fiscal year, provided that no more than 30 disbursements are selected.
  - Each of the selected disbursements agreed to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation. No exceptions noted.
- 3. Obtain documentation for the disbursements selected in Procedure 2. Compare the selected disbursements to supporting documentation, and report whether the disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.
  - Each of the selected disbursements agreed to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation. No exceptions noted.
- 4. Report whether the selected disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.
  - All of the disbursements were coded properly, no exceptions noted.
- 5. Report whether the selected disbursements were approved in accordance with the Agency's policies and procedures.
  - The Agency's policies and procedures state that the executive director must approve all disbursements. No exceptions noted.
- 6. For each selected disbursement made for federal grant awards, obtain the *Compliance Supplement* for the applicable federal program. For each disbursement made for a state or local grant award, or for a federal program not included in the *Compliance Supplement*, obtain the grant agreement. Compare the documentation for each disbursement to the program compliance requirements or the requirements of the grant agreement relating to activities allowed or unallowed, eligibility, and reporting; and report whether the disbursements comply with these requirements.

#### Activities allowed or unallowed

We compared documentation for each of the selected disbursements with program compliance requirements related to services allowed or not allowed. No exceptions noted.

#### Eligibility

We compared documentation for each of the selected disbursements with program compliance per the agreement. No exceptions were noted.

#### Reporting

We compared documentation for each of the selected disbursements with program compliance requirements related to reporting. No exceptions were noted. The quarterly reports were filed timely and agreed to accounting records.

7. Obtain the close-out reports, if required, for any program selected in Procedure 2 that was closed out during the fiscal year. Compare the close-out reports, if applicable, with the Agency's financial records; and report whether the amounts in the close-out reports agree with the Agency's financial records.

*N/A The programs were not closed out during the year.* 

#### **Open Meetings**

8. Obtain evidence from management that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law), and report whether there are any exceptions. Note: Please refer to Attorney General Opinion No. 13-0043 and the guidance in the publication "Open Meetings Law" available on the Legislative Auditor's website at <a href="https://app.lla.state.la.us/llala.nsf/BAADB2991272084786257AB8006EE827/\$FILE/Open%20Meetings%20Law%20FAQ.pdf">https://app.lla.state.la.us/llala.nsf/BAADB2991272084786257AB8006EE827/\$FILE/Open%20Meetings%20Law%20FAQ.pdf</a>, to determine whether a non-profit agency is subject to the open meetings law.

Management represented that the Agency is a private non-profit entity and based on the criteria outlined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:11 through 42:28, are not subject to open meeting laws.

#### **Budget**

9. For each grant exceeding five thousand dollars, obtain the comprehensive grant budgets that the agency provided to the applicable federal, state or local grantor agency. Report whether the budgets for federal, state and local grants included the purpose and duration of the grants; and whether budgets for state grants also included specific goals, objectives, and measures of performance.

The Agency provided documentation that comprehensive budgets were submitted to the applicable federal grantor agency for the grants exceeding five thousand dollars. These budgets included the purpose and duration of the grant program. No exceptions noted.

#### State Audit Law

10. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The agency's report was not submitted to the Legislative Auditor by the statutory due date of December 31, 2021.

11. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

The Agency's management represented that the Agency did not enter into any contracts during the fiscal year that were subject to the public bid law. No exceptions noted.

#### **Prior-Year Comments**

12. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Prior Year's Untimely Submission of Audit Report finding is unresolved, there is an Untimely Submission finding in the June 30, 2021 Review.

We were engaged by the Agency to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Agency's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures; other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the agency and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Agency's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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August 08, 2022