

SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Introduction

As a part of our audit of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (System) and our work related to the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana (Single Audit) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, we performed procedures at the SOWELA Technical Community College (College) to provide assurances on financial information that is significant to the System's financial statements; evaluate the effectiveness of the College's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance; and determine whether the College complied with applicable laws and regulations.

In addition to the procedures noted above, we also performed certain other procedures for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

We also determined whether management has taken actions to correct the finding reported in the prior year.

Results of Our Procedures

Follow-up on Prior-year Finding

Our auditors reviewed the status of the prior-year finding reported in the College's management letter dated February 23, 2022. We determined that management has resolved the prior-year finding related to Untimely Termination of System Access.

Financial Statements - Louisiana Community and Technical College System

As a part of our audit of the System's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, we considered the College's internal control over financial reporting and examined evidence supporting certain account balances and classes of transactions, as follows:

Statement of Net Position

Assets – Capital Assets

Net Position - Net Investment in Capital Assets, Restricted-Expendable, Restricted-Nonexpendable, and Unrestricted

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Expenses - Educational and General

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings. In addition, the account balances and classes of transactions tested are materially correct.

Other Procedures

In addition to the System and Single Audit procedures noted above, we performed other limited procedures that included performing analytical procedures and obtaining, documenting, and reviewing the College's internal controls over payroll expenses, nonpayroll expenses, and capital assets for the period from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

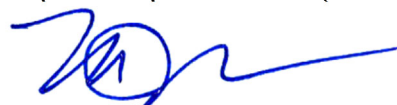
Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings.

Trend Analysis

We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using the College's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports and obtained explanations from the College's management for any significant variances.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Legislative Auditor

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APPENDIX A: SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

We performed certain procedures at the SOWELA Technical Community College (College) for the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, to provide assurances on financial information significant to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (System), and to evaluate relevant systems of internal control in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our procedures, summarized below, are a part of the audit of the System's financial statements and our work related to the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana (Single Audit) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

- We evaluated the College's operations and system of internal controls through inquiry, observation, and review of its policies and procedures, including a review of the laws and regulations applicable to the College.
- Based on the documentation of the College's controls and our understanding of related laws and regulations, we performed procedures to provide assurances on certain account balances and classes of transactions to support our opinion on the System's financial statements.
- We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using the College's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports to identify trends and obtained explanations from the College's management for significant variances.

In addition, we performed other limited procedures for the period from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Our objective was to evaluate certain controls the College uses to ensure accurate financial reporting, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and accountability over public funds. The scope of these procedures was significantly less than an audit conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our work at the College, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. Accordingly, this report is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purposes.

We did not audit or review the College's Annual Fiscal Report, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion on that report. The College's accounts are an integral part of the System's financial statements, upon which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor expresses an opinion.