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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Officers and Trustees Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Louisiana Municipal Association), which comprise statements of financial condition as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise of Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the Executive Director on page 23 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.



The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the Executive Director is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the Executive Director is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Ostlethwaite & netterville

Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 23, 2022

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

# <u>ASSETS</u>

	2021		2020	
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	586,031	\$	615,837
Accounts receivable		138		8,434
Prepaid expenses		8,740		5,819
Recoverable income taxes		12,321		16,236
Deferred tax asset		1,500		2,333
Fixed assets, net of accumulated				
depreciation of \$148,872 and \$141,439, respectively		7,059		14,492
Total assets	\$	615,789	\$	663,151

#### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,468	\$ 37,726
Total liabilities	 7,468	 37,726
Stockholder's equity:		
Common stock, no par value, no stated value,		
100 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	51,000	51,000
Retained earnings	 557,321	 574,425
Total stockholder's equity	 608,321	 625,425
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 615,789	\$ 663,151

# STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020	
Revenues:			
Program administration fees	\$ 726,740	\$ 726,164	
Commissions income - purchasing services	151,310	69,386	
Administrative fees - delinquent property tax sales	3,174	18,909	
Interest income	751	9,672	
Technical assistance income	-	21,800	
Online buyer's guides	7,404	-	
Miscellaneous income	12,988	4,979	
Total revenues	902,367	850,910	
Expenses:			
Administrative fees	219,710	187,880	
Advertising	5,323	9,592	
Board per diem	16,800	16,500	
Commission	20,481	2,158	
Charitable contributions	37,105	4,354	
Depreciation	7,433	8,905	
Education and training	-	328	
Insurance	9,392	2,819	
Procurement services	82,522	73,085	
Professional services	267,820	207,190	
Rent	7,800	7,800	
Salaries and benefits	195,408	318,633	
Sponsorships	17,050	6,325	
Telephone	4,641	4,444	
Travel	3,932	4,352	
Vehicle	3,778	2,112	
Miscellaneous expense	15,533	25,892	
Total expenses	914,728	882,369	
Loss before income taxes	(12,361)	(31,459)	
Income tax (expense) benefit	(4,743)	8,192	
Net loss	\$ (17,104)	\$ (23,267)	

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	Common Stock		Retained Earnings		Total	
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	51,000	\$	597,692	\$	648,692
Net loss		-		(23,267)		(23,267)
Balance, December 31, 2020		51,000		574,425		625,425
Net loss		-	<u></u>	(17,104)		(17,104)
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$	51,000	\$	557,321	\$	608,321

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

		2021		2020	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<i></i>		<i></i>	
Net loss	S	(17,104)	S	(23,267)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash					
(used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation		7,433		8,905	
Deferred taxes		833		(6,933)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		8,296		14,893	
Prepaids and recoverable income taxes		994		(7,078)	
Accounts payable and other liabilities		(30,258)		4,410	
Net cash used in operating activities		(29,806)		(9,070)	
Net change in cash		(29,806)		(9,070)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		615,837		624,907	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u></u>	586,031	<u></u>	615,837	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information Cash paid for income taxes	<u></u> S	_	<u> </u>	1,500	

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Organization Background

Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation (LaMATS), a Louisiana corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA). LMA is an association for the municipalities of Louisiana and is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana. LaMATS was incorporated in 1998 for the purpose of providing various advisory and technical services with the goal of bringing economical and efficient services that assist membership of the LMA. LaMATS' primary activities represent the collection of insurance premium taxes for members of LMA and the collection of commissions for purchasing services.

#### (b) Revenue Recognition

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (606), to update its revenue recognition standard to clarify the principles of recognizing revenue and eliminate industry-specific guidance as well as help financial statement users better understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized. This standard was effective for the Company effective January 1, 2020 and was adopted using the modified retrospective method with no changes to previously reported revenues as a result of the adoption. There is no related financing component and little if any variable consideration.

The Company is considered to act as an agent in relation to administrative fees, as they are not directly providing services to the municipalities, but rather acting on behalf of the principals. LaMATS receives administrative fees related to the insurance premium taxes collected on behalf of the municipalities participating in the program. LaMATS received an administrative fee of 3% of the insurance premium taxes collected in 2021 and 2020. Administrative fees are considered earned and recognized as revenues when collected from the insurance companies and are recorded on a net basis at a point in time.

LaMATS recognizes revenues from commissions on purchasing services, delinquent property tax sales, interest income as earned at a point in time, technical assistance, and online buyer's guides.

#### (c) Depreciation

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which are placed in service at year end. Lives of the assets are as follows:

Office equipment and furniture	5-7 years
Automobiles	5 years
Computer equipment and software	3 years

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. <u>SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (continued)

#### (d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

#### (e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash in deposit accounts with financial institutions.

# (f) Accounts Receivable

LaMATS considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established. If accounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to operations when that determination is made. Collections on accounts previously written off are included in income when received.

#### (g) Income Taxes

Provisions for income taxes are based on taxes payable or refundable for the current year based on taxable income and deferred taxes on temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are included in the financial statements at currently enacted income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets and liabilities are expected to be realized or settled. As changes in tax laws or rates are enacted, deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted through the provision for income taxes.

LaMATS adopted the accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which sets out a consistent framework to determine the appropriate level of tax reserves to maintain for uncertain tax positions. Deferred tax assets are recognized if it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the tax position will be realized or sustained upon termination. The term more likely than not means a likelihood of more than 50 percent; the terms examined and upon examination also include resolution of the related appeals or litigation processes, if any. A tax position that meets the more likely than not recognition threshold is initially and subsequently measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon settlement with a taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information. The determination of whether or not a tax position has met the more likely than not recognition threshold considers the facts, circumstances, and information available at the reporting date and is subject to management's judgment. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance, if based on the weight of evidence available, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

LaMATS recognized interest and penalties on income taxes as a component of income tax benefit.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 2. INCOME TAXES

The income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$4,743 compared to the income tax benefit of \$8,192 for the year ended December 31, 2020. The income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2021, is comprised of \$3,910 of current period expense and \$833 of deferred tax expense. The income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2020, is comprised of \$1,259 of current period benefit and \$6,933 of deferred tax benefit. Deferred taxes relate to differences occurring from book and tax depreciation as well as net operating loss carryforwards.

# 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

There is a balance of \$519,617 and \$518,866 included in cash and cash equivalents on the statements of net position that is invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. LAMP is considered to be an external investment pool administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33.2955.

The following facts are relevant for LAMP:

Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

<u>Custodial credit risk</u>: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

<u>Interest rate risk</u>: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 70 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 45 days as of December 31, 2021.

LAMP values its investments at fair value based on quoted market values. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares which approximates net asset value (NAV).

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

An annual audit of LAMP is conducted by an independent certified public accountant. The Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana has full access to the records of LAMP.

LAMP issues financial reports which can be obtained by writing: LAMP, Inc., 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, LA 70130.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 4. <u>RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS</u>

LaMATS pays LMA administrative fees for various services provided by LMA. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, included in expenses is \$200,000 and \$175,000, respectively, related to administrative fees paid to LMA for each of the years. Included in accounts payable is \$7,297 and \$7,298 payable to LMA as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. LaMATS pays LMA rent for the space in which it conducts its operations. LaMats paid LMA a total of \$7,800 for the years December 31, 2021 and 2020.

# 5. <u>MULTI-EMPLOYER PENSION PLAN</u>

All of LaMATS' full-time employees participate in Plan A of the Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Louisiana (the Plan), a multiple-employer cost sharing municipal employee retirement system. The payroll for LaMATS' employees covered by the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$135,804 and \$212,373, respectively.

All employees of LaMATS are required to participate in the Plan if they are under the age of 60, are full-time employees and are not participating in another publicly funded retirement system. Employees hired after December 31, 2012 can retire provided he or she meets one of the following criteria: 25 years of service credit at any age actuarially reduced, 30 years of service credit at age 55, 10 years of service credit at age 62, or 7 years of service credit at age 67. Employees entering the retirement system after December 31, 2012 become fully vested after 7 years of service. The Plan also provides survivors' and disability benefits.

Covered employees are required to contribute a percentage of their salary to the Plan (the rate is determined by the Plan and can fluctuate). Of the total contribution required to be contributed for a covered employee, the employees contribute 6.25%, while LaMATS contributes the remainder. LaMATS' contribution percentage was 33.25% during for January – December 2021, and 31.00% for January – June 2020 and 33.25% for July – December 2020. The contribution requirement for LaMATS for the year ended December 31,2021 and 2020 was \$52,382 and \$73,382, respectively.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 6. STATE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE

Act 711 of the 2010 Louisiana Legistlative Session amended LRS 24:51 (B) to provide required footnote disclosure in the financial statements for vendors who collect and distribute taxes other than ad volorem taxes for other taxing jurisdictions. Listed below are municipal premium tax collections and distributions to other local municipalities during calendar years 2021 and 2020.

2021						
		TOTAL LECTIONS	COLLECTION COST		FINAL DISTRIBUTION	
Abbeville	\$	325,446	\$	9,763	\$	315,683
Abita Springs		99,676		2,990		96,686
Addis		114,376		3,431		110,945
Albany		53,942		1,634		52,308
Amite		124,703		3,749		120,954
Anacoco		35,069		1,052		34,017
Angie		28,915		867		28,048
Arcadia		77,405		2,322		75,083
Arnaudville		74,990		2,250		72,740
Ashland		13,661		410		13,251
Athens		13,805		414		13,391
Baker		241,191		7,236		233,955
Baldwin		55,576		1,667		53,909
Ball		81,591		2,448		79,143
Basile		33,605		1,008		32,597
Baskin		12,631		379		12,252
Bastrop		214,770		6,451		208,319
Benton		144,141		4,324		139,817
Bernice		33,968		1,019		32,949
Berwick		125,550		3,767		121,783
Bienville		9,673		290		9,383
Blanchard		55,089		1,653		53,436
Bogalusa		188,285		5,649		182,636
Bonita		11,928		358		11,570
Boyce		51,946		1,558		50,388
Breaux Bridge		264,280		7,928		256,352
Bunkie		89,615		2,688		86,927
Campti		21,666		650		21,016
Cankton		10,846		325		10,521
Carenero		223,371		6,701		216,670
Castor		19,558		587		18,971
Central		259,906		7,797		252,109
Chatham		22,606		680		21,926
Cheneyville		18,538		556		17,982
Church Point		124,245		3,727		120,518
Clarks		8,226		247		7,979
Clinton		74.642		2,260		72,382
Collinston		17,616		529		17,087

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2021					
	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	COLLECTION COST	FINAL DISTRIBUTION		
Converse	19,914	597	19,317		
Cottonport	51,471	1,544	49,927		
Coushatta	100,341	3,012	97,329		
Covington	709,070	21,288	687,782		
Creola	3,674	110	3,564		
Crowley	283,903	8,517	275,386		
Cullen	20,626	619	20,007		
Delcambre	41,852	1,256	40,596		
Delhi	87,673	2,638	85,035		
Denham Springs	446,896	13,415	433,481		
DeQuincy	82,332	2,470	79,862		
Dixie Inn	9,527	286	9,241		
Dodson	14,149	424	13,725		
Doyline	38,595	1,158	37,437		
Dubach	44,970	1,349	43,621		
Dubberly	15,416	463	14,953		
Duson	85,463	2,564	82,899		
Elizabeth	16.957	509	16,448		
Elton	29,286	879	28,407		
Epps	17,691	531	17,160		
Eros	16,154	485	15,669		
Eunice	210,380	6,319	204,061		
Farmerville	115,013	3,450	111,563		
Fenton	12,968	389	12,579		
Florien	35,978	1,079	34,899		
Folsom	68,899	2,067	66,832		
Fordoche	21,585	648	20,937		
Forest	7,712	231	7,481		
Forest Hill	32,863	986	31,877		
Franklin	180,782	5,423	175,359		
Franklinton	174,207	5,226	168,981		
French Settlement	23,253	698	22,555		
Georgetown	10,761	323	10,438		
Gibsland	28,393	852	27,541		
Gilbert	20,604	618	19,986		
Glenmora	43,441	1,303	42,138		
Golden Meadow	57,207	1,718	55,489		
Goldonna	12,981	389	12,592		
Gonzales	444,469	13,358	431,111		
Grambling	48,302	1,449	46,853		
Gramercy	91,309	2,739	88,570		
Grand Cane	27.888	837	27,051		
Grand Coteau	29,420	883	28,537		

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2021					
	TOTAL	COLLECTION	FINAL		
	COLLECTIONS	COST	DISTRIBUTION		
Grand Isle	46,931	1,408	45,523		
Grayson	26,820	805	26,015		
Greenwood	75,526	2,266	73,260		
Gretna	456,123	13,684	442,439		
Grosse Tete	20,237	607	19,630		
Gueydan	39.036	1,177	37,859		
Hall Summit	8,937	268	8,669		
Haughton	161,496	4,845	156,651		
Haynesville	61,999	1,860	60,139		
Heflin	19,040	571	18,469		
Homer	97,912	2,937	94,975		
Hornbeck	19,610	588	19,022		
Iberia Parish	410,206	12,306	397,900		
Ida	9,949	298	9,651		
Independence	71,612	2,148	69,464		
Iota	42,863	1,286	41,577		
Iowa	104,812	3,144	101,668		
Jackson	60,932	1,828	59,104		
Jean Lafitte	29,996	900	29,096		
Jeanerette	122,712	3,687	119,025		
Jonesboro	89,768	2,714	87,054		
Junction City	5,188	156	5,032		
Kaplan	111,628	3,355	108,273		
Kentwood	77,120	2,314	74,806		
Killian	24,248	727	23,521		
Kinder	79,603	2,388	77,215		
Krotz Springs	37,592	1,128	36,464		
Lake Arthur	57,770	1,733	56,037		
Lake Charles	1,218,711	36,593	1,182,118		
Lecompte	47,790	1,434	46,356		
Leesville	174,609	5,270	169,339		
Lisbon	7,703	231	7,472		
Lockport	89,908	2,697	87,211		
Logansport	46,467	1,394	45,073		
Longstreet	4,851	146	4,705		
Loreauville	33,077	992	32,085		
Lutcher	84,262	2,528	81,734		
Madisonville	155,917	4,678	151,239		
Mandeville	650,795	19,535	631,260		
Mangham	26,491	795	25,696		
Mansfield	134,345	4,054	130,291		
Mansura	54,544	1,636	52,908		
Many	105,362	3,161	102,201		
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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2021					
	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	COLLECTION COST	FINAL DISTRIBUTION		
Marion	31,984	960	31,024		
Maurice	83,028	2,491	80,537		
Melville	22,436	673	21,763		
Mer Rouge	39,745	1,192	38,553		
Minden	264,816	7,945	256,871		
Montgomery	31,939	958	30,981		
Mooringsport	26,671	800	25,871		
Morgan City	309,607	9,288	300,319		
Morganza	37,637	1,129	36,508		
Morse	26,926	808	26,118		
Napoleonville	65,768	1,973	63,795		
New Llano	41,292	1,239	40,053		
New Orleans	3,094,937	93,232	3,001,705		
New Roads	166,401	4,992	161,409		
Noble	13,799	414	13,385		
Norwood	14,443	433	14,010		
Oak Grove	71,496	2,145	69,351		
Oak Ridge	16.860	506	16,354		
Oakdale	100,187	3,006	97,181		
Oberlin	38,076	1,142	36,934		
Oil City	42,487	1,142	41,212		
Opelousas	385,597	11,568	374,029		
Palmetto	18,025	541	17,484		
Parks	15,255	458	14,797		
Patterson	122,201	3,666	118,535		
Pearl River	126,372	3,791	122,581		
Pineville	327,747	9,832	317,915		
Pioneer	16,785	504	16,281		
Plain Dealing	32,331	970	31,361		
Plaquemine	253,523	7,606	245,917		
Plaucheville	20,104	603	19,501		
Pleasant Hill	14,888	447	14,441		
Pollock	36,003	1,080	34,923		
Ponchatoula	261,900	7,952	253,948		
Port Barre	57,663	1,730	55,933		
Port Vincent	17,406	522	16,884		
	17,400	5,193	167,905		
Rayne					
Rayville	119,503	3,585	115,918		
Reeves	15,069	452	14,617		
Richmond	9,048	271	8,777		
Ridgecrest	8,606	258	8,348		
Ringgold	38,622	1,159	37,463		
Rodessa	7.901	237	7,664		
Rosedale	21,982	659	21,323		
Roseland	38,121	1,144	36,977		

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	TOTAL	COLLECTION	FINAL
	COLLECTIONS	COST	DISTRIBUTION
Rosepine	34,138	1,045	33,093
Ruston	443,019	13,305	429,714
Saline	15,042	451	14,591
Sarepta	40,195	1,206	38,989
Scott	218,131	6,544	211,587
Sibley	48,364	1,451	46,913
Sikes	5,114	153	4,961
Simmesport	34,077	1,022	33,055
Simpson	17,792	534	17,258
Slaughter	47,935	1,438	46,497
Sorrento	52,384	1,430	
		358	50,810
Spearsville Springhill	11,930 106,548	338 3,196	11,572 103,352
Springhill St. Francisville	92,591	2,778	89,813
St. Gabriel	100,676	3,020	97,656
St. Martinville	120,670	3,620	117,050
St. Mary Parish	257,730	7,740	249,990
Sterlington	66.532	1,996	64,536
Stonewall	94.152	2,825	91,327
Sulphur	449,921	13,504	436,417
Sun	8,917	268	8,649
Sunset	97,085	2,913	94,172
Fallulah	127,724	3,832	123,892
Tickfaw	61,363	1,841	59,522
Furkey Creek	10,325	310	10,015
Union Parish	168,790	5,064	163,726
Ville Platte	174,075	5,222	168,853
Vinton	69,389	2,082	67,307
Vivian	62,846	1,885	60,961
Walker	195,509	5,865	189,644
Washington	36,501	1,095	35,406
Webster Parish	165,776	4,973	160,803
Welsh	87,624	2,629	84,995
West Feliciana Parish	167,956	5,039	162,917
Westlake	160,209	4,806	155,403
Westwego	219,698	6,591	213,107
Wilson	11,841	355	11,486
Winnsboro	143,848	4,315	139,533
Wisner	24,884	747	24,137
Woodworth	46,388	1,392	44,996
Youngsville	333,575	10,007	323,568
Zachary	387.735	11,674	376,061
Zwolle .	52,526	1,576	50,950
	\$ 24,196,891	\$ 726,740	\$ 23,470,151

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 6. <u>STATE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE</u>

2020					
	TOTAL		COLLECTION		FINAL
	COLLECTIONS	•	COST	DISI	RIBUTION
Abbeville	\$ 323,132	\$	9,694	\$	313,438
Abita Springs	102,510		3,075		99,435
Addis	110,172		3,305		106,867
Albany	56,658		1,700		54,958
Amite	132,547		3,977		128,570
Anacoco	35,872		1,076		34,796
Angie	27,790		834		26,950
Arcadia	77,329		2,320		75,009
Arnaudville	74,809		2,244		72,565
Ashland	9,038		271		8,767
Athens	12,095		363		11,732
Baker	242,260		7,268		234,992
Baldwin	57,162		1,715		55,447
Ball	84,839		2,545		82,294
Basile	34,927		1,048		33,879
Baskin	10,346		310		10,036
Bastrop	201,445		6,043		195,402
Benton	132,782		3,984		128,798
Bernice	34,025		1,021		33,004
Berwick	128,818		3,865		124,953
Bienville	12,770		383		12,387
Blanchard	55,050		1,652		53,398
Bogalusa	191,219		5,737		185,482
Bonita	9,841		295		9,540
Воусе	50,607		1,518		49,089
Breaux Bridge	247,831		7,435		240,390
Bunkie	96,003		2,880		93,123
Campti	27,902		837		27,065
Cankton	9,412		282		9,130
Carencro	221,403		6,642		214,761
Castor	21,487		645		20,842
Central	249,387		7,482		241,905
Chatham	21,457		644		20,813
Cheneyville	17,892		537		17,355
Church Point	127,722		3,832		123,890
Clarks	7,784		234		7,550
Clinton	81,087		2,433		78,654
Collinston	13,445		403		13,042

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020			
	TOTAL	COLLECTION	FINAL	
	COLLECTIONS	COST	DISTRIBUTION	
Converse	19,235	577	18,658	
Cottonport	49,837	1,495	48,342	
Coushatta	85,577	2,567	83,010	
Covington	673,628	20,209	653,419	
Creola	3,639	109	3,530	
Crowley	282,004	8,460	273,544	
Cullen	21,511	645	20,860	
Delcambre	44,503	1,335	43,168	
Delhi	77,353	2,321	75,032	
Denham Springs	439,588	13,188	426,400	
DeQuincy	76,300	2,289	74,011	
Dixie Inn	11,201	336	10,865	
Dodson	14,863	446	14,417	
Doyline	33,169	995	32,174	
Dubach	38,083	1,143	36,940	
Dubberly	16,333	490	15,843	
Duson	86,585	2,598	83,987	
Elizabeth	16,195	486	15,709	
Elton	29,789	894	28,895	
Epps	23,379	701	22,678	
Eros	15,463	464	14,999	
Eunice	219,680	6,590	213,090	
Farmerville	110,383	3,312	107,071	
Fenton	11,285	339	10,946	
Florien	31,260	938	30,322	
Folsom	69,552	2,087	67,465	
Fordoche	21,690	651	21,039	
Forest	7,712	231	7,481	
Forest Hill	29,220	877	28,343	
Franklin	191,281	5,739	185,542	
Franklinton	175,680	5,270	170,410	
French Settlement	30,460	914	29,546	
Georgetown	10,762	323	10,439	
Gibsland	27,895	837	27,058	
Gilbert	19,788	594	19,194	
Glenmora	42,226	1,267	40,959	
Golden Meadow	61,344	1,840	59,504	
Goldonna	12,315	370	11,945	
Gonzales	427,293	12,819	414,474	
Grambling	50,284	1,509	48,775	
Gramercy	107,453	3,224	104,229	
Grand Cane	30,294	909	29,385	
Grand Coteau	29,242	877	28,365	

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	TOTAL	COLLECTION	FINAL
	COLLECTIONS	COST	DISTRIBUTION
Grand Isle	43,141	1,294	41,84
Grayson	28,075	842	27,233
Greenwood	76,047	2,281	73,760
Gretna	467,464	14,024	453,440
Grosse Tete	22,509	675	21,834
Gueydan	41,502	1,245	40,25
Hall Summit	8,338	250	8,08
Haughton	152,060	4,562	147,498
Haynesville	61,714	1,851	59,863
Heflin	19,631	589	19,042
Homer	96,748	2,903	93,843
Hombeck	21,229	637	20,592
lberia Parish	420,307	12,609	407,698
[da	9,895	297	9,59
Independence	73,549	2,207	71,342
Iota	43,987	1,320	42,66
Iowa	101,757	3,053	98,704
Jackson	62,535	1,876	60,659
lean Lafitte	30,591	918	29,67
leanerette	130,203	3,906	126,29
Ionesboro	88,006	2,640	85,36
Junction City	5,454	164	5,29
Kaplan	109,888	3,297	106,59
Kentwood	74,382	2,232	72,150
Killian	23,638	709	22,929
Kinder	81,459	2,444	79,01:
Krotz Springs	38,514	1,155	37,355
Lake Arthur	51,788	1,554	50,234
Lake Charles	1,191,013	35,731	1,155,282
Lecompte	40,437	1,213	39,224
Leesville	172,056	5,162	166,894
Lisbon	7,377	221	7,150
Lockport	93,314	2,800	90,514
Logansport	47,411	1,422	45,98
Longstreet	5,734	172	5,56
Loreauville	32,321	970	31,35
Lutcher	87,955	2,639	85,31
Madisonville	153,194	4,596	148,59
Mandeville	624,268	18,728	605,54
Mangham	24,808	744	24,064
Mansfield	134,170	4,025	130,14
Mansura	50,618	1,519	49,099
Many	103,862	3,116	100,740
Maringouin	35,188	1,056	34,132

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	TOTAL	COLLECTION	FINAL
	COLLECTIONS	COST	DISTRIBUTION
Marion	28,532	856	27,670
Maurice	90,210	2,706	87,504
Melville	23,144	694	22,450
Mer Rouge	37,181	1,116	36,06
Minden	271,632	8,149	263,483
Montgomery	26,815	805	26,010
Mooringsport	28,584	858	27,72
Morgan City	317,428	9,523	307,90
Morganza	38,832	1,165	37,66
Morse	28,613	858	27,75
Napoleonville	60,353	1,811	58,54
New Llano	38,568	1,157	37,41
New Orleans	3,129,766	94,311	3,035,45
New Roads	142,886	4,287	138,59
Noble	12,428	373	12,05
Norwood	13,405	402	13,00
Oak Grove	77,558	2,327	75,23
Oak Ridge	15,228	457	14,77
Oakdale	103,735	3,112	100,62
Oberlin	38,466	1,154	37,31
Oil City	38,040	1,141	36,89
Opelousas	375,181	11,256	363,92
Palmetto	18,140	544	17,59
Parks	15,050	452	14,59
Patterson	133,424	4,003	129,42
Pearl River	123,020	3,691	119,32
Pineville	321,634	9,649	311,98
Pioneer	14,759	443	14,31
Plain Dealing	30,614	918	29,69
Plaquemine	259,031	7,771	251,26
Plaucheville	21,151	635	20,51
Pleasant Hill	15,556	467	15,08
Pollock	32,570	977	31,59
Ponchatoula	256,354	7,691	248,66
Port Barre	58,593	1,758	56,83
Port Vincent	17,892	537	17,35
Rayne	176,641	5,299	171,34
Rayville	104,095	3,123	100,97
Reeves	16,982	510	16,47
Richmond	10,106	303	9,80
Ridgecrest	9,001	303 270	8,73
Ringgold	39,247	1,177	38,07
Rodessa	9,162	275	8,88
Rosedale	20,336	610	19,72
Roseland	43,008	1,290	41,71

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	COLLECTIONS	COST	DISTRIBUTION
Rosepine	38,669	1,160	37,509
Ruston	459,145	13,774	445,371
Saline	15,500	465	15,035
Sarepta	38,396	1,152	37,244
Scott	226,911	6,807	220,104
Sibley	61,352	1,841	59,511
Sikes	4,549	137	4,412
Simmesport	32,190	966	31,224
Simpson	19,914	597	19,317
Slaughter	47,346	1,420	45,926
Sorrento	54,520	1,636	52,884
Spearsville	11,101	333	10,768
Springhill	106,357	3,191	103,166
St. Francisville	118,985	3,570	115,415
St. Gabriel	101,933	3,058	98,875
St. Martinville	149,288		,
	-	4,479	144,809
St. Mary Parish	269,149	8,075	261,074
Sterlington	63,307	1,899	61,408
Stonewall	87,901	2,637	85,264
Sulphur	488,277	14,648	473,629
Sun	8,196	246	7,950
Sunset	88,200	2,646	85,554
Tallulah	112,384	3,372	109,012
Tickfaw	54,828	1,645	53,183
Turkey Creek	10,652	320	10,332
Union Parish	173,642	5,209	168,433
Ville Platte	201,710	6,051	195,659
Vinton	69,023	2,071	66,952
Vivian	67,888	2,037	65,851
Walker	197,867	5,936	191,931
Washington	43,508	1,305	42,203
Webster Parish	175,836	5,275	170,561
Welsh	97,411	2,922	94,489
West Feliciana Parish	144,951	4,349	140,602
Westlake	155,203	4,656	150,547
Westwego	224,438	6,733	217,705
Wilson	12,552	377	12,175
Winnsboro	134,249	4,028	130,221
Wisner	23,431	703	22,728
Woodworth	50,051	1,502	48,549
Youngsville	317,304	9,519	307,785
Zachary	385,228	11,557	373,671
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	\$ 24,190,861	\$ 726,164	\$ 23,464,697

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#### 7. <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 23, 2022, and determined that there were no events that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Name:

Clifford A. Palmer

Purpose	Amount	
Salary, including incentive and bonus	\$ 132,612	
Benefits-insurance	9,896	
Benefits-retirement	42,767	
Deferred compensation	-	
Benefits-other	-	
Car allowance	-	
Vehicle provided by corporation	-	
Cell phone	672	
Dues	-	
Vehicle rental	-	
Per diem	-	
Reimbursements	-	
Travel	1,140	
Registration fees	-	
Conference travel	1,792	
Housing	-	
Unvouchered expenses	-	
Special meals	-	
Other (including payments made by other parties on behalf of the agency head)	-	

# <u>REPORT ON STATEWIDE</u> <u>AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES on COMPLIANCE and CONTROL</u> <u>AREAS</u>

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021





A Professional Accounting Corporation

Independent Accountant's Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation (the Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated in below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Entity 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 C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This 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 performed and the results thereof are set forth below. The procedure is stated first, followed by the results of the procedure presented in italics. If the item being subjected to the procedures is positively identified or present, then the results will read "no exception noted" or for step 25 "we performed the procedure and discussed the results with management". If not, then a description of the exception ensues.

# A - Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
  - a) *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

No exceptions noted.

b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

No exceptions noted for (1), (2), (3) and (5). The Entity does not have a written policy for (4).

c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving

No exceptions noted.



d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

No exceptions noted.

e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Not applicable. The Entity has an agreement with Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) to provide support services to help achieve the day-to-day business functions.

f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

No exceptions noted for (1), (3), (4) and (5). The Entity does not have a written policy for (2).

g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

No exceptions noted.

h) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

No exceptions noted.

*Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121,
(2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

No exceptions noted for (1). The Entity does not have a written policy for (2), (3) and (4).

j) *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Not applicable.



k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

The Entity does not have a written policy for Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity.

1) *Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

The Entity does not have a written policy for sexual harassment.

# **B** - Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

The Board of Directors is required to meet a minimum of once a quarter. No exceptions noted.

b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.

Not applicable. The Entity does not report on the governmental accounting model.

c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

No exceptions noted.



#### **C** - Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

A listing of bank accounts was provided and included 1 bank account, which management identified as the entity's main operating account. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listing provided, we selected the 1 main operating bank account and obtained the bank reconciliations for the month ending April 30, 2021, resulting in 1 bank reconciliation obtained and subjected to the below procedures.

a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

No exceptions noted.

b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

No exceptions noted.

c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted.

#### **D** - Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

4. Obtain a listing of <u>deposit sites</u> for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

A listing of deposit sites was provided and included a total of 1 deposit site. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listing provided, we selected the 1 deposit site and performed the procedures below.



5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of <u>collection locations</u> and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

A listing of collection locations for each deposit site selected in procedure #4 was provided and included a total of 1 collection location. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listing provided, we selected the only collection location for the deposit site. Review of the Entity's written policies and procedures or inquiry with employee(s) regarding job duties was performed in order to perform the procedures below.

a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

# Not applicable.

b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

No exceptions noted.

c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

No exceptions noted.

d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions noted.

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

The Entity stated that all employees who have access to cash are bonded and/or covered under the Entity's insurance policy.



7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

We selected two deposit dates for the 1 bank account selected in procedure #3 due to that being the bank account. We obtained supporting documentation for each of the two deposits and performed the procedures below.

a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

The Entity does not maintain sequentially pre-numbered receipts.

b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

The Entity does not maintain sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, or other related collection documentation. As such, we were unable to perform the procedure.

c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions noted.

d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

No exceptions noted.

e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

# *E* - Non-payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

The listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period was provided, which only included one location. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listing provided, we performed the procedures below.



9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with nonpayroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

The listing of employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions for each payment processing location selected in procedure #8 was provided. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

*Review of the Entity's written policies and procedures or inquiry with employee(s) regarding job duties was performed in order to perform the procedures below.* 

a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

No exceptions noted.

b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

No exceptions noted.

c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

*The person processing payments was not prohibited from adding / modifying vendor files. Exception noted.* 

d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

*The person processing payments was not prohibited from adding / modifying vendor files. Exception noted.* 

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

A listing of non-payroll disbursements for each payment processing location selected in procedures #8 was provided related to the reporting period. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From each of the listings provided, we randomly selected 5 disbursements and performed the procedures below.



a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice, and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

#### No exceptions noted.

b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

# F - Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

A listing of cards was provided, which stated there were no credit cards during 2021. Therefore, procedures below are not applicable.

12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

# Not applicable.

a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]

#### Not applicable.

b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Not applicable.



13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Not applicable.

# G - Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

Per review of the general ledger detail, there were no travel expense reimbursements during 2021. Therefore, testing below not applicable.

a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

Not applicable as noted above.

b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

Not applicable as noted above.

c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).

Not applicable as noted above.

d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Not applicable as noted above.



# H - Contracts

15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

An active vendor list for the fiscal period was provided. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listing provided, we randomly selected 5 contracts and performed the procedures below.

a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

Of the 5 contracts selected for our procedures, none were subject to Louisiana Public Bid Law.

b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

No exceptions noted.

c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).

No exceptions noted.

d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*We randomly selected 1 payment for the 5 contracts selected in procedure #15 and performed the specified procedures. No exceptions noted.* 

# I - Payroll and Personnel

16. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

The Entity also has an agreement with Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) to provide support services to help achieve the day to day business functions.



17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

# Not applicable as noted above.

a) Observe all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.).

#### Not applicable as noted above.

b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

Not applicable as noted above.

c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

Not applicable as noted above.

d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Not applicable as noted above.

18. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

#### Not applicable as noted above.

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Not applicable as noted above.



#### J - Ethics

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.

b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.

#### K - Debt Service

21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

Not applicable.

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Not applicable.

#### L - Fraud Notice

23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

The Authority had no allegations during the reporting period.

24. Observe the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

The notice was posted on the premises and the website. No exceptions noted.



# M - Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

No exceptions noted.

c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

No exceptions noted.

#### N - Sexual Harassment

26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.

27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.

- 28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.



b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

*Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.* 

c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

*Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.* 

d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.

e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Not applicable as noted above in Step #16.

We were engaged by the Entity 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 applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. 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 Entity 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 those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, 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 LLA as a public document.

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 23, 2022



June 21, 2022

# **RESPONSE TO EXCEPTIONS IN 2021 STATEWIDE AUP REPORT**

We agree with the exceptions noted in the AUP Report.

We will develop a written policy in Purchasing for controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law. We will develop a written policy for Contracting with standard terms and conditions.

We will develop an Ethics policy.

We will develop a written policy for Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity. We will develop a written policy for sexual harassment.

We reconcile the bank account monthly so sequentially pre-numbered receipts are not necessary. Since the Authority has one employee, payment processing exceptions will remain.

Sincerely,

Cliff Palmer LaMATS Executive Director

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