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Independent Accountant's Report
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

To the Board of Directors of State Plumbing Board of Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

I have performed the procedures enumerated below related to the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana internal controls and compliance with certain laws and regulations for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. State Plumbing Board of Louisiana management is responsible for its financial records and establishing internal controls to ensure accurate financial reporting, compliance with laws and regulations, and accountability over public funds.

The State Plumbing Board of Louisiana has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of assisting users in understanding the controls that the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana uses to ensure accurate financial reporting, compliance with laws and regulations, and accountability over public funds. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their 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 and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories, as applicable:
 - a) Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

The policies and procedures address the preparation, adoption, monitoring and amending the budget.

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 or state purchasing rules and regulations, as applicable to the entity; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Policies for purchases address each of the above procedures.

- c) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - Policies for disbursements address each of the procedures.
- 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 (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation of receipt number sequences, reasonableness of cash collections based on licenses issued).
 - Policies for receipts/collections address each of the above procedures.
- e) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
 - Policies address each of the above procedures.
- 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.

- Policies and procedures for contracting include standard terms and conditions, the approval and monitoring process, they do not address the types of services requiring written contracts or legal review
- 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).
 - Policies and procedures address the credit and debit card. The fuel card has the same procedures as the credit card. They do not have a P-Card.
- h) Travel and expense reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (2) documentation requirements, (3) time-frame in which requests must be submitted and (4) required approvers.
 - The board does not have their own policies for travel expenses. They following the rules and regulations included in the Louisiana Travel Guide.
- i) 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) requirement that all employees annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
 - The Board follows the rules and regulations established by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.
- j) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements,
 (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
 - The Board does not have any policies and procedures for debt service. They follow the guidelines of the State of Louisiana best practices.
- k) 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.
 - Each of these tools to recover operations after a critical event have been addressed.

Annual Fiscal Report (AFR)

2. Obtain the financial statements from the AFR submitted to the Division of Administration's (DOA) Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy for the current and prior periods. Perform analytical procedures comparing current and prior period amounts, by line item. Report any variances of 10% of greater for line items that are 10% or more of the respective total assets/deferred outflows of resources, liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, net position, revenues, or expenses, and management's explanation of the variance.

There is a variance that is greater than 10% when comparing the current year and prior year balances for deferred outflows and inflows of resources and post-retirement benefit liabilities. The difference has been identified as adjustment made to the OPEB and pension accounts as per the actuary.

There is also a variance of 14% indicating a reduction of expense of \$168,836 related to decrease of payroll and benefits when compared to the previous year.

Board Meetings/Minutes

- 3. Obtain and inspect the board 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 meets with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, or other equivalent document.
 - R.S. 37:1366 only require an annual meeting to occur in August of each year. The meeting in August occurred with a quorum. The board has elected to hold quarterly meetings and call for special meetings when necessary. All of the quarterly meetings were held during the year with a quorum.

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- b) Observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons.
 - A financial report is presented at each of the board meetings. There is no mention in the minute if the financial report includes comparing the budget-to-actual. Before each of the board meetings, a meeting with the financial committee is held that reviews the budget-to-actual and the findings of this meeting are being presented to the full board.
- c) Access the entity's online information included in the DOA's boards and commissions database (<u>https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/boardsandcommissions/home.cfm</u>) and observe that the entity submitted board meeting minutes for all meetings during the fiscal period.

The board minutes are submitted into the database.

Bank Reconciliations

- 4. Obtain a listing of bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. For each of the bank accounts in the listing provided by management, obtain bank statements and reconciliations for all months in the fiscal period and observe that:
 - 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);
 - Three of the operating accounts bank reconciliations were prepared after 2 months of the related statement. A change in personnel causing the delay, The bank reconciliations are now being performed withing the 2 month period. This incident is not considered an exception.
 - 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);
 - The operating accounts bank reconciliations included evidence that a member of management who does not handle cash/deposits, post ledgers or issue checks reviewed each bank reconciliation. The savings accounts do indicate management is reviewing the account information.
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 6 months at the statement closing date; and
 - Management reviews outstanding checks at the end of each year. This procedure is not documented on the bank reconciliation.
 - d) The reconciled balance for the final month of the fiscal period agrees to the general ledger.
 - There is a difference of \$6,860 when comparing the general ledger balance to the bank reconciliation. It was discovered there was a cutoff issue where several deposits were not posted to the general ledger until after the bank reconciliation was performed. The saving account and certificate of deposits balance agree when comparing the balances.

Receipts/Collections

- 5. Obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employees job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties for collections are properly segregated such that:
 - a) 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 or license applications received) to the deposit.
 - The employee that collects deposits is not the same individual that prepares or makes the bank deposits. Each deposit slip obtained from the bank is also reviewed by another employee that does not perform either of these functions.

b) 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.

The employees that collects receipts does not post to the general ledger.

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

The employee that reconciles collections is not the same employee that collects the licenses fee.

Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

There is insurance coverage that includes employee theft.

- 7. Randomly select 5 deposit dates for each of the bank accounts (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). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 5 deposits for each bank account and:
 - a) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

The system reports agree with the deposit slip.

- b) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - The deposit slip total agrees with the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- c) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of collection (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).

The agency does not keep records of when a collection is received.

- d) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
 - The deposits selected agree with the bank statement and the posting to the general ledger.
- 8. Obtain and inspect written policies and procedures (if no written policies and procedures, inquire to management) and observe that there is a process performed to determine completeness of all collections, including electronic transfers, for each revenue source (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation of receipt number sequences, reasonableness of cash collections based on licenses issued) by a person who is not responsible for collections.

The same employee that determines completeness of deposits is not the same person responsible for collections.

- 9. For licensing boards, obtain a list of initial and renewal licenses granted during the period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 10 individual applicants from the listing and obtain the supporting documentation (e.g. application, copy of check) from management and:
 - a) Observe that the fee paid for license was the appropriate fee based on the applicable fee schedule established by the board or statute.
 - The fee paid for licenses was the appropriate fee as per the fee schedule established by statute.
 - b) If a penalty was assessed (e.g. late fee), observe that the penalty was assessed and collected in accordance with the board's policies.

The above selection did not include licenses that were subject to penalties.

10. For licensing boards, obtain and inspect the board's written policies and procedures for granting licenses (if no written policies and procedures, inquire to management) and observe that there is a process performed to ensure licensees meet the licensure requirements established by the board or statute, as applicable. For the 10 individual applicants selected in the previous step that were granted initial or renewal licenses during the period, request the supporting documentation (e.g. licensee file) from management and:

- a) Observe that the board followed the established process to issue or renew the license.
 - The board followed the established process to issue or renew the licenses.
- b) Observe the documentation contains evidence that the licensee meets or continues to meet (if renewal) the licensure requirements established by the board or statute, as applicable.
 - The documentation observed contains evidence that the licensee meets or continues to meet the licensure requirements established by the board.
- Observe that the license was granted or approved by the board or the designated board member(s), as applicable.
 - The boards staff reviews the information received and approves or disapproves the license as per these requirements designated by the board.
- 11. For levee districts, obtain independent confirmation of the tax amounts received from the appropriate parish Sherriff's offices. Observe that the confirmed amount agrees to the amount deposited by levee district.

Not applicable

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 12. Obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employees' 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:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - There is only one employee that initiates the purchase. There are 2 employees that can approve and make the purchase.
 - At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - There is one employee that processes the payment and a different employee that approves the payment to vendors.
 - 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 same employee that processes payments also is permitted to make changed to the vendor files. The changes are not made without administrative authorization.
 - 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.
 - After vendor checks are signed, they are given to a different employee for mailing.
- 13. Obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements which are addressed in separate sections below) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements, obtain supporting documentation (e.g. purchase requisition, invoices, receipts, receiving slips) for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
 - The disbursement matches each of the original invoices observed.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g. initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #12, as applicable.
 - There is evidence an employee is checking the purchase order and others are reviewing the purchase.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

14. 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. Randomly select 2 monthly statements or combined statements for each card (for a debit card, randomly select 2 monthly bank statements), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe that 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 (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - There is evidence the credit card charges are reviewed and approved by someone other than the authorized card holder; however, the debit card is being reviewed by the same individual that has possession of the card.
- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
 - There were no finance charges of late fees on any of the selected statements.
- 15. Obtain supporting documentation for all transactions included on the monthly statements or combined statements selected in #13 above. For each transaction, observe that 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.

There was documentation that supported the purchase and the business purpose. None of the transactions selected were for meals.

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

- 16. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements paid to employees and board members 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:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana in PPM49 (https://www.doa.la.gov/pages/osp/travel/TravelPolicy.aspx) or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - Each of the reimbursements using a per diem agreed with the PPM49 rates.
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - None of the five selected were reimbursed using actual expense.
 - c) Observe that 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).
 - Business purpose was documented on each reimbursement.
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
 - Each reimbursement was approved in writing by someone other than the individual receiving the reimbursement...

Contracts

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17. 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:

There were no contracts that required a bid to comply with the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Louisiana Procurement Code.

- a) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy.
 - The board approved those contracts for professional fees.
- b) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
 - There were no amendments to any of the contracts
- c) 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.

Each of the supporting invoices agreed with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

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- 18. Obtain a listing of employees employed during the fiscal period, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees (or select all employees if less than 5), obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
 - A list of employees was obtained from management.
- 19. Randomly select 2 pay periods during the fiscal period. For the employees selected under #18 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - All selected full time employees documented their daily attendance and leave time.
 - Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees.
 - The supervisor approved the attendance and leave of the full time employees.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - The leave accrued and any taken was reflected in the entities cumulative leave records.
- 20. Obtain a listing of those employees that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select 2 employees, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employees' cumulative leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employees' authorized pay rates in the employees' personnel files.
 - There was one terminated employee, Managements termination payment calculation agreed with the employees' accumulated leave records. The pay rate to the employee was also the authorized pay rate in the personnel file.
- 21. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.
 - Management has informed me that the employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums and workers' compensation have been paid and the forms were filed by the required deadlines.

Ethics

- 22. Using the 5 randomly selected employees from procedure #18 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - The certificate observed demonstrates that each employee selected completed the one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.
 - Best practices recommend the employees sign a verification that they have read the ethics policy. This agency does not have the employees sign a verification and rely on the ethic certificate to indicate the employee has read the ethics policy.
- 23. Obtain a listing of board members from management. Randomly select 5 board members and observe documentation to demonstrate that required annual ethics training was completed.
- The five board members observed demonstrated documentation that demonstrated they had taken the required annual ethics training.

Budget

- 24. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget, including all amendments, and the board minutes. Observe the minutes contain approval of the budget and amendments.
 - A copy of the board approved original and amended budget was obtained.
- 25. Compare the total revenues and total expenditures of the final budget to actual total revenues and total expenditures on the financial statements or AFR. Report variances of 10% or greater.
 - When comparing the total revenues and total expenditure of the final budget to actual total revenues, expenditure budgeted exceeded the actual by 13%. Management has informed when preparing the budget they use prior year amounts and adjust accordingly. The actuary calculations of outflow and inflow of resources as well as the adjustment to pension liability was reduced this year creating a larger estimate for pension expense used in the budget than needed.
- 26. Inquire of management whether the entity has updated its budget information in the DOA's boards and commissions database referred to in #3 above for the current fiscal period (i.e. period covered in these procedures). Access the online database and obtain the budget information for the current fiscal period. Observe that the budget information contained in the database agrees to the budget adopted by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana's board.
 - Management has informed me they are updating the budget information on the DOA's database. However, the information on the board approved budget and the amount entered on the DOA database are not the same.

Debt Service

- 27. 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 that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
 - The debt was obtained in the previous years.
- 28. 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).

There were monthly payments made on the debt as per the loan agreement. There was no debt reserves required to be maintained with the debt.

Sexual Harassment

- 29. Obtain and inspect the entity's written sexual harassment policies and procedures and observe that they address all requirements of R.S. 42:342-344, including agency responsibilities and prohibitions; annual employee training; and annual reporting requirements.
 - The entity's written sexual harassment policy addresses the requirements of R.S. 42:342-344.
- 30. Obtain a listing of employees/board members employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/board members, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/board member completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
 - Each of the employees and board members selected demonstrated they had completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 31. Observe that 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 he entity does not have a website).
 - The agency has their sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures posted on their website.
- 32. 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 that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344.
 - The sexual harassment report included the applicable requirements and was prepared for public view before February 1

Other

- 33. 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.
 - There was no misappropriation of public funds or assets during the fiscal year.
- 34. Observe that 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. This notice is available for download or print at www.lla.la.gov/hotline.
 - This entity has posted on its premises and website the requirements of R.S. 24:523.1, concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Corrective Action

- 35. Obtain management's response and corrective action plan for any exceptions noted in the above agreed-upon procedures.
 - **Exception 2024-01** Bank Reconciliation The Bank reconciliation balance did not agree with the general ledger at year end.
 - **Criterion** A procedure for this report is to compare the bank reconciliation balance to the general ledger account balance.
 - **Condition** when comparing the bank reconciliation balance to the general ledger balance as of June 30, 2024, there was a difference.
 - Cause It was later discovered that several deposits were not posted to the general ledger until after the bank was reconciled.
 - **Recommendation** Before the bank account is reconciled, posting to the general ledger should be checked for proper cutoff.
 - Response These deposits are not included because the journal entries correspond to the daily transactions report. They were posted to the bank on July 3rd, which falls outside the fiscal year pulled for the requested 2024 fiscal year general ledger.

Exception 2024-02 Budget – Information entered on the DOA database does not agree with the Board approved budget.

Criterion – For the board approved budget for the year ended June 30, 2023-2024, agree with the information that was submitted and placed on the DOA database.

Condition – when comparing the board approved budget to the amounts recorded on the DOA database, the amounts did not agree.

Cause – The amount entered on the database did not agree with the board approved final budget for 2023-2024.

Recommendation - After the budget amounts have been entered on the database review the input before submitting the report.

Response – The State Plumbing Board of Louisiana will provide accounting staff with the necessary resources and support to ensure that amendments are submitted appropriately to the DOA's database within the required timeframe. Once the database report is submitted and accepted, the Executive Director will sign off for approval.

I am engaged by State Plumbing Board of Louisiana 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*. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves the practitioner performing specific procedures that the engaging party has agreed to and acknowledged to be appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement and reporting findings based on the procedures performed. I was 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 State Plumbing Board of Louisiana internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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Prior year exception.

Exception 2023-01 Budget – Information entered on the DOA database does not agree with the Board approved Budget

Criterion – For the board approved budget for the year ended June 30, 2022-2023, agree with the information that was submitted and placed on the DOA database.

Update – This exception also exists for the budget ended June 30, 2023 - 2024