

**15<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**June 30, 2018**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office  
Lafayette, Louisiana

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund, of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2018, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana  
December 18, 2018

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE  
Parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion

Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 813,846
Due from other governmental agencies	154,394
Prepaid expenses	<u>12,810</u>
Total current assets	981,050
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>28,156</u>
Total assets	<u>1,009,206</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	8,129
Accrued liabilities	20,391
Capital lease payable	<u>4,381</u>
Total current liabilities	32,901
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital lease payable	<u>11,134</u>
Total liabilities	<u>44,035</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	12,641
Unrestricted	<u>952,530</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 965,171</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues		Governmental Activities Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
		Charges for Services and Fines	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 3,968,824	\$ 2,363,151	\$ 1,443,381	\$ (162,292)
Interest	<u>1,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,640)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,970,464</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,151</u>	<u>\$ 1,443,381</u>	(163,932)
General revenues:				
Interest income				<u>18,783</u>
Change in net position				(145,149)
Net position, beginning				<u>1,110,320</u>
Net position, ending				<u>\$ 965,171</u>

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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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 Parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion  
 Governmental Fund

Balance Sheet  
 June 30, 2018

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 813,846
Due from other governmental agencies	154,394
Prepaid expenses	<u>12,810</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 981,050</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 8,129
Payroll taxes payable	<u>20,391</u>
Total liabilities	<u>28,520</u>
Fund balance:	
Nonspendable - prepaid items	12,810
Unassigned	<u>939,720</u>
Total fund balance	<u>952,530</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 981,050</u>

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Parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2018

Total fund balance for governmental funds at June 30, 2018		\$ 952,530
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:		
Leasehold improvements, net of \$33,182 accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,976	
Equipment and furniture, net of \$125,365 accumulated depreciation	<u>26,180</u>	28,156
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2018:		
Capital lease payable		<u>(15,515)</u>
Net position at June 30, 2018		<u>\$ 965,171</u>

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 Governmental Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Intergovernmental revenues -	
Court cost and bond forfeitures	\$2,150,276
District assistance fund - Louisiana IDAB	1,432,131
Other grant	11,250
Charges for services -	
Partially indigent and application fees	212,875
Investment earnings	<u>18,783</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,825,315</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Current -	
Indigent defense:	
Operations	3,959,453
Debt service -	
Principal	4,214
Interest	1,640
Capital outlay	<u>20,787</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,986,094</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(160,779)
<b>Other financing sources:</b>	
Proceeds from capital lease	<u>16,530</u>
Net change in fund balance	(144,249)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>1,096,779</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 952,530</u>

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Parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund  
to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Net change in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2018, per statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance		\$ (144,249)
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	\$20,787	
Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2018	<u>(9,371)</u>	11,416
Proceeds from capital leases are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position; however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of activities.		
Capital lease proceeds	(16,530)	
Principal payments	<u>4,214</u>	<u>(12,316)</u>
Total changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2018 per statement of activities		<u>\$ (145,149)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

The 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office (District) provides criminal defense to indigent persons in Louisiana's 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes). The function is accomplished by maintaining an administrative staff and contracting for legal and other defense experts.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of the industry guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The District is part of the operations of the Louisiana Public Defender Board. House Bill No. 436, Act No. 307 of the 2007 regular legislative session enacted the Louisiana Public Defender Act, effective August 15, 2007, creating the Louisiana Public Defender Board with oversight responsibilities of service regions and individual district public defender offices. The Louisiana Public Defender Board, which is established as a state agency, is to provide for the supervision, administration, and delivery of a statewide public defender system that is independent of local politics. Service regions are created to help provide supervision over district offices. The Louisiana Public Defender Board has the power to provide for the powers and duties of district public defenders and for the filling of vacancies.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the Offices maintained by the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with professional standards.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the District, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District's functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or its total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. The major fund and only fund of the District is described below:

Governmental Fund –

General Fund – This fund is the primary operating fund of the District and it accounts for the operations of the District. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and internal policy.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Revenues

Court costs, bond forfeitures, fees from indigents, and intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Interest on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenues when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

The District's primary expenditures include salaries and contracted legal services, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

D. Budgets

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with the Budget Act of the State of Louisiana, the District prepares an operating budget for the general fund at least fifteen days prior to the commencement of the budgetary year-end. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
6. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the District. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

E. Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits include amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. They are stated at cost, which approximates market.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost (the extent to which fixed asset costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation should be disclosed) if historical cost is not available (or describe other method of valuation). Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Assets Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Leasehold improvements	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 10 years

G. Compensated Absences

Employees of the District can earn from 80 to 120 hours of vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service. Vacation leave must be taken in the year it is earned. Employees can earn 96 hours of personal leave per year and can carry over 24 hours of unused leave to the next year. Personal leave is not compensable if an employee leaves the service of the District. At June 30, 2018, the District has no leave benefits required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

H. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. There are no deferred inflows or outflows as of June 30, 2018.

I. Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position is restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.
- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. As such, fund balance of the governmental fund is classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the District, which is the highest level of decision-making authority.
- d. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the District’s adopted policy, only the District may assign amounts for specified purposes.
- e. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

J. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2018, the District has interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$813,846.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the District or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

Deposit balances (bank balances) at June 30, 2018, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$861,398</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$450,679
Pledged securities	<u>410,719</u>
Total	<u>\$861,398</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$410,719 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

(3) Due From Other Governmental Agencies

At June 30, 2018, the amounts due from other governmental agencies consist of the following:

Bond forfeitures	\$ 21,666
Court fees	130,031
Partially indigent fees	2,197
Other local income	<u>500</u>
	<u>\$154,394</u>

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2018 was as follows:

	<u>7/1/2017</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>6/30/2018</u>
Capital assets:				
Leasehold improvements	\$ 35,158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,158
Equipment and furniture	130,758	20,787	-	151,545
Totals	<u>165,916</u>	<u>20,787</u>	-	<u>186,703</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Leasehold improvements	31,708	1,474	-	33,182
Equipment and furniture	117,468	7,897	-	125,365
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>149,176</u>	<u>9,371</u>	-	<u>158,547</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 16,740</u>	<u>\$ 11,416</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,156</u>

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$9,371 was charged to general government.

(5) Changes in Noncurrent Liabilities

The following is a summary of noncurrent liabilities transactions for the year ended June 30, 2018:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2017</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2018</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Capital lease payable	<u>\$ 3,199</u>	<u>\$16,530</u>	<u>\$(4,214)</u>	<u>\$ 15,515</u>	<u>\$ 4,381</u>

Capital leases -

\$7,857 capital lease payable to Great America Financial Services, dated March 19, 2014, due in monthly installments of \$167 through April 1, 2019, interest at 9.905%, secured by equipment with a carrying value of \$3,087.	\$ 1,439
\$8,265 capital lease payable to Great America Financial Services, dated July 7, 2017, due in monthly installments of \$175 through July 10, 2022, interest at 9.905%, secured by equipment with a carrying value of \$7,084.	7,038
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Total capital leases payable	<u>\$15,515</u>

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Leased assets under a capital lease are included in capital assets, net in the statement of net position at June 30, 2018. The leased assets consist of equipment with a cost of \$24,387 and accumulated depreciation of \$7,132 for a net book value of \$17,255. Depreciation of the leased assets in the amount of \$3,484 for the year ended June 30, 2018 is included in depreciation expense.

Scheduled maturities of noncurrent liabilities as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2019	\$ 4,379	\$ 1,324
2020	3,248	958
2021	3,584	622
2022	3,956	250
2023	<u>348</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>\$ 15,515</u>	<u>\$ 3,157</u>

(6) Operating Leases

The District leases various office facilities and parking space commencing from May 2013 through May 2020. Lease expense for the year ended June 30, 2018 totaled \$158,490. Future minimum lease payments due under the lease terms are as follows:

2019	\$ 146,782
2020	<u>102,355</u>
	<u>\$ 249,137</u>

(7) Governmental Office Revenues and Expenditures

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the major sources of governmental fund revenues and expenditures were as follows:

Revenues:

State Government -	
Grants	\$ 1,432,131
Local Government -	
Statutory fines, forfeitures, fees, court costs, and other	2,150,276
Other Grants and Contributions -	
Private organizations	11,250
Charges for Services	212,875
Investment Earnings	<u>18,783</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,825,315</u>

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15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE  
Parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Expenditures:

Personnel Services and Benefits -

Salaries	\$ 1,776,557
Retirement contributions	24,506
Insurance	166,005
Payroll taxes	133,711
Other	<u>13,135</u>
Total	<u>2,113,914</u>

Professional Development -

Dues, licenses, and registrations	<u>34,721</u>
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Operating Costs -

Library and research	17,714
Contract services - attorney/legal	1,365,900
Contract services - other	128,839
Lease - office	158,490
Lease - autos and other	15,532
Travel - other	13,862
Insurance	17,269
Supplies	57,240
Repairs and maintenance	4,271
Utilities and telephone	25,703
Other	<u>5,998</u>
Total	<u>1,810,818</u>

Debt Service	<u>5,854</u>
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Capital Outlay	<u>20,787</u>
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Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,986,094</u>
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(8) Risk Management

The District is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general liability, malpractice, property hazards and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(9) Deferred Compensation Plan

Certain employees of the District participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan) adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457, which is administered by the Nationwide Insurance Company. The District does not have managerial or financial responsibility for the plan assets. After two years of service, all employees are eligible to participate in the Plan and the District will match their contribution up to \$2,000 per year. At June 30, 2018, the District contributed \$24,506 to the Plan.

(10) Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to Paul Marx, District Defender, for the year ended June 30, 2018 follows:

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 129,000
Benefits - Insurance	4,441
Benefits - Retirement	2,000
Benefits - HSA	1,150
Registration fees	275
Continuing professional education fees	1,410

(11) Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the General Fund had actual expenditures over appropriations as follows:

	Final Budget	Actual	Excess
Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,787</u>	<u>\$ (15,787)</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE  
Parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	2018			Variance - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Court cost and bond forfeitures	\$2,068,000	\$2,220,465	\$2,150,276	\$ (70,189)
District assistance fund - Louisiana IDAB	1,388,888	1,453,872	1,432,131	(21,741)
Other grant	45,000	11,250	11,250	-
Charges for services -				
Partially indigent and application fees	231,500	212,950	212,875	(75)
Investment earnings	2,300	24,800	18,783	(6,017)
Total revenues	<u>3,735,688</u>	<u>3,923,337</u>	<u>3,825,315</u>	<u>(98,022)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current -				
Indigent defense:				
Operations	3,913,717	3,979,357	3,959,453	19,904
Debt service -				
Principal	-	4,214	4,214	-
Interest	-	1,640	1,640	-
Capital outlay	5,500	5,000	20,787	(15,787)
Total expenditures	<u>3,919,217</u>	<u>3,990,211</u>	<u>3,986,094</u>	<u>4,117</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(183,529)	(66,874)	(160,779)	(93,905)
<b>Other financing sources:</b>				
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	16,530	16,530
Net change in fund balance	(183,529)	(66,874)	(144,249)	(77,375)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>1,096,779</u>	<u>1,096,779</u>	<u>1,096,779</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 913,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,029,905</u>	<u>\$ 952,530</u>	<u>\$ (77,375)</u>

**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE  
AND  
OTHER MATTERS**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER  
MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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To the District Public Defender of the  
15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office  
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2018.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan as item 2018-001 to be a material weakness.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **The District's Response to Findings**

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

***KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana  
December 18, 2018

15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings  
and Management's Corrective Action Plan  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken</u>	<u>Corrective Action Planned</u>	<u>Name of Contact Person</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>
<u>CURRENT YEAR (6/30/18) --</u>						
<u>Internal Control:</u>						
2018-001	2006	Due to the small number of employees involved in the accounting operations, the District does not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system. Based upon the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of functions.	N/A	No response is considered necessary.	N/A	N/A
<u>Compliance:</u>						
There were no findings that were required to be reported.						
<u>PRIOR YEAR (6/30/17) --</u>						
<u>Internal Control:</u>						
2017-001	2006	Due to the small number of employees involved in the accounting operations, the District does not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system. Based upon the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of functions.	N/A	No response is considered necessary.	N/A	N/A

Compliance:

There were no findings that were required to be reported.

**15<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

Lafayette, Louisiana

**Agreed-Upon Procedures Report**

Year Ended June 30, 2018

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office  
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the District Public Defender of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defender's (Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### *Written Policies and Procedures*

1. We obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and observed that 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
  - 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.
  - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - 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).
  - e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

- 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.
- 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).
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 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, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

#### ***Board or Finance Committee***

**(The entity does not have a Board or Finance Committee and, therefore, this attribute is not applicable.)**

- 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.
  - b) Observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds.
  - c) Obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund. If the General Fund had a negative ending unrestricted 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 unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund.

#### ***Bank Reconciliations***

- 3. We obtained a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. We asked management to identify the entity's main operating account. We selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). We randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected accounts, and observed that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations included 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
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

## ***Collections***

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**(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)**

4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites 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).
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations 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) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
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 select 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 10 deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) Observe that 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).
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

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8. We obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. We obtained 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 observed 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.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments 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.
  - 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.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtained management's representation that the population is complete. We randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, obtained supporting documentation for each transaction and:
  - a) We observed that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
  - b) We observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

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

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11. We obtained 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. We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. Using the listing prepared by management, we randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. We randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtained supporting documentation, and:
  - a) We observed 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, by someone other than the authorized card holder.
  - b) We observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, we randomly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, we observed 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).

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

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**(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)**

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:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - 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).
  - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

### ***Contracts***

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**(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)**

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:
- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
  - 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.

### ***Payroll and Personnel***

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

17. We randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, we obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observed that 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.)
  - b) Observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
  - c) Observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period was reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
18. We obtained a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. We randomly selected two employees/officials, obtained related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agreed the hours to the employee/officials' cumulative leave records, and agreed the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.
19. We obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums had been paid, and associated forms had been filed, by required deadlines.

#### ***Ethics***

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**(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)**

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - b) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

#### ***Debt Service***

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21. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected all bonds/notes on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
22. Obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected one bond/note, inspected debt covenants, obtained supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agreed actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

#### ***Other***

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**(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)**

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.

24. 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.

**Exceptions:**

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No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures listed above except:

**Written Policies and Procedures**

1. The entity's written policies and procedures for purchasing does not address how vendors are added to the vendor list.

*Management's response:* The entity will update their written policies and procedures to include how vendors are added to the vendor list.

2. The entity's written policies and procedures for receipts/collections does not specifically address how deposits are prepared and management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue.

*Management's response:* The entity will update their written policies and procedures to include how deposits are prepared and actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue.

3. The entity's written policies and procedures for payroll/personnel does not provide detail information relative to how payroll is processed and the review of final reports prior to submitting each payroll.

*Management's response:* The entity will update their written policies and procedures to include how payroll is processed and the review of final reports prior to submitting each payroll.

4. The entity's written policies and procedures for contracts does not specifically address how contracts are approved and monitored.

*Management's response:* The entity will update their written policies and procedures to include the approval process of contracts and how contracts are monitored.

5. The entity's written policies and procedures for credit cards does not address the required approvers of credit card statements.

*Management's response:* The entity will update their written policies and procedures to include the required approvers of credit card statements.

**Bank Reconciliations**

6. For all bank reconciliations tested, there was no evidence that a member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks had reviewed each bank reconciliation. The entity's contracted CPA is reviewing all reconciliations each month but did not document their review on each reconciliation.

*Management's response:* The entity will review their policies and have their contracted CPA document their review on each reconciliation.

7. One of the three bank reconciliations tested did not have management documentation reflecting that it had researched reconciling items that had been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

**Management's response:** The entity will implement a policy to have management documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

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

8. The monthly credit card statement selected was not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

**Management's response:** The entity will implement a policy to have someone other than the authorized card holder review and approve, in writing, the monthly credit card statement.

We were not engaged to perform, and did not perform, an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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