

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Nutrition Education Services, Inc.
PO Box 5280
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Nutrition Education Services, Inc., (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nutritional Education Services, Inc., as of September 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Nutritional Education Services, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance

with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

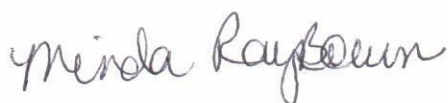
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information in the audited statement of claims and schedule of meals served and program reimbursements as required by the Louisiana Department of Education and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is also presented for purposes for additional analysis and is not part of the required financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2025, on our consideration of Nutritional Education Services, Inc.'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of Nutritional Education Services, Inc.'s 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 Nutritional Education Services, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Franklinton, LA
March 29, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

ASSETS	Total
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,112
Due from Department of Education	152,634
Total Current Assets	<u>188,746</u>
Other Current Assets	
Security Deposit	<u>1,000</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,000</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>189,746</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	1,431
Due to providers	125,352
Withholding taxes payable	1,560
Due to Department of Education	30,544
Accrued salaries payable	<u>4,769</u>
Total Current Liabilities/Total Liabilities	<u>163,656</u>
Net Assets (Deficit)	
With donor restrictions	-
Without donor restrictions	<u>26,089</u>
Total Net Assets (Deficit)	<u>26,089</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets (Deficit)	<u>\$ 189,746</u>

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

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS			
SUPPORT AND OTHER GAINS			
Administrative reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 316,359	\$ 316,359
Provider reimbursement	-	1,709,968	1,709,968
Fire inspections	9,625	-	9,625
Other income	4,522	-	4,522
Net assets released from donor restrictions	2,026,327	(2,026,327)	-
Total support and other gains	2,040,474	-	2,040,474
EXPENSES			
Program services	1,709,968	-	1,709,968
Supporting services	320,814	-	320,814
Fundraising expenses	600	-	600
Other expenses	12,773	-	12,773
Total expenses	2,044,155	-	2,044,155
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(3,681)	-	(3,681)
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), BEGINNING	29,770	-	29,770
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), ENDING	\$ 26,089	\$ -	\$ 26,089

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NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from administrative reimbursements	\$ 1,710,826
Cash received from program reimbursements	470,592
Cash received from other income	14,147
Cash paid for program expenses	(1,855,665)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	(255,469)
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(84,444)
Net cash used for operating services	<u>(13)</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	 <u>-</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	 <u>-</u>
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	 36,125
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	 <u><u>\$ 36,112</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO	
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (3,681)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used for operating activities	
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Due from Department of Education	170,285
Security Deposit	(1,000)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(604)
Due to providers	(140,332)
Withholding taxes payable	(147)
Due to Department of Education	(23,730)
Accrued salaries	(804)
 NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) FOR OPEARTING ACTIVITIES	 <u><u>\$ (13)</u></u>

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NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>FUNDRAISING</u>
Accounting	\$ -	\$ 4,850	\$ -	\$ -
Advertising	-	5,695	90	-
Auditor	-	7,500	-	-
Contract interpretation	-	3,000	-	-
Fire inspection	-	-	9,595	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	600
Insurance	-	1,741	1,666	-
Internet	-	2,954	-	-
Office and lawn maintenance	-	2,550	500	-
Office expenses	-	11,318	250	-
Other	-	4,559	250	-
Payroll taxes	-	18,666	-	-
Postage	-	3,880	-	-
Provider payments	1,709,968	-	-	-
Provider training	-	525	200	-
Salaries	-	236,741	222	-
Staff training	-	-	-	-
Telephone	-	3,396	-	-
Travel	-	12,555	-	-
Utilities	-	884	-	-
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,709,968	\$ 320,814	\$ 12,773	\$ 600

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

The Family Day Care Home Program of Nutrition Education Services, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the Organization), was established to provide supervised provisions of meals. It serves an average of 239 homes per month to primarily low-income, disabled, elderly or other disadvantaged residents of St. Tammany and surrounding parishes. It engages in the U. S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services under 7 CFR Part 226.

It operates on a fiscal year ending on September 30th and its significant accounting policies are as follows:

Basis of presentation

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP"), which require the Organization to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and the board of directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where by the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statements of activities.

Measure of operations

The statements of activities report all changes in net assets, including changes in net assets from operating and nonoperating activities. Operating activities consist of those items attributable to the Organization's ongoing services and interest and dividends earned on investments. Nonoperating activities are limited to resources that generate return from investments and other activities considered to be of a more unusual or nonrecurring nature.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and demand deposits. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Receivables

Accounts receivable is stated at net realizable value. The Organization maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers/vendors to make required payments. Because the collection is expected at 100%, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been recorded.

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Inventory

Inventory is stated at cost. It includes only office supplies and printed materials, the amount of which is considered immaterial. Therefore, the acquisition of these items is expensed when purchased, and the inventory on hand at year-end is not reported in the accompanying financial statements.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment purchased by the Organization are recorded at cost. They are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Equipment with an original cost of \$5,000 or greater is generally capitalized. Donations of property equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated assets to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted support.

Support and Expenses

The Organization reports administrative and program reimbursements on the accrual basis of accounting. The amounts due to providers are also reported on the accrual basis of accounting. A donor restriction applies to the program reimbursement, and the amount is shown as temporarily restricted net assets. When the donor restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated restriction ends by payments to the providers, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted reimbursements whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.

Expenses are recorded when incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. There were \$5,785 advertising expenses paid during the year.

Use of Estimates

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

Income Taxes

The Organization is a not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The federal income tax returns of the company for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they were filed.

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 2-AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at September 30, 2024:

Financial assets at year end:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,112
Accounts receivable	<u>152,634</u>
Total financial assets	188,746
Less amounts to used within 12 months:	
Provider expenditures	<u>155,896</u>
Total financial assets available for use over the next 12 months.	<u>\$ 32,849</u>

The Organization's goal is to maintain financial assets to meet 3 months of operating expenses. As part its liquidity plan, cash is held in checking accounts.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

Demand deposits	\$ 36,112
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Of this amount, \$14,186 is maintained in the administrative and provider accounts to be utilized for the family day care home program. The remaining funds of \$21,925 are held by the General Fund and can be utilized at the discretion of management.

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables are stated at the amount the Organization expects to collect. Management considers all receivables to be collectible at September 30, 2024.

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

Due from Department of Education	\$ 152,634
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NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

Payables at year-end include the following:

Accounts payable	\$ 1,431
Payables to providers	125,352
Withholding taxes payable	1,560
Due to Dept. of Education	30,544
Accrued liabilities	<u>4,769</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 163,656</u></u>

NOTE 6 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Substantially all of the restrictions on net assets relate to amounts requested from the State of Louisiana, Department of Education for reimbursement to the providers of meals through the Family Day Care Home Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services under 7 CFR Part 226. The amount due to providers requested but not yet received at year end has been accrued in the accompanying financial statements and is listed in the note above.

NOTE 7 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose during the year as follows:

Purpose restriction accomplished:	
Meals provided	\$1,709,968
Administrative expenses	\$ 316,359

NOTE 8 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the program and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the schedule of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated between the program and support services.

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 9 - CONCENTRATIONS

Cash and Cash Equivalents. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash deposits. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. At September 30, 2024, the Organization did not have bank balances in excess of FDIC insured limits.

Receivables and Revenues. All receivables recorded are due from the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Assistance. Approximately 99% of the Organization's support is paid by the Department of Education, State of Louisiana through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services, Family Day Care Home Program, under 7 CFR Part 226.

NOTE 10 - LITIGATION

There is no pending or threatened litigation, claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in this financial report.

NOTE 12- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events between the close of the fiscal year and March 29, 2025 the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued, that would materially impact the accompanying financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
US Department of Agriculture Passed through form State of Louisiana, Department of Education, Division of Nutrition		
Food and Nutrition Services		
Child and Adult Day Care Food Program	10.558	\$ 2,025,416
Total federal award expenditures		<u>\$ 2,025,416</u>

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year ended September 30, 2024

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Nutrition Education Services, Inc. under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2024.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).

Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Nutrition Education Services, Inc., it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Nutrition Education Services, Inc.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures

Indirect Cost Rate

Nutrition Education Services, Inc. has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Subrecipients

There was no awards passed through to sub-recipients.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Agency Head: Mark Cittadino, Executive Director

Compensation	\$ 68,016
FICA	5,203
Travel-Monitoring Visits	<u>2,164</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 75,383</u></u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
AUDITED STATEMENT OF CLAIMS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REIMBURSEMENT PER AUDIT

Administrative	\$ 316,359
Program-meals	<u>1,709,968</u>
Total reimbursement per audit	<u><u>2,026,327</u></u>

REIMBURSEMENTS CLAIMED AND RECEIVED

Administrative	316,359
Program-meals	<u>1,709,968</u>
Total reimbursement claims and received	<u><u>\$ 2,026,326</u></u>

(OVER) UNDER CLAIM	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
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See independent auditor's report.

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF MEALS SERVED AND PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

MEALS SERVED	NUMBER SERVED BY MEAL TYPE				
	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SUPPLEMENTS	SUPPER	TOTAL
From October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024					
Tier 1	72,535	125,443	201,497	182,011	581,486
Reimbursement rate	1.65	3.12	0.93	3.12	
Sub-total Tier 1	\$ 119,683	\$ 391,382	\$ 187,392	\$ 567,874	\$ 1,266,331
From October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024					
Tier 2	-	93	327	320	740
Reimbursement rate	0.59	1.88	0.25	1.88	
Sub-total Tier 2	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 82	\$ 602	\$ 858
Total for period	\$ 119,683	\$ 391,557	\$ 187,474	\$ 568,476	\$ 1,267,190
From July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024					
Tier 1	21,854	47,615	68,048	61,296	198,813
Reimbursement rate	1.66	3.15	0.93	3.15	
Total for period	\$ 36,278	\$ 149,987	\$ 63,285	\$ 193,082	\$ 442,632
From July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024					
Tier 2	-	28	43	43	114
Reimbursement rate	0.60	1.90	0.26	1.90	
Sub-total Tier 2	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ 11	\$ 82	\$ 146
Total for period	\$ 36,278	\$ 150,040	\$ 63,296	\$ 193,164	\$ 442,778
TOTAL MEALS SERVED	94,389	173,179	269,915	243,670	781,153
NET REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 155,960	\$ 541,597	\$ 250,770	\$ 761,640	\$ 1,709,968

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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*

To the Board of Trustees of
Nutrition Education Services, Inc.
PO Box 5280
Slidell, LA 70469

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 Nutrition Education Services, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated March 29, 2025.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, we considered Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s, internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s, internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'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 the 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

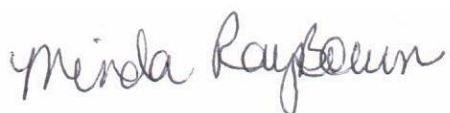
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'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 my audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the agency, the Legislative Auditor, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Minda Raybourn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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March 29, 2025

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Trustees of
Nutrition Education Services, Inc.

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified Opinion

We have audited Nutrition Education Services, Inc. compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Qualified Opinion on Child and Adult Care Food Program

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, Nutrition Education Services, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on Child and Adult Care Food Program for the year ended September 30, 2024

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Nutrition Education Services, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion

on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Child and Adult Care Food Program

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, Nutrition Education Services, Inc. did not comply with requirements regarding the Child and Adult Care Food Program as described in finding number 2024-003 for Allowable/Unallowable Costs.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for Nutrition Education Services, Inc. to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-003 to be a significant deficiency.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Nutrition Education Services, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Minda Raybourn, CPA
Franklinton, LA
March 29, 2025

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Nutrition Education Services Inc., were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. A significant deficiency was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs-Financial Statements. No material weaknesses are reported
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Nutrition Education Services, Inc., which is required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. A significant deficiency is disclosed during the audit of the financial statements in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. No material weaknesses are reported.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) expresses a modified opinion.
6. The program tested as a major program was the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (CFDA 10.558).
7. The threshold for the distinguishing Types A and B programs is as follows:

Type A- \$750,000 or more of federal awards expended

Type B- Any program that does not meet the threshold of Type A programs.
8. For the period ending September 30, 2024, Nutrition Education Services, Inc., was determined not to be a low-risk auditee.

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FINDINGS-FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

2024-001 Payroll Expenditures

Condition: The agency amended the administrative expenditure budget effective February 1, 2024. One employee had a budgeted salary amended effective February 1, 2024. The amended budget document shows the amended salary at \$27.95 per hour for 88 hours at a total of \$19,676.80. Per discussion with management, this amount was not correct. The employee's amended salary should have been \$27.95 per hour at 8 hours for 3 days per week from February 2024 through September 2024. The correct amended budget salary should have been \$22,807.20. The amount that should have been paid per month was \$2,850.90 or \$22,807.20 for February through September 2024. The employee was actually paid \$3,521.70 per month from February 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 for a total of \$28,173.60. The result was an overpayment of \$5,366.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure budgeted salaries that are amended are computed correctly and that the correct pay rate is used to pay employees.

Cause: The budgeted salary for an employee were not amended correctly. For payroll processing, the correct amended budget for wages was not used on one employee. The correct revised change was not processed in the payroll system.

Effect: The employee was over paid in the amount of \$5,366.

Recommendation: The Executive Director must ensure that any amended budgets for salaries are computed correctly and properly reflected in the accounting system before processing the payroll that includes the change. Copies of the payroll that is budgeted for administrative salaries should be provided for review and to ensure that the correct pay rate is used for computing payroll expenditures.

Management Response: We agree with finding and the recommended procedure to be implemented.

Responsible Official: Mark Cittadino, Executive Director, PO Box 5280, Slidell, LA 70469, Telephone (985) 641-5051

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS-MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2024-002 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Assistance Listing No. 10.558, Grant Period September 30, 2024

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Significant Deficiency

Condition: The agency amended the administrative expenditure budget effective February 1, 2024. One employee had a budgeted salary amended effective February 1, 2024. The amended budget document shows the amended salary at \$27.95 per hour for 88 hours at a total of \$19,676.80. Per discussion with management, this amount was not correct. The employee's amended salary should have been \$27.95 per hour at 8 hours for 3 days per week from February 2024 through September 2024. The amount that should have been paid per month was \$2,850.90 or \$22,807.20 for February through September. The employee was actually paid \$3,521.70 per month from February 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 for a total of \$28,173.60. The result was an overpayment of \$5,366.

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Management Response: We agree with finding and the recommended procedure to be implemented.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2024-003 Child and Adult Care Food Program, Assistance Listing No. 10.558, Grant Period September 30, 2024

Noncompliance Finding

Condition: The agency amended the administrative expenditure budget effective February 1, 2024. One employee had a budgeted salary amended effective February 1, 2024. The amended budget document shows the amended salary at \$27.95 per hour for 88 hours at a total of \$19,676.80. Per discussion with management, this amount was not correct. The employee's amended salary should have been \$27.95 per hour at 8 hours for 3 days per week from February 2024 through September 2024. The amount that should have been paid per month was \$2,850.90 or \$22,807.20 for February through September. The employee

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was actually paid \$3,521.70 per month from February 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 for a total of \$28,173.60. The result was an overpayment of \$5,366.

Criteria: CACFP funds may be used to pay for expenditures that meet Food and Nutrition Services' (FNS) definition of allowable, are reasonable and necessary, and have State agency approval. An agency may have costs that are necessary and reasonable for operation of the institution but are not allowed as Program costs. Program funds may not be used to cover unallowable costs. Agencies must include all costs in the budget. The allowable costs must be approved in advance by the State agency through the annual budget approval process or amendment process before the agency can charge them to the CACFP.

Cause: The budgeted salary for an employee were not amended correctly. For payroll processing, the correct amended budget for wages was not used on one employee. The correct revised change was not processed in the payroll system.

Effect: The employee was over paid in the amount of \$5,366.

Context: The total amount of expenditures for the program totaled \$2,025,416. Of this amount, administrative expenditures totaled \$311,466. The population of administrative expenditures contained 326 disbursements. A sample of 46 administrative expenses were selected for audit. A test of administrative expenditures showed that one employee was paid more than the amended salary in February 2024. As a result, the wages to the payroll were examined for February 2024 through September 2024. The employee was overpaid February 2024 through September 2024 in the amount of \$ 5,366. The sample was a statistically valid sample.

Recommendation: The Executive Director must ensure that any amended budgets for salaries are properly reflected in the accounting system before processing the payroll that includes the change. Copies of the payroll that is budgeted for administrative salaries should be provided for review and to ensure that the correct pay rate is used for computing payroll expenditures.

Management Response: We agree with finding and the recommended procedure to be implemented.

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Total Department of Agriculture Questioned Costs: \$5,366

NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES, INC
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FINDINGS-FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

None.

FINIDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS-MAJOR FEDEAL AWARD PROGRAM

None.

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Yes.

During our review of policies and procedures in place, we noticed the Organization did not have the following:

1. Budgeting: preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the administrative budget.
2. Purchasing: controls to ensure compliance with public bid law, documentation to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
3. Receipts/collections: policies and procedures to ensure completeness of all collections.
4. Credit cards, debit cards, and purchase cards: 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).
5. Travel and expense reimbursement: dollar thresholds by category of expense

Information technology disaster recover/business continuity: (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.

Status: Resolved.

Nutrition Education Services, Inc.
PO Box 5280
Slidell, LA 70469

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

March 29, 2025

LA Department of Education
Division of Nutrition

Nutrition Education Services submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended September 30, 2024

Audit firm: Minda B Raybourn CPA LLC, 820 11th Ave, Franklinton, LA 70438

The findings from the March 29, 2025 schedule of findings and question costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS: FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

2024-001 Payroll Expenditures

Recommendation: The Executive Director must ensure that any amended budgets for salaries are computed correctly and properly reflected in the accounting system before processing the payroll that includes the change. Copies of the payroll that is budgeted for administrative salaries should be provided for review and to ensure that the correct pay rate is used for computing payroll expenditures.

Action Taken: We will implement policies and procedures to ensure budgets are computed correctly and any changes in payroll expenditures will be correct for payroll processing. The anticipated effective date is June 1, 2025.

FINDINGS: FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

2024-003 Child and Adult Care Food Program, Assistance Listing No. 10.558, Grant Period September 30, 2024

Significant Deficiency: See finding 2024-002

Recommendation: The Executive Director must ensure that any amended budgets for salaries are computed correctly and properly reflected in the accounting system before processing the payroll that includes the change. Copies of the payroll that is budgeted for administrative salaries should be provided for review and to ensure that the correct pay rate is used for computing payroll expenditures.

Action Taken: We will implement policies and procedures to ensure budgets are computed correctly and any changes in payroll expenditures will be correct for payroll processing. The anticipated effective date is June 1, 2025.

Compliance Finding: See finding 2024-003

Recommendation: The Executive Director must ensure that any amended budgets for salaries are properly reflected in the accounting system before processing the payroll that includes the change. Copies of the payroll that is budgeted for administrative salaries should be provided for review and to ensure that the correct pay rate is used for computing payroll expenditures.

Action Taken: We will implement policies and procedures to ensure budgets are computed correctly and any changes in payroll expenditures will be correct for payroll processing. The anticipated effective date is June 1, 2025.

If anyone has questions regarding this plan, please call Mark Cittadino at 985-641-5051.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Trustees
Nutritional Education Service, Inc.,
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Nutritional Education Services, Inc.'s (the "agency") management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The agency has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

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

- 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, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- 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) ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
- 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) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to 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.
- k) ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

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

Exceptions: The agency does not have policies and procedures for the following:

b) Purchasing-4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law and 5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

2) Board or Finance Committee

1. 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
 - i. 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.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

3) Bank Reconciliations

1. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the

entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
- iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)-The agency received funds via electronic means. These procedures are not applicable.

- A. 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).
- B. 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 (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then 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
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (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). *Alternatively, 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
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. 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 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

- 1. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 2. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then 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 or 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; and
- e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- 3. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- 4. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase 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.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and

- a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Exceptions: One statement was selected with 2 charges. No documentation was provided to support the charges.

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

- A. 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 and 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
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Exceptions noted: Two reimbursements for mileage to the Executive Director were not approved in writing by someone else.

8) Contracts

- A. 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. *Alternatively, 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
 - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and

- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

10) Ethics-The agency is non-profit. These procedures are not applicable.

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
2. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

11) Debt Service-The agency has no debt. These procedures are not applicable.

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission

approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

- B. 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).

12) Fraud Notice

- A. 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 as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected

computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
 - 0. Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
 - 1. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment-The agency is non-profit. The procedures are not applicable.

- 1. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- 2. 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 the entity does not have a website).
- 3. 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 the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

We were engaged by the agency to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Minda Raybourn".

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Franklinton, LA
March 24, 2025

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Management's responses to the following agreed upon procedures

1) Written Policies and Procedures

Purchasing, including (1, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes

Exception: The agency does not policies and procedures for the following:

Purchasing-4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law and 5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Management Response: We will implement the policies and procedures noted above.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Exception: One statement was selected with 2 charges. No documentation was provided to support the charges.

Management Response: We will ensure that all charges to the credit card are supported by adequate documentation.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements

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

Exception: Two reimbursements for mileage to the Executive Director were not approved in writing by someone else.

Management Response: We will ensure that a board member approved all travel and travel related reimbursement to the Executive Director.