

Review Report

*Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Lab Commission
Gray, Louisiana*

For the year ended June 30, 2017

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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners,
Gray, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and General Fund of Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission (the Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Supplementary Information

The supplementary information on page 17, in Exhibit E, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the representation of management. We have reviewed the information and based on our review we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such information.

Known Departure From Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America

Management has omitted 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Houma, LA
October 31, 2017.

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**

Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission

June 30, 2017

(See Independent Accountant's Review Report)

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
Assets			
Cash	\$ 127,449		\$ 127,449
Due from other governmental units	<u>126,466</u>		<u>126,466</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 253,915</u>		<u>253,915</u>
Liabilities			
Due to other governmental units	<u>\$ 165,616</u>		<u>165,616</u>
Fund Balance/Net Position			
Fund balance - unassigned	<u>88,299</u>	<u>\$ (88,299)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 253,915</u>		
Net position - unrestricted		<u>\$ 88,299</u>	<u>\$ 88,299</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENT OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission

For the year ended June 30, 2017

(See Independent Accountant's Review Report)

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Revenues			
Intergovernmental -			
Local Governments	<u>\$ 323,014</u>		<u>\$ 323,014</u>
Expenditures/Expenses			
Current:			
Public safety:			
Personal services:			
Salaries and related benefits	309,014		309,014
Other services and charges:			
Travel	1,566		1,566
Professional fees	<u>9,024</u>		<u>9,024</u>
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>319,604</u>		<u>319,604</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	3,410	\$ (3,410)	-
Change in Net Position	-	3,410	3,410
Fund Balance/Net Position			
Beginning of year	<u>84,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,889</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 88,299</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 88,299</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GENERAL FUND**

Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission

For the year ended June 30, 2017

(See Independent Accountant's Review Report)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amount</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental -				
Local Governments	\$ 328,000	\$ 309,000	\$ 323,014	\$ 14,014
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Personal services:				
Salaries and related benefits	319,000	295,000	309,014	(14,014)
Other services and charges:				
Travel	3,500	1,600	1,566	34
Professional fees	9,000	9,025	9,024	1
Total expenditures	<u>331,500</u>	<u>305,625</u>	<u>319,604</u>	<u>(13,979)</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(3,500)	3,375	3,410	35
Fund Balance				
Beginning of year	<u>84,889</u>	<u>84,889</u>	<u>84,889</u>	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 81,389</u>	<u>\$ 88,264</u>	<u>\$ 88,299</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission**

June 30, 2017

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Lab Commission (the Commission) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

a) Reporting Entity

The Commission was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:2268.1 through .5 provided, however, its activities shall be consistent with the powers, duties, rights and liabilities as may be deemed necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of establishing, maintaining and operating the Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory to assist member parishes in the detection of crime and examination and analysis of evidence as provided for in the rules and regulations of the Commission.

The Commission has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the MOU) with the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory (the Crime Lab) to establish a forensic partnership to provide accurate and timely analysis of controlled dangerous substances and other related sub-disciplines. The Crime Lab agrees to provide all equipment and supplies necessary to report analysis of controlled dangerous substances requested by the Commission. The Commission agrees to provide a minimum of two qualified forensic scientists for assignment to the Crime Lab. The MOU will remain in effect until terminated by either party.

The Lafourche Parish Sheriff provides three employees qualified as forensic scientists for the Commission's use under the MOU. The Commission reimburses the Lafourche Parish Sheriff for the services of the forensic scientists, which amounts to direct payroll and related costs incurred.

Under the enabling legislation which created the Commission, the governing board members consist of the coroner, sheriff and district attorney from the Commission's member parishes: Lafourche, St. James, St. John and Terrebonne. The Commission is considered a separate governmental entity because it is substantially autonomous.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

a) Reporting Entity (continued)

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14* established the criterion for determining which component units should be considered part of the Commission for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria are as follows:

1. Legal status of the potential component unit including the right to incur its own debt, levy its own taxes and charges, expropriate property in its own name, sue and be sued, and the right to buy, sell and lease property in its own name.
2. Whether the governing authority appoints a majority of the board members of the potential component unit.
3. Fiscal interdependency between the Commission and the potential component unit.
4. Imposition of will by the Commission on the potential component unit.
5. Financial benefit/burden relationship between the Commission and the potential component unit.

The Commission has reviewed all of its activities and determined that there are no potential component units which should be included in its financial statements.

b) Basis of Presentation

The Commission's financial statements consist of the government-wide statements on all activities of the Commission and the governmental fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities for all activities of the Commission. The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the Commission as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

b) Basis of Presentation (continued)

Fund Financial Statements:

The daily accounts and operations of the Commission are organized on the basis of a fund and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following is the governmental fund of the Commission:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Commission. It is used to account for and report all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund is always a major fund.

c) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Fund Financial Statements:

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Governmental funds are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

c) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Governmental fund revenues resulting from exchange transactions are recognized in the fiscal year in which the exchange takes place and meets the government's availability criteria (susceptible to accrual). Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the Commission considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Intergovernmental revenues include court costs imposed by the Commission and reimbursements for expenditures. Court costs are recognized as revenue when collected by intermediate collectors. Reimbursements are recognized as revenue when the related expenditure is incurred.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Allocations of cost such as depreciation are not recognized in the governmental funds.

d) Use of Estimates

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

e) Operating Budgetary Data

As required by the Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1303, the Board of Commissioners (the Board) adopted a budget for the Commission's General Fund. Any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another or increases in expenditures must be approved by the Board. The Commission amended its budget once during the year. All budgeted amounts that are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year-end.

The Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual - General Fund is presented to provide a comparison of actual results with the budget.

The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The General Fund budget presentation is included in the financial statements.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f) Accounts Receivable

The financial statements for the Commission contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for intergovernmental revenues are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the funds.

g) Equity

Government-wide Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 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 that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, if any.
- b. Restricted – Consists of assets less liabilities (net position) with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or other enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Commission’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. As of June 30, 2017 and for the year then ended, the Commission did not have net investment in capital assets and restricted resources.

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

- a. Non-spendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to maintain intact.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

g) Equity (continued)

- b. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements 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 action of the Commission’s Board. Committed fund balances may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Commission’s Board.
- d. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as either restricted or committed by that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances may be established, modified or rescinded by the Commission’s Board, Board Chairman or his designee.
- e. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

For the classification of government fund balances, the Commission considers an expenditure to be made from the most restrictive first when more than one classification is available. The Commission’s fund balance was classified as unassigned as of June 30, 2017.

h) New GASB Statements

During the year ending June 30, 2017, the Commission implemented the following GASB Statements:

Statement No. 74, “*Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans other than Pension Plans.*” The Statement addresses the financial reports of defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet specified criteria and follows the framework for financial reporting of defined benefit OPEB plans in Statement 45 by requiring a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The Statement requires more extensive note disclosures and RSI related to the measurement of the OPEB liabilities for which assets have been accumulated, including information about the annual money-weighted rates of return on plan investments and also sets forth note disclosure requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans. This Statement did not affect the Commission’s financial statements.

Statement No. 77, “*Tax Abatement Disclosures*” defines tax abatements as reduction in tax revenues that results from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

h) New GASB Statements (continued)

to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments. This Statement requires disclosures of the government's own tax abatement agreements and those tax abatement agreements of other governments that reduce the government's revenue. This Statement did not affect the Commission's financial statements.

Statement No. 78, "*Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*" amends the scope and applicability of Statement 68 to exclude pensions provided to employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that (1) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (2) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (3) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). This Statement establishes requirements for recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information for pensions that have the characteristics described above. This Statement did not affect the Commission's financial statements.

Statement No. 79, "*Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*" establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for qualifying external investment pools that elect to measure for financial reporting purposes all of their investments at amortized cost. This Statement also establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments that participate in a qualifying external investment pool that measures for financial reporting purposes all of its investments at amortized cost. This Statement did not affect the Commission's financial statements.

Statement No. 80, "*Blending Requirement for Certain Component Units*" improves financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. This requirement enhances comparability and decision usefulness of financial statements among governments. This Statement did not affect the Commission's financial statements.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

h) New GASB Statements (continued)

Statement No. 82, "*Pension Issues*" addresses several issues raised with respect to Statements No. 67, "*Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*," No. 68, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*," and No. 73, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*." Specifically, this Statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. This Statement did not affect the Commission's financial statements.

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future years as shown below:

Statement No. 75, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*," replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45. This Statement requires governments to report a liability on the face of the financial statements for the OPEB that they provide: governments that are responsible only for OPEB liabilities related to their own employees and that provide OPEB through a defined benefit OPEB plan administered through a trust that meets specified criteria will report a net OPEB liability, governments that participate in a cost-sharing OPEB plan that is administered through a trust that meets the specified criteria will report a liability equal to their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability for all entities participating in the cost-sharing plan and governments that do not provide OPEB through a trust that meets specified criteria will report the total OPEB liability related to their employees. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2017. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 81, "*Irrevocable Split Interest Agreements*" provided recognition and measurement guidance for situation in which a government is a beneficiary of an irrevocable split interest agreement. This Statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Furthermore, this Statement requires that a government recognize assets representing its beneficial interests in agreements administered by third parties. Governments are required by this Statement to recognize revenue when the resources become applicable to the reporting period. This Statement enhances comparability and decision usefulness of financial statements among governments. The requirements of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

h) New GASB Statements (continued)

December 15, 2016. Management has not yet determined the effect of this statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 83, "*Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*" addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 84, "*Fiduciary Activities*" improves guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. An activity meeting the criteria should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements. This Statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 85, "*Omnibus 2017*." On March 20, 2017, GASB issued "*Omnibus 2017*" covering four main topics: blending component units; goodwill, fair value measurement and application; and postemployment benefits. "*Omnibus 2017*" is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. However, due to the nature of topic covered, GASB is allowing the option of early implementation for single topics. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

h) New GASB Statements (continued)

Statement No. 86, "*Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*" improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources – resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt – are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This Statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 87, "*Leases*" increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investment, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations.

State law requires deposits (cash) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS (Continued)

The year-end balances of deposits are as follows:

	Bank Balances	Reported Amounts
Cash	\$ 127,449	\$ 127,449

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Commission's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2017 the Commission's bank balance of \$127,449 was covered by FDIC insurance and not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Note 3 - DUE TO AND FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Amounts due to and from other governmental units at June 30, 2017 consisted of the following:

	Due From	Due To
Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	\$ 66,128	\$165,616
St. James Parish Sheriff's Office	7,500	-
St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	15,583	-
Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office	37,255	-
Total	\$ 126,466	\$165,616

Note 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Commission is self insured and would bill member governments for losses related to the various risks. As of June 30, 2017 and the year then ended no claims or legal actions were filed, outstanding or settled against the Commission.

Note 5 - COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

No compensation was paid to board members for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Note 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that effect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 31, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission

June 30, 2017

Agency Head Name: Craig Webre

Purpose	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ -
Benefits - insurance	-
Benefits - retirement	-
Benefits - other	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
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Note: Craig Webre is the Board Chairman of the Commission. The Commission did not pay him any per diem or other benefits during the year ended June 30, 2017.

SPECIAL REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Commissioners,
Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission
Gray, Louisiana.

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics Laboratory Commission (the Commission) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (the specified parties), on the Commission's compliance with certain laws and regulations, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Audit Guide, contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the year ended June 30, 2017. Management of the Commission is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, and public works exceeding \$152,550. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no expenditures during the year ended June 30, 2017 which exceeded the thresholds for materials and supplies or for public works.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Personal services are performed by employees of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, therefore the Commission has no employees.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

Not applicable since the Commissions has no employees.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, and board members' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original and amended budgets.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

We traced adoption of the original budget to documentation in the minutes of the meeting of the District's commissioners held on June 14, 2016. We traced adoption of the budget amendments to the meeting held on June 20, 2017.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues. Expenditures for the year did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

- (a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

- (b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

Each of the six disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

The Commission's policies and procedures state that the chairman or vice-chairman of the Commission's Board of Commissioners must approve all disbursements. Documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements included the signature of the chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Meetings

- 10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

Management represented that the Commission is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the office building. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, no evidence was provided to support management's assertion other than an unmarked copy of the notices and agendas.

Debt

- 11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

- 12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We scanned disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to the Lafourche Sheriff's Office employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

Prior-Year Comments

13. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Our prior year report, dated September 20, 2016, did not include any suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, or comments.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Houma, LA
October 31, 2017.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics
Laboratory Commission

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings noted during the review for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Management Letter Comment

A management letter was not issued in connection with the review for the year ended June 30, 2017.

REPORTS BY MANAGEMENT

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Southeast Louisiana Regional Criminalistics
Laboratory Commission

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings noted during the review for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Management Letter Comment

A management letter was not issued in connection with the review for the year ended June 30, 2016.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Southeast Louisiana Criminalistics
Laboratory Commission

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings noted during the review for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Management Letter Comment

A management letter was not issued in connection with the review for the year ended June 30, 2017.

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Government)**

____ June 30, 2017 ____ (Date Transmitted)

Bourgeois Bennett, LLC

P.O. Box 2168

Houma, LA 70361-2168

(Auditors)

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of [date] and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of (date of completion/representations).

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [X] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [X] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [X] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [X] No []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [X] No []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [X] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements,

without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [X] No []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [X] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

N/A	Secretary		Date
<i>Willy J. Martin, Jr.</i>	Vice-Chairman	06/20/17	Date
<i>Craig Wilke</i>	Chairman	06/20/17	Date