FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. (NOMTN)** (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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.

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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Auditors' Responsibility, Continued

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **NOMTN** as of December 31, 2019, 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.

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Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to the Executive Director/President on page 15 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The schedule 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 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 11, 2020, on our consideration of NOMTN's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering NOMTN's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

September 11, 2020



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2019

<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents Due from New Orleans Tourism Marketing	\$	147,562			
Corporation		175,562			
Due from New Orleans & Company		25,000			
Computer equipment, net of accumulated		•			
depreciation of \$7,227 (NOTE 4)		3,451			
Other assets		2,633			
Total assets		354,208			
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	12,184			
Total liabilities		12,184			
Net assets					
Without donor restrictions		342,024			
Total net assets		342,024			
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	354,208			

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

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

SUPPORT AND REVENUES:		Without Donor Restrictions	
NOTMC funding (NOTE 5)	\$	436,288	
Optional hotel assessment funding - NOTMC		50,000	
Optional hotel assessment funding - New Orleans & Co.		50,000	
Sponsorships		40,500	
Memberships		5,050	
Restitution (NOTE 8)		80,682	
Miscellaneous income		2,259	
Total support and revenues		664,779	
EXPENSES:			
Administrative		138,233	
Convention sales and marketing expenses		440,426	
Total expenses		578,659	
Change in net assets		86,120	
Net assets, beginning of year		255,904	
Net assets, end of year	\$	342,024	

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

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Convention Sales and Marketing		Administrative		Total	
Salaries and wages Payroll taxes	\$	61,982 10,420	\$	26,564 4,466	\$	88,546 14,886
Total salaries and related						
expenses		72,402		31,030		103,432
Professional fees		59,858		73,160		133,018
Parking		-		5,584		5,584
Collateral materials		7,253		_		7,253
Postage and courier		-		1,441		1,441
Meeting expense		11,635		-		11,635
Office supplies		_		6,240		6,240
Rent		12,508		12,508		25,016
Special Events		64,462		_		64,462
Events: Professional Development		5,260		-		5,260
Events: Business Development		98,877		-		98,877
Travel		8,520		**		8,520
Telephone		3,115	-	3,115		6,230
Miscellaneous		-		1,618		1,618
Printing		8,359		170		8,529
Insurance		1,231		1,231		2,462
Equipment		4,766		-		4,766
Promotions		82,180		-	_	82,180
Total expenses before						
depreciation		440,426		136,097		576,523
Depreciation			····	2,136	···	2,136
Total expenses	\$	440,426	\$	138,233	\$	578,659

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	•	
Change in net assets	\$	86,120
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net assets provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		2,136
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in due from New Orleans Tourism		(35,668)
Marketing Corporation		
Increase in due from New Orleans & Company		(25,000)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(626)
Net cash provided by operating activities		26.062
Net easil provided by operating activities		26,962
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		26,962
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u> </u>	120,600
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	147,562

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>:

(A) <u>Organization</u>

The New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. (NOMTN) is a Louisiana not-for-profit corporation chartered on March 5, 1990. Its purpose is to attract tourist and convention business from domestic and foreign markets, inclusive of developing minority markets, affected by the tourist industry, to the greater New Orleans metropolitan area.

NOMTN is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes is made in the accompanying financial statements.

NOMTN files as a tax-exempt organization. Should that status be challenged in the future, **NOMTN's** 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax years are open for examination by the IRS.

(B) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of **NOMTN** and changes therein are classified as unrestricted net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

(C) Basis of Reporting

Effective January 1, 2018, the Foundation has implemented the guidance under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, which amends the previous standard for external financial reporting by not-for-profit organizations. Under ASU 2016-14, the Foundation classifies resources for financial accounting and reporting purposes into two net asset categories: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. A description of the two net asset categories is as follows:

- Net assets without donor restrictions include funds not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Grants and contributions without donor restrictions, other income and expenses incurred in conducting the mission of the Foundation are included in this category.
- Net assets with donor restrictions include grants and contributions for which donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions have not been met.

At December 31, 2019, NOMTN has no net assets with donor restrictions.

Contributions

NOMTN accounts for contributions in accordance with FASB ASC Section 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities, Revenue Recognition* accounting for contributions received and contributions made. In accordance with FASB ASC Section 958-605, contributions are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions.

Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are re-classified to unrestricted net assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued;

(D) Office Furniture and Equipment

Office furniture and equipment are stated at cost. Additions, renewals, and betterments that add materially to productive capacity or extend the life of an asset are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs which do not extend the life of the applicable assets are charged to expense as incurred. Upon retirement or disposal of an asset, the asset and accumulated depreciation accounts are adjusted accordingly. Any resulting gain or loss is included in the statement of activities.

Depreciation of the office furniture and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets (three to five years) on a straight-line basis.

(E) Statement of Cash Flows

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, **NOMTN** considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

(F) 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.

(G) Advertising

NOMTN uses advertising to promote its mission to attract tourism and convention business to the greater New Orleans area. The costs of advertising are expensed as incurred.

NEW ORLEANS MULTICULTURAL TOURISM NETWORK, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 2 - Functional Allocation of Expenses:

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs, primarily salaries and fringe benefits have been allocated among **NOMTN's** programs and supporting services benefitted. The allocation between functions is based on time spent by specific employees as estimated by management. All other costs are charged directly to the appropriate functional category.

NOTE 3 - Donated Services:

The value of donated services is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements since there are no objective basis available by which to measure the value of such services. However, a number of volunteers have donated significant amounts of their time in activities and events sponsored by **NOMTN**.

NOTE 4 - Office Furniture and Equipment:

Office furniture and equipment, at cost, and accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2019 are summarized as follows:

Office	furniture and equipment	\$10,678
Less:	accumulated depreciation	(7,227)

\$<u>3,451</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$2,136.

NOTE 5 - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets:

NOMTN maintains adequate operating reserves. The current financial assets totaled \$348,124 are available for general expenditures, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 6 - Operating Lease:

NOMTN has an operating lease for rental of office space, which is non-cancelable over the next year remaining under the term of the lease. Rental expense under the non-cancelable operating lease for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$25,016.

NOTE 7 - Fair Values of Financial Instruments:

The estimated fair value of financial instruments has been determined by utilizing available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. **NOMTN** considers the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents to approximate fair value.

NOTE 8 - Restitution Received:

In 2018, **NOMTN** became aware of misappropriation of public funds by a former employee of **NOMTN** that occurred in 2014 to 2016. In 2019, **NOMTN** received restitution from the former employee in the amount of \$80,682 and reported the restitution in **NOMTN**'s financial statements as revenue at December 31, 2019.

NOTE 9 - <u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>:

NOMTN maintains noninterest bearing accounts at local banks. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) provides deposit insurance coverage up to \$250,000. The FDIC insurance coverage limit applies per depositor, per insured depository institution for each account ownership category. At December 31, 2019, **NOMTN's** deposits were fully insured.

At December 31, 2019, 66% of **NOMTN's** total revenue was provided by the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation (NOTMC). In 2020, the name of NOTMC changed to New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Fund (NOTCF) and NOTCF's mission was amended to support the cultural economy of the City of New Orleans. NOTCF has committed to provide funding to **NOMTN** only for **NOMTN's** 2020 fiscal year. See NOTE 10.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 10 - Going Concern:

NOMTN began operations in March 5, 1990 to attract tourist and convention business to the greater New Orleans metropolitan area. The financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis. The going concern basis assumes that **NOMTN** will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities and commitments in the normal course of operations.

The New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Fund (NOTCF), formerly named the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation has not committed to provide funding to **NOMTN** past the 2020 fiscal year. As a result, **NOMTN** will sustain a significant loss of a revenue source beginning in the 2021 fiscal year. To date in 2020, **NOMTN** has experienced a decrease in revenues due to the effects of COVID-19. To effectively operate at least at the current level, **NOMTN** is uncertain whether it can replace the NOTCF funding, which is probably set to be lost in fiscal year 2021. In the future, this uncertainty may cast doubt upon **NOMTN's** ability to continue as a going concern.

At December 31, 2019, **NOMTN** has positive working capital of \$335,940. **NOMTN** believes it has sufficient cash and net assets to operate for twelve (12) months following the date of the auditors' report. **NOMTN's** management team and board of directors will explore new revenue streams to continue efforts in the tourism and hospitality industry.

NOTE 11 - Subsequent Events:

NOMTN is required to evaluate events or transactions that may occur after the Statement of Financial Position date for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. **NOMTN** performed such an evaluation through September 11, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOMTN's operations may be affected by the recent and ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020. The ultimate disruption which may be caused by the outbreak is uncertain; however, it may result in an adverse impact on NOMTN's subsequent financial statements. A possible effect may include, but not limited to, the disruption of NOMTN's funding from the New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Fund, formerly named the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation.

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE EXECUTVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

President Name: Essence Harris Banks

Purpose	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$95,000
Benefits – insurance	-0-
Benefits – retirement	-0-
Benefits – worker's comp	-0-
Benefits – life insurance	-0-
Benefits – Medicare	-()-
Benefits – Social Security	-0-
Benefits – unemployment comp	-0-
Car allowance	-0-
Vehicle provided by government	-0-
Per diem	450
Reimbursements	1,181
Travel	-0-
Registration fees	-0-
Conference travel	-0-
Continuing professional education fees	-0-
Housing .	-0-
Unvouchered expenses	-0-
Special meals	-0-



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Directors of New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. (NOMTN) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 11, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 (CONTINUED)

Internal Control over Financial Reporting, Continued

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 (CONTINUED)

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 **NOMTN's** internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering **NOMTN's** internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, its management, grantor agencies and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

September 11, 2020



SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

We have audited the financial statements of New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 11, 2020. 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2019, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

SECTION I - Summary of Auditors' Results

- A. Significant deficiencies in internal control were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements: **None Reported**: material weaknesses: **No**.
- B. Noncompliance which is material to the financial statements: No.
- C. Significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs: <u>N/A</u> Material weaknesses: <u>N/A</u>.
- D. The type of report issued on compliance for major programs: N/A.
- E. Any audit findings which are required to be reported under section 200.516 of OMB Uniform Guidance: N/A.
- F. Major programs: N/A.
- G. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: N/A.
- H. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under section 200.520 of OMB Uniform Guidance: N/A.
- I. A management letter was issued: No.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

SECTION II - Findings Related to the Financial Statements Required In Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

No matters reported.

SECTION III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Cost

Not applicable.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

No matters reported.

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

Not applicable.

Section III - Management Letter

No matters were reported.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019





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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. and Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by **New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network, Inc. (NOMTN)** and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA), on the control and compliance areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-upon Procedures (SAUPs), and certain additional procedures requested by the Board of Directors of **NOMTN**, for the year ended December 31, 2019 ("fiscal period"). **NOMTN's** management is responsible for those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described on pages 2 and 3 either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

The procedures and findings related to the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. We obtained **NOMTN's** written policies and procedures and observed that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and **NOMTN's** operations):
 - a) Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

No exceptions were noted.

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

No exceptions were noted.

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

No exceptions were noted.

d) Receipts, 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 cut-off procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

No exceptions were noted.

e) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

No exceptions were noted.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON

APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

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

No exceptions were noted.

g) Credit Cards, 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.

No exceptions were noted.

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

No exceptions were noted.

i) Ethics, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

k) 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.

No exceptions were noted.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

We were not engaged to and did not perform an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those control and compliance 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.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe he scope of testing performed on those control and compliance 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 Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

September 11, 2020

