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Introduction

As a part of our audit of the University of Louisiana System (System) and our work related to the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana (Single Audit) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, we performed procedures at Northwestern State University (NSU) to provide assurances on financial information that is significant to the System's financial statements; evaluate the effectiveness of NSU's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance; and determine whether NSU complied with applicable laws and regulations.

As a part of the Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, we performed procedures on the status of the prior Single Audit finding for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

In addition to the procedures noted above, we also performed certain other procedures for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

We also determined whether management has taken actions to correct findings reported in the prior management letter.

Results of Our Procedures

Follow-up on Prior-report Findings

Our auditors reviewed the status of the findings included in the previous NSU management letter dated May 22, 2024. We determined that management has resolved the findings related to Noncompliance with Gramm-Leach Bliley Act Regarding Student Information Security Requirements and Weakness in Controls over Information Technology.

Financial Statements – University of Louisiana System

As a part of our audit of the System's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025, we considered NSU's internal control over financial reporting and examined evidence supporting certain account balances and classes of transactions, as follows:

Statement of Net Position

Assets - Cash and Cash Equivalents and Capital Assets

Liabilities - Compensated Absences Payable

Net Position - Net Investment in Capital Assets, Restricted - Nonexpendable, Restricted - Expendable, and Unrestricted

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Revenues - Student Tuition and Fees Net of Scholarship Allowances, State Appropriations, Federal Nonoperating Revenues, Capital Appropriations

Expenses - Educational and General

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings. In addition, the account balances and classes of transactions tested, as adjusted, are materially correct.

Federal Compliance – Single Audit of the State of Louisiana

As a part of the Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2024, we performed certain procedures as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) on information submitted by NSU to the Division of Administration's Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy on the status of the prior Single Audit finding for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings. In addition, NSU's information submitted for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings was materially correct.

Other Procedures

In addition to the System and Single Audit procedures noted above, we performed other limited procedures on bank account reconciliations, student tuition and fees revenue, state appropriations, federal nonoperating revenue, payroll expenses, and non-payroll expenses for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings.

Trend Analysis

We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using NSU's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports and obtained explanations from NSU's management for any significant variances.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this letter is a public document, and it has been distributed to appropriate public officials.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A: SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

We performed certain procedures at Northwestern State University (NSU) for the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to provide assurances on financial information significant to the University of Louisiana System (System), and to evaluate relevant systems of internal control in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our procedures, summarized below, are a part of the audit of the System's financial statements and our work related to the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana (Single Audit) for the year ended June 30, 2025.

- We evaluated NSU's operations and system of internal controls through inquiry, observation, and review of its policies and procedures, including a review of the laws and regulations applicable to NSU.
- Based on the documentation of NSU's controls and our understanding of related laws and regulations, we performed procedures to provide assurances on certain account balances and classes of transactions to support our opinions on the System's financial statements.
- We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using NSU's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports to identify trends and obtained explanations from NSU's management for significant variances.

We performed certain procedures at NSU for the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, as a part of the Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, on the status of the prior Single Audit finding for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

In addition, we performed certain other procedures for the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Our objective was to evaluate certain controls NSU uses to ensure accurate financial reporting, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and accountability over public funds. The scope of these procedures was significantly less than an audit conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our work at NSU, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of NSU's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. Accordingly, this report is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purposes.

We did not audit or review NSU's Annual Fiscal Report, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion on that report. NSU's accounts are an integral part of the System's financial statements, upon which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor expresses opinions.