

SCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Scott, Louisiana

Financial Report

Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Directors
Scott Volunteer Fire Department
Scott, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Scott Volunteer Fire Department (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years 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.

Auditor's 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.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Scott Volunteer Fire Department as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 17, 2019 on our consideration of the Scott Volunteer Fire Department'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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
May 17, 2019

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Scott, Louisiana

Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 263,497	\$ 285,372
Accounts receivable	9,651	5,687
Prepaid insurance	20,982	18,688
Total current assets	294,130	309,747
Property, plant, and equipment, net	670,238	823,115
Total assets	\$ 964,368	\$ 1,132,862
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 784	\$ 4,684
Current portion of notes payable	50,941	49,194
Interest payable	3,638	4,293
Total current liabilities	55,363	58,171
Long-term liabilities:		
Notes payable, less current portion	222,468	273,409
Total liabilities	277,831	331,580
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions -		
Undesignated	686,537	801,282
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 964,368	\$ 1,132,862

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Statements of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Unrestricted net assets:		
Unrestricted support and revenue -		
Public support:		
Contributions -		
Federal sources -		
Federal grant	\$ -	\$ 217,546
City of Scott -		
Annual appropriation	125,000	123,750
In-kind contributions	373,688	280,347
Lafayette Parish - fire insurance tax	87,906	61,035
Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government	56,250	50,000
Miscellaneous donations	37,081	60,270
Total public support	679,925	792,948
Revenue:		
Interest income	34	-
Other income	3,836	9,562
Total revenue	3,870	9,562
Total unrestricted support and revenue	683,795	802,510
Expenses:		
Program services -		
Fire fighting	754,577	591,188
Support services -		
General and administrative	32,159	40,485
Fundraising expense	11,804	18,940
Total expenses	798,540	650,613
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	(114,745)	151,897
Net assets, unrestricted, beginning of year	801,282	649,385
Net assets, unrestricted, end of year	\$ 686,537	\$ 801,282

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Statements of Functional Expenses
Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Program service expenses:		
Fire fighting -		
Communications	\$ 3,821	\$ 5,788
Depreciation	165,329	126,499
Dues and subscriptions	1,521	1,625
Education and training	512	2,340
Incentive pay	65,396	47,001
Insurance	75,624	72,102
Interest expense	10,793	12,502
Medical expense and vaccines	-	190
Repairs and maintenance - building	3,411	2,122
Repairs and maintenance - equipment	61,193	51,866
Salaries and benefits	328,158	233,282
Supplies	7,894	9,656
Telephone	5,178	5,268
Truck fuel	15,519	9,692
Uniforms	3,686	2,750
Utilities	6,542	8,505
Total program service expenses	754,577	591,188
Support service expenses:		
General and administrative -		
Bank fees	374	437
Contract labor	6,000	8,150
Volunteer fire fighter's expenses:		
Meals	1,190	1,447
Miscellaneous	4,024	3,018
Office expense	3,483	9,502
Office supplies	185	1,369
Professional fees	16,290	15,706
Travel and entertainment	613	856
Total general and administrative	32,159	40,485
Fundraising expense	11,804	18,940
Total expenses	\$ 798,540	\$ 650,613

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	\$ (114,745)	\$ 151,897
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	165,329	126,499
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(3,964)	2,997
Increase in prepaid items	(2,294)	(1,660)
Decrease in accounts payable	(3,900)	(10,040)
Decrease in interest payable	(655)	(632)
Net cash provided by operating activities	39,771	269,061
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal paid on notes payable	(49,194)	(47,509)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant, and equipment	(12,452)	(238,810)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(21,875)	(17,258)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	285,372	302,630
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 263,497	\$ 285,372
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 10,793	\$ 13,134

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Organization and Purpose

The Scott Volunteer Fire Department (Organization) is a non-profit corporation formed under the laws of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of impeding, preventing, and extinguishing all types of destructive fires within or near the City of Scott, Louisiana; supervising, directing and controlling the proper care and use of all types of inflammable or combustible material found within the City; acquiring and holding property for purposes of the Organization, and other related purposes.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will either (1) expire by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose (purpose restricted), and/or the passage of time or other events (time restricted), or (2) will never expire (perpetual in nature). When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

B. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all instruments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

C. Property and Equipment

The Organization capitalizes additions, improvements, and betterments to property and equipment. Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The Organization maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing property and equipment. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset's lives are not capitalized.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation is provided in amounts sufficient to allocate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line depreciation method. The estimated useful lives of the individual assets are as follows:

Buildings	7 - 39 years
Building improvements	10 - 31 years
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	5 years
Fire engines	10 years

D. Revenue and Expense Recognition

The Organization receives grants and contributions from various entities. Grant revenues are recognized only to the extent that related expenses have been incurred. Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a commitment to give to the Organization. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred.

E. Functional Expenses

Expenses are charged directly to program or support services in general categories based on specific identification.

F. Income Taxes

The Organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore, has no provision for federal income taxes. The Organization's forms 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, for the years ending 2015, 2016, and 2017 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they are filed.

G. Donated Services

A substantial number of volunteers have donated time to the Organization's program and supporting services. No amounts have been included in the financial statements for donated services since no objective basis is available to measure the value of such services.

H. 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 the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(3) Asset Liquidity

The Organization's financial assets available within one year for general expense use as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 263,497	\$ 285,372
Accounts receivable	<u>9,651</u>	<u>5,687</u>
Total	<u>\$ 273,148</u>	<u>\$ 291,059</u>

In order to manage liquidity, the Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenses, liabilities, and other obligations become due.

(4) Property, Plant and Equipment

The following is a summary of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Land	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Building	76,804	76,804
Building improvements	57,327	57,327
Equipment	1,042,673	1,030,221
Furniture and fixtures	13,797	13,797
Fire engines	1,483,937	1,483,937
Trucks	<u>150,983</u>	<u>150,983</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	2,839,521	2,827,069
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,169,283)</u>	<u>(2,003,954)</u>
Net property, plant and equipment	<u>\$ 670,238</u>	<u>\$ 823,115</u>

Depreciation expense charged to operations amounted to \$165,329 and \$126,499 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Note payable to St. Martin Bank & Trust Company, dated August 15, 2016, original principal of \$370,112, due in annual payments through August 15, 2023 of \$60,643, including interest at 3.5% and secured by the 2016 Ferrara fire truck having a net book value of \$360,000 and \$405,000 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively	\$ 273,409	\$ 322,603
Less: current portion of notes payable	(50,941)	(49,194)
Long-term notes payable	\$ 222,468	\$ 273,409

Maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

2019	50,941
2020	52,726
2021	54,619
2022	56,558
2023	58,565
	\$ 273,409

(6) Risk Management

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

(7) New Accounting Pronouncement

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Organization adopted 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". The update was applied to the financial statements retroactively.

Implementation of ASU 2016-4 changed the classification of net assets from three groups to two groups: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions. In addition, a reporting of expenses by their natural expense classification as well as their functional classification was added, as presented in the Statements of Functional Expenses in the accompanying financial statements. Also, quantitative information in the notes to the financial statements on how an Organization manages its liquid available resources and liquidity risks is required.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(8) Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains cash balances at one financial institution, which at times exceeds federally insured limits. Accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The Organization had unsecured cash balances in the amount of \$20,260 and \$35,372 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(9) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

A detail of amounts paid to Chad Sonnier, Fire Chief, by all sources, for the year ended December 31, 2018 follows:

Purpose:	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 36,272
Benefits - retirement and other taxes	2,775
Travel	<u>613</u>
Total	<u>\$ 39,660</u>

(10) City of Scott - Contributions

The City of Scott pays for expenses on behalf of the Organization, which are recorded as in-kind revenue contributions and included in the various program and supporting services expenses. In-kind contributions in the amount of \$373,688 and \$280,347 were paid by the City of Scott for the years ending December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Program services:		
Salaries and related benefits	328,158	\$ 234,532
Insurance	17,568	17,525
Uniforms	3,573	2,335
Utilities and communication	<u>2,099</u>	<u>2,099</u>
Total program services	<u>351,398</u>	<u>256,491</u>
Supporting services - management and general		
Contract labor	6,000	8,150
Professional fees	<u>16,290</u>	<u>15,706</u>
Total supporting services - management and general	<u>22,290</u>	<u>23,856</u>
Total in-kind contributions	<u>\$ 373,688</u>	<u>\$ 280,347</u>

(11) Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through May 17, 2019, the date which the financial statements were made available.

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

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To the Board of Directors
Scott Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Scott, 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 Scott Volunteer Fire Department (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2018, 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 May 17, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Scott Volunteer Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures 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 the Scott Volunteer Fire Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Scott Volunteer Fire Department's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Scott Volunteer Fire Department's financial statements are free of 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*.

Scott Volunteer Fire Department's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
May 17, 2019

SCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan

Part I. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Internal Control Findings -

2018-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: The Organization did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

CRITERIA: The Organization should have a control policy according to which no person should be given responsibility for more than one related function.

CAUSE: Due to the size of the Organization, there are a small number of available employees.

EFFECT: The Organization has employees that are performing more than one related function.

RECOMMENDATION: The Organization should establish and monitor mitigating controls over functions that are not completely segregated.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTION ACTION PLAN: Due to the size of the operations and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

B. Compliance Findings -

There are no findings to report under this section.

Part II. Prior Year Findings

A. Internal Control Findings -

2017-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: The Organization did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

RECOMMENDATION: The Organization should establish and monitor mitigating controls over functions that are not completely segregated.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See finding 2018-001.

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Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued)

2017-002 Qualified Staff Person to Apply GAAP

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2007

CONDITION: The Organization did not have a staff person with the necessary qualifications and training to apply GAAP in recording their financial transactions or to prepare their financial statements and related notes.

RECOMMENDATION: The Organization should evaluate the cost-benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements and related notes in accordance with GAAP.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved.

B. Compliance Findings -

There are no findings to report under this section.

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Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Year Ended December 31, 2018

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of the
Scott Volunteer Fire Department and
the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Scott Volunteer Fire Department (the Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

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

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. We obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and observed that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. We obtained and inspected the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observed that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) Observed that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds.
 - c) Obtained the prior year audit report and observed the unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund. If the General Fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observed that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. We obtained a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. We asked management to identify the entity's main operating account. We selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). We randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected accounts, and observed that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations included evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Collections

4. We obtained 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. We randomly selected 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
5. For each deposit site selected, we obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquired of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. We inquired of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
7. We randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (selected the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly selected a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* We obtained supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) We observed that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) We traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) We traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) We observed that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
 - e) We traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

8. We obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

9. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. We obtained written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observed that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtained management's representation that the population is complete. We randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, obtained supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observed that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
 - b) Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

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

11. We obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. Using the listing prepared by management, we randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. We randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtained supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observed that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - b) Observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, we randomly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, we observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

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

14. We obtained 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. We randomly selected 5 reimbursements, obtained the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, we agreed the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, we observed that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) We observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, we observed that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) We observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

15. We obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- a) We observed that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) We observed that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), we observed that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
 - d) We randomly selected one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, we obtained the supporting invoice, agreed the invoice to the contract terms, and observed that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

(The following procedures were not applicable to the entity.)

16. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- a) Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- b) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - c) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - d) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
17. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials' cumulative leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.
18. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

(The following procedures were not applicable to the entity.)

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

Debt Service

(The following procedures were not applicable to the entity.)

20. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
21. 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.

Other

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22. We obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We selected all misappropriations on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
23. We observed that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Exceptions:

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

Written Policies and Procedures:

1. The entity does not have written policies and procedures for the following: purchasing, disbursements, receipts, contracting, credit cards, and travel and expense reimbursements.

Management's response: The entity will update their policies and procedures to address the categories specified above.

Board or Finance Committee:

2. The Board did not meet in the frequency stated by laws for the first quarter of 2018.

Management's response: The entity will schedule board meetings in order to be in compliance with the board's bylaws.

Bank Reconciliations:

3. One of the four bank reconciliations tested had reconciling items that had been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date and there was no evidence that management had researched those items.

Management's response: The entity will implement a policy requiring management to research reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

Cash Collections:

4. The employee responsible for collecting cash is also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, posting collection entries to the system, and reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledger.

Management's response: The entity will ascertain that the employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, posting collection entries, and reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledger.

5. The employee who has access to cash was not covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

Management's response: The entity will obtain a bond or insurance policy for theft for the employee responsible for collecting cash.

6. Dates of cash collections could not be determined based upon information obtained from the entity, therefore, timely deposits could not be tested.

Management's response: The entity will implement a policy to document the dates of all collections and all collections will be deposited timely (within 1 business day or 1 week if deposit is less than \$100).

Disbursements:

7. The employee responsible for processing payments is not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files.

Management's response: The entity will implement a policy that ascertains that the employee responsible for payment processing is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files.

8. The employee who mails the checks is responsible for processing checks.

Management's response: The entity will implement a policy that the employee who mails the checks is not responsible for processing payments.

Credit Cards:

9. Of the eight credit card transactions tested, two transactions did not have written documentation of the business/public purpose and one transaction was not supported by an original itemized receipt.

Management's response: The entity will ascertain that all credit card transactions will be supported by original itemized receipts and have written documentation of the business/public purpose.

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

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