

**NORTHWAY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
Lafayette, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended October 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Northway Economic Development District
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund, of Northway Economic Development District (District), a component unit of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as of and for the year ended October 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedule on page 16 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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 for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a required 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.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
April 19, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position
October 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,323,546
Due from other governments	<u>31,592</u>
Total assets	<u>1,355,138</u>
LIABILITIES	
Liabilities	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION	
Net position:	
Restricted for -	
Economic development	<u>\$ 1,355,138</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana
Governmental Fund

Balance Sheet
October 31, 2023

			<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS			
Assets:			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits			\$ 1,323,546
Due from other governments			<u>31,592</u>
Total assets			<u>\$ 1,355,138</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			\$ -
Fund balance:			
Restricted - Economic development			<u>1,355,138</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance			<u>\$ 1,355,138</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana
Governmental Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended October 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Taxes -	
Sales and use	\$ 422,648
Interest	<u>8,442</u>
Total revenues	<u>431,090</u>
Expenditures:	
Current-	
General government:	
Administrative services	12,500
Audit	4,375
Bank charges	180
Legal fees	532
Sales tax collection fees	<u>2,189</u>
Total expenditures	<u>19,776</u>
Net change in fund balance	411,314
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>943,824</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,355,138</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

The Northway Economic Development District is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana created under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9038.31-42. The District is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of two appointed members. The District was created out of the City's desire to acquire, design, develop, and construct various multi-phased projects designed to encourage economic development, eliminate blighted and vacant property, increase the number of hotel rooms available, generate revenues for infrastructure and other necessary capital expenditures, stimulate job creation by enhancing the feasibility of private sector projects that help to achieve the community's economic goals, and catalyze development in target areas where it might not be otherwise economically feasible, primarily through focusing on projects in the areas of development, rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, recreations, and beautification of property located within the City, for the benefit of and to enhance the quality of life of citizens of the City.

The economic development district is empowered to levy up to 5 mills of ad valorem taxes, up to 2 percent of sales and use taxes, or up to 2 percent of hotel occupancy taxes, or any combination of such taxes, above and in addition to any other ad valorem taxes, sales and use taxes, or hotel occupancy taxes or combination of such taxes, then in existence or permitted to be in existence within the boundaries of such economic development district.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Northway Economic Development District (District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting and reporting policies and practices used by the District are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the District includes all funds, account groups, and component units, that are controlled by or dependent on the Northway Economic Development District as a independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. Control by or dependence on the District was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, or other general oversight responsibility. As the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government is the governing body of the District, the District is considered to be a component unit of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government. At October 31, 2023, there were no entities that met the criteria to be considered a component unit of the District.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with professional standards.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the District, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District's functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or its total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. The major fund and only fund of the District is described below:

Governmental Fund –

General Fund – This fund is the primary operating fund of the District and it accounts for the operations of the District. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and internal policy.

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

D. Budgets

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with the Budget Act of the State of Louisiana, the District prepares an operating budget for the General Fund at least fifteen days prior to the commencement of the budgetary year-end. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
6. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the District. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

E. Cash and interest bearing deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits include amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. They are stated at cost, which approximates market.

F. Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components

1. 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.
2. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. As such, fund balance of the governmental fund is classified as follows:

1. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
3. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the District, which is the highest level of decision-making authority.
4. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the District’s adopted policy, only the District may assign amounts for specified purposes.
5. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At October 31, 2023, the District has interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$1,323,546.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the District or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at October 31, 2023, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 1,323,546</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 1,323,546
Pledged securities	<u> -</u>
Bank balances	<u>\$ 1,323,546</u>

There were no deposits that were exposed to custodial credit risk. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

(3) Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head

There were no compensation, benefits, or other payments to Glenn Lazard, Chairman.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTHWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Lafayette, Louisiana
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance - Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes -				
Sales and use	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 422,648	\$ 22,648
Interest	30	30	8,442	8,412
Total revenues	400,030	400,030	431,090	31,060
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Administrative services	12,500	12,500	12,500	-
Advertising	500	500	-	500
Audit	6,000	6,000	4,375	1,625
Bank charges	230	230	180	50
Legal fees	6,500	6,500	532	5,968
Professional fees	2,500	2,500	-	2,500
Project design	-	200,000	-	200,000
Sales tax collection fees	1,900	1,900	2,189	(289)
Total expenditures	30,130	230,130	19,776	210,354
Net change in fund balance	369,900	169,900	411,314	241,414
Fund balance, beginning	943,824	943,824	943,824	-
Fund balance, ending	\$ 1,313,724	\$ 1,113,724	\$ 1,355,138	\$ 241,414

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of
Northway Economic Development District
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Northway Economic Development District's (District) compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the District's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code); R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no expenditures made during the year ended October 31, 2023 for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000.

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 from management a listing of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

There were no employees paid during the fiscal year.

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

Not applicable, there were no employees paid during the fiscal year.

5. Obtain a list of disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interest 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, 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 the requested information.

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.

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

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 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 are coded to the correct fund and general ledger account;

Each of the six selected disbursements were 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.

Each of the six selected disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

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.

The District posted a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda as required by R.S. 42:11 (the open meetings law).

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 the general ledger and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of commissioners for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

- 13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's reporting package was submitted within the prescribed timeline.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

The District was in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Prior Comments and Recommendations

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

No prior year comments.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and 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 engagement, 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.

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

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on 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.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
April 19, 2024

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

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Lafayette, LA 70508

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of **October 31, 2023** 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.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes] No [] N/A []

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] No [] N/A []

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] No [] N/A []

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 [] No [] N/A []

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] No [] N/A []

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

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Yes No [] N/A []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes No [] N/A []

Meetings

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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 [] No [] N/A

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 No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes No [] N/A []

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes No [] N/A []

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes] No [] N/A []

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes] No [] N/A []

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes] No [] N/A []

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

Yes] No [] N/A []

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes] No [] N/A []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes] No [] N/A []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

Sh. Dourand Treasurer/Secretary 3/8/24 Date

Kat Rolf President 4/4/24 Date