Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

March 1, 2019

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We have performed the procedures described in Attachment 1, which were agreed to by the management of the South Carolina Office of the State Inspector General (the Office), on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Office’s management is responsible for the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described in Attachment 1 either for the purpose for which the agreed-upon procedures report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Office. Accordingly, we do not express 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 concept of materiality does not apply to findings to be reported in an agreed-upon procedures engagement. Therefore, all findings from the application of the agreed-upon procedures must be reported unless the definition of materiality is agreed to by the specified parties. Management of the Office has agreed that the following deficiencies will not be included in the State Auditor’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures:

- Errors of less than $1,000 related to cash receipts and non-payroll cash disbursements transactions.
- Errors of less than $1,000 related to reporting packages.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the South Carolina Office of the State Inspector General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Cash Disbursements/Non-Payroll Expenditures

1. Compare current year non-payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over $10,000 and 10%.

2. Randomly select fifteen non-payroll disbursements and inspect supporting documentation to determine:
   - Transaction is properly completed as required by Office procedures; invoice(s) agree(s) with general ledger as to vendor, amount, number, and date.
   - All supporting documents and approvals required by Office procedures are present and agree with the invoice.
   - The transaction is a bona fide expenditure of the Office.
   - The transaction is properly classified in the general ledger.
   - Disbursement complied with applicable State laws, rules, and regulations including the State Consolidated Procurement Code, state travel regulations, etc.
   - Determine that disbursements are recorded in the proper fiscal year.
   - Clerical accuracy / confirm proper sales/use tax.

3. Haphazardly select five purchasing card transactions from the Comptroller General’s listing of purchasing card transactions for Fiscal Year 2018 to determine:
   - The cardholder is an authorized user.
   - The purchase is authorized based on the cardholder’s job title/position.
   - The monthly purchase summary was submitted along with applicable receipts and signed by both the supervisor and cardholder.
   - The purchase did not exceed the single transaction limit or the individual credit limit and there was no indication of transaction splitting.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Payroll

4. Compare current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over $10,000 and 10%.

5. Compute the percentage distribution of fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compare to the actual distribution of recorded personal service expenditures by fund source. Obtain an explanation of variations greater than 10%.

6. Compare the percentage change in personal service expenditures between the current year and prior year to the percentage change in employer contributions expenditures between the current year and prior year. Obtain an explanation of variations greater than 10%.

7. Randomly select five employee payments and inspect supporting documentation to:
   - Obtain and inspect the employee’s payroll and/or personnel file for various forms, communications, etc., to confirm that the person is a bona fide employee of the Office.
   - Agree gross pay to supporting documentation confirming all changes to gross salary for the year. Determine that all changes have been properly approved.
Payroll (Continued)

8. Select all employees who terminated employment during the fiscal year to determine if they were removed from the payroll in accordance with the Office’s policies and procedures, that the employee’s last pay check was properly calculated and that the employee’s leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.

9. Select all employees hired during the fiscal year to determine if they were added to the payroll in accordance with the Office’s policies and procedures and that their first pay check was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Journal Entries

10. Select all journal entries for the fiscal year to:

   - Trace postings to the general ledger, confirming amounts agree with supporting documentation.
   - Confirm transaction is properly approved.
   - Inspect supporting documentation to confirm the purpose of the transaction.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Reporting Packages

11. Obtain copies of fiscal year end reporting packages submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller General (CG). Inspect the Master Reporting Package Checklist to determine the appropriate reporting packages were prepared and submitted by the due date established by the CG’s Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual.

12. In addition to the procedure above, perform the following:

   - Operating Leases Reporting Package
     Agree applicable effective dates and future minimum lease payments on the Future Minimum Lease Payment Schedule to the prior year Schedule. For any new operating leases reported, determine that the effective dates, periodic minimum payment, current expense, and future minimum lease payments were accurately reported based on inspection of invoices and lease agreements.

   - Subsequent Events Questionnaire
     Determine if responses are reasonable/accurate and any required supplemental information was properly prepared and submitted based on inspection of the SCEIS general ledger and/or Office prepared records.

Finding:

The Office submitted the Master Reporting Checklist one business day late.

Management’s Response:

The Office of the State Inspector General will ensure that future closing packages are submitted to the state’s Office of the Comptroller General within the established deadlines.
Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) SCEIS Module

13. Select all controls identified through the SCEIS GRC system and inspect mitigating control documentation. Confirm with management the controls are operating as designed.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Appropriation Act

14. Inspect the Appropriation Act work program, provided to and completed by management, confirming areas of noncompliance, if any.

15. Confirm compliance with the Office-specific state provisos by inquiring with management and observing supporting documentation, where applicable.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.