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Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10

Theriot, Louisiana

December 31, 1998

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Bourgeois Bennett

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners,
Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10,
Thibodaux, Louisiana.

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 (the District), a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998 as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 16, 1999 on our consideration of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Houma, La.,
March 16, 1999.

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP**

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 09

December 31, 1998

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>General Fund Assets</u>	
Assets				
Cash	\$ 3,855		\$ -	\$ 3,855
Receivables - taxes	22,592		-	22,592
Due from other governmental units	161,489		-	161,489
Fixed assets	-		198,646	198,646
Total assets	<u>\$ 188,936</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 198,646</u>	<u>\$ 388,582</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenditures	\$ 6,082			\$ 6,082
Equity and Other Credits				
Investment in general fund assets	-		\$ 198,646	198,646
Fund balances - unreserved	188,164		-	188,164
Total equity and other credits	<u>188,164</u>		<u>198,646</u>	<u>388,810</u>
Total liabilities, equity and other credits	<u>\$ 188,256</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 198,646</u>	<u>\$ 388,902</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BY FUND**

Torrance Fire District No. 99

For the year ended December 31, 1999

	General	Debt Service	Total (Other Funds Only)
Revenues			
Tax	\$ 185,802	\$ -	\$ 185,802
Intergovernmental			
State of California			
State revenue sharing	8,353	-	8,353
Fire insurance fee	8,400	-	8,400
Supplemental pay	4,821	-	4,821
Miscellaneous			
Interest	2,877	253	3,130
Other	3,214	-	3,214
Total revenues	<u>211,823</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>212,076</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government			
Ad valorem tax adjustment	764	36	1,000
Ad valorem tax deductions	5,469	-	5,469
Total general government	<u>6,233</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>6,270</u>
Public Safety			
Personnel services	126,056		126,056
Supplies and materials	2,008		2,008
Office services and charges	44,178		44,178
Repairs and maintenance	23,121		23,121
Capital expenditures	4,970		4,970
Total public safety	<u>199,333</u>		<u>199,333</u>
Debt Service			
Principal retirement		12,880	12,880
Interest and fiscal charges		421	421
Total debt service		<u>13,301</u>	<u>13,301</u>
Total expenditures	<u>204,820</u>	<u>13,301</u>	<u>218,121</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(43,864)	(13,234)	(57,098)
Other Financing Sources			
Proceeds of general bond issue disposition	52,000	-	52,000
Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	<u>(21,864)</u>	<u>(13,234)</u>	<u>(35,098)</u>
Fund Balances			
Beginning of year	281,484	18,200	299,684
Excess/Deficit Transfer	3,084	(2,884)	200
End of year	<u>\$ 284,568</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 284,568</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND**

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10

For the year ended December 31, 1998

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 203,200	\$ 183,368	\$ (19,832)
Intergovernmental:			
State of Louisiana:			
State revenue sharing	8,400	11,157	2,757
Fire insurance tax	8,400	8,438	28
Miscellaneous:			
Interest	1,300	1,721	21
Other	1,980	3,251	51
Total revenues	<u>221,480</u>	<u>217,967</u>	<u>(3,513)</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government:			
Ad valorem tax adjustment	958	958	
Ad valorem tax abatements	<u>38,453</u>	<u>38,453</u>	
Total general government	<u>39,411</u>	<u>39,411</u>	
Public Safety:			
Personal services	130,380	131,820	(2,520)
Supplies and materials	1,000	2,341	(241)
Other services and charges	42,170	43,175	(483)
Repairs and maintenance	60,000	68,294	8
Capital expenditures	<u>60,000</u>	<u>59,339</u>	<u>670</u>
Total public safety	<u>293,550</u>	<u>293,629</u>	<u>(2,881)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>332,961</u>	<u>333,040</u>	<u>(2,881)</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>(78,770)</u>	<u>(88,294)</u>	<u>(10,524)</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Proceeds of general fund assets disposition	<u>22,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	<u>(57,770)</u>	<u>(68,294)</u>	<u>(10,524)</u>
Fund Balance - Budgetary Basis			
Beginning of year	<u>251,441</u>	<u>251,441</u>	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 193,671</u>	<u>\$ 183,147</u>	<u>\$ (10,524)</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10**

December 31, 1998

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

a) Reporting Entity

The District is a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (the Parish) and as such, these financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Parish for the year ended December 31, 1998.

The District has reviewed all of its activities and determined that there are no potential component units which should be included in its financial statements.

b) Fund Accounting

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

b) Fund Accounting (Continued)

Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are those through which the governmental functions of the District are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the Governmental Funds of the District:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Account Group

The account group is used to establish accounting control and accountability. The District's Account Group is as follows:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is used to account for fixed assets not accounted for in proprietary or trust funds.

c) Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All Governmental Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing (intergovernmental revenues) are considered "measurable" at the time of levy. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

a) Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

c) Operating Budgetary Data

As required by the Louisiana Revised Statutes 351 (2013), the Board of Commissioners (the Board) adopted a budget for the District's General Fund. The Board did not obtain public participation in the process of adopting its original budget. Any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another or increases in expenditures must be approved by the Board. The District amended its budget once during the year. All budgeted amounts which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year end.

The Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Governmental Fund Type-General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budgetary basis and GAAP basis are that:

- a) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary basis) as opposed to when measurable and available (GAAP basis).
- b) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP) basis.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

e) Operating Budgetary Data (Continued)

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year from the GAAP basis to the budgetary basis for the general fund are as follows:

	Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Source Over Expenditures
	<u> </u>
GAAP basis (as reported)	\$(21,006)-
Adjustments:	
Revenues:	
Taxes	8,316
Intergovernmental	(2,016)
Interest	<u> (256)</u>
Total revenue adjustments	<u> 5,944</u>
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General government	(4,968)
Personal services	3,034
Supplies and materials	(93)
Other services and charges	1,617
Repairs and maintenance	2,177
Capital expenditures	<u>(54,489)</u>
Total expenditure adjustments	<u>(53,232)</u>
Budgetary basis	<u>\$18,734</u>

f) Accounts Receivable

The financial statements of the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and other receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the funds.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

g) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in governmental funds. The Account Group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position.

It is not involved with the measurement of results of operations. Public domain ("infrastructure") fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems, are not capitalized along with other fixed assets. No depreciation has been provided on fixed assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

h) Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a Governmental Fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the Debt Service Fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from unexpended available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a Governmental Fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

i) Vacation and Sick Leave

Accumulated vacation and sick leave is recorded as an expenditure of the period in which paid in the Governmental Funds.

Employees of the District can earn 96 hours or 136 hours of vacation leave, depending on their length of employment. Accumulated vacation leave is due to the employee at the time of termination or death. The vacation policy provides that employees are to take vacation within one year of being earned, with no carry-forward provisions.

Employees of the District earn 56 hours sick leave per year and are permitted to accumulate a maximum of 400 hours. Accumulated sick leave is not due to the employee at the time of termination or death.

There is no material accumulated vacation at December 31, 1998.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

j) Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers, is not utilized by the District.

k) Residual Equity Transfers

Residual equity transfers are nonrecurring or nonroutine transfers of equity between funds.

l) Memorandum Only - Total Columns

The total columns on the general-purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects financial position or results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit of state or national banks having their principal office in Louisiana or any other federally insured investment.

State law requires deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk.

Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS (Continued)

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or its agent in the District's name.

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department or agent but not in the District's name and deposits which are unsecured or uncollateralized.

The year end bank balances of deposits and the carrying amounts as shown on the combined balance sheet are as follows:

	Bank Balances			Book Balance
	Category			
	1	2	3	
Cash	<u>\$9,091</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$9,091</u>

Note 3 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Terrebonne Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 1996. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 1998 was \$10.57 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within Fire District No. 10 for the purpose of maintaining and operating fire protection facilities within the District.

Note 4 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Amounts due from other governmental units at December 31, 1998 consisted of the following:

	General <u> fund</u>
State of Louisiana - State revenue sharing	\$ 5,568
Terrebonne Parish Tax Collector - December, 1998 collections remitted to the District in January, 1999 - Ad valorem taxes	<u>155,841</u>
Total	<u>\$161,409</u>

Note 5 - CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in fixed assets follows:

	Balance January 1, 1998	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 1998
Land and buildings	\$ 48,829	\$ -	\$22,993	\$ 25,834
Trucks	142,283	-	-	142,283
Machinery and equipment	22,633	4,890	-	27,523
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>2,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,867</u>
Totals	<u>\$216,612</u>	<u>\$4,890</u>	<u>\$22,993</u>	<u>\$198,509</u>

The District has assets totaling \$689,488 which are included in the general fixed asset listing of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. The assets are made up of the following:

Land and building	\$416,935
Automobiles and trucks	192,765
Machinery and equipment	49,732
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>9,056</u>
Total	<u>\$668,488</u>

Note 6 - CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

At December 31, 1998, the District had no outstanding general obligation bonds. These bonds were repaid on March 1, 1998 primarily from ad valorem tax revenues.

The following is a summary of the bond transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 1998:

Bonds payable at January 1, 1998	\$ 15,000
Bonds retired	<u>(15,000)</u>
 Bonds payable at December 31, 1998	 <u>\$ 0</u>

Note 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The District contributes to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public retirement system, which is controlled and administered by a separate Board of Trustees. The System provides retirement, deferred and disability benefits, survivor's benefits and cost of living adjustments to plan members and beneficiaries. Act 434 of the 1979 Louisiana Legislative Session established the plan. The System is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:2251 through 11:2269, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana, 2051 Silverado Drive, Suite 210, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808-4138.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 8% of their annual covered payroll and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by state statute. The District's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 were \$4,847, \$4,625 and \$5,800, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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Note 8 - COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The following amounts were paid to Board Members for the year ended December 31, 1998:

Board Member	Number of Meetings Attended	Per Diem
Roger Dale Dehart	13	\$ 380
Terry Hebert	13	380
Jackie Higgins	12	360
Melvin Malborough	12	360
Hari Polanco	14	420
Keith Polanco	2	60
Al Voisin	2	<u>60</u>
Total		<u>\$2,000</u>

Note 9 - SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

In addition to the compensation paid to Tenchbone Parish Fire District No. 19's (the District) employees who are firemen may be eligible to receive supplemental pay. The amount of the compensation is determined by State Law and is revised periodically.

As per Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2002, any full-time, regular employee of the parish fire protection district who is hired after March 31, 1986, who has passed a certified fireman's training program equal to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 and who is paid three hundred dollars per month from public funds is eligible for supplemental pay. These full-time employees are carried on the payroll paid from funds of the district obtained through lawfully adopted bond issues or lawfully assessed taxes, either directly or through a board or commission set up by law or ordinance. Employees employed by the fire districts are not eligible for supplemental pay if they are presently drawing a retirement or disability pension, clerical employees and mechanics and for those employees who have not passed a certified fireman's training program but are hired after March 31, 1986. State supplemental pay for firefighters must be taken into account in calculating firefighters' longevity pay, holiday pay and overtime pay. The period of service for computing additional compensation includes prior service of employees who have returned or who hereafter return to such service; provided that service in any parish or fire protection district fire department shall be used in computing such prior service which includes full-time employees of a volunteer fire department.

As of December 31, 1998, the District has recognized revenue and expenditures of \$4,823 in salary supplements that the State of Louisiana has paid directly to the District's employees.

Note 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers compensation, torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters and group health benefits for which the District carries commercial insurance and also participates in the Parish's risk management program for group insurance. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the District's insurance coverage. The premiums for group insurance are based on a fixed rate per employee. The Parish handles all claims filed against the District. The District could have additional exposure for claims in excess of the Parish's insurance contract as described below:

Policy	Coverage Limit
Group Insurance	\$1,125,000

Coverage for claims in excess of the above stated limit is to be handled first by assets of the Parish's risk management internal service fund, \$2,506,677 for group insurance as of December 31, 1997, then secondly by the District. At December 31, 1998, the District had no claims in excess of the above coverage limit.

Note 11 - RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFER

The Debt Service Fund's remaining assets at December 31, 1998 in the amount of \$3,686 were transferred to the General Fund by recording a residual equity transfer.

Note 12 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On February 9, 1999, the District passed a resolution to hold an election May 1, 1999 for voters to approve the issuance of 15 year bonds in the amount of \$800,000 for the purpose of acquiring buildings, machinery and equipment, including both real and personal property and to be payable from additional ad valorem taxes. Also, at the February 9 meeting, the District approved a resolution for the May 1 ballot for approval of a 10 year additional 4.41 mill property tax for acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service. The additional millage is anticipated to generate approximately \$78,000 per year.

SPECIAL REPORTS OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



Georgelis Bennett

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-
PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Commissioners,
Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10,
Thibodaux, Louisiana.

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 (the District), a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated March 16, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control

components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Commissioners, management, the State of Louisiana and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Bourgeois Bennett, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Houma, La.,
March 16, 1999.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10

For the year ended December 31, 1998

Section I Summary of Auditor's Results

a) Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ yes X no
- Reportable condition(s) identified that are not
 considered to be material weaknesses? ___ yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ yes X no

b) Federal Awards

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 did not receive federal awards during the year ended December 31, 1998.

Section II Financial Statement Findings

No financial statement findings were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

REPORTS BY MANAGEMENT

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10

For the year ended December 31, 1998

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

Internal Control

No material weaknesses were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1997.

No reportable conditions were reported during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Compliance

No compliance findings material to the general-purpose financial statements were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 did not receive federal awards during the year ended December 31, 1997.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended December 31, 1997.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10

For the year ended December 31, 1998.

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

Internal Control

No material weaknesses were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

No reportable conditions were reported during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Compliance

No compliance findings material to the general-purpose financial statements were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 10 did not receive federal awards during the year ended December 31, 1998.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.