Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Mandeville, Louisiana June 30, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Officers and Board of Directors Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Mandeville, Louisiana

# Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 22, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 30, 2024, on our consideration of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'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 solely 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 effectiveness of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s 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 Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Hawthorn, Waymouth & Carroll, LLP.

December 30, 2024

# Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2023

# Assets

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 539,491	\$ 576,752
Accounts receivable	318,092	182,500
Prepaid expense	2,179	1,329
Total current assets	859,762	760,581
Property and Equipment, net	7,691	5,408
Other Assets	2,179	1,329
Operating Lease Right-of-Use Asset	29,539	32,488
Total assets	<u>\$ 899,171</u>	\$ 799,806
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Current portion of operating lease liability	\$ 25,192	\$ 14,472
Accrued liabilities	12,498	8,329
Deferred revenue	1,486	
Total current liabilities	39,176	22,801
Operating Lease Liability, net of current portion	4,347	18,016
Total liabilities	43,523	40,817
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	555,648	458,989
With donor restrictions	300,000	300,000
Total net assets	855,648	758,989
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 899,171</u>	<u> </u>

# Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

		2024		
	Without Donor	With Donor		Total
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total	2023
<b>Revenue and Other Support</b>				
Cooperative endeavor agreement	\$ 3,808,365	\$ -	\$ 3,808,365	\$ 2,989,635
Annual state conference	43,298	-	43,298	39,852
Cash contributions and grants	155,514	-	155,514	52,445
Interest	1,482	-	1,482	843
Miscellaneous	3,727		3,727	2,650
Total revenue and other support	4,012,386		4,012,386	3,085,425
Expenses				
Program services	3,736,172	-	3,736,172	2,739,436
Management and general	121,601	-	121,601	258,353
Fundraising	57,954		57,954	58,953
Total expenses	3,915,727	<u> </u>	3,915,727	3,056,742
Change in Net Assets	96,659	-	96,659	28,683
Net Assets, beginning of year	458,989	300,000	758,989	730,306
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$    555,648</u>	\$ 300,000	<u>\$ 855,648</u>	<u>\$                                    </u>

# Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total 2024	Total 2023
Grant programs	\$ 1,039,433	\$-	\$-	\$ 1,039,433	\$ 896,306
Public awareness and marketing	1,469,830	-	-	1,469,830	1,235,909
Programs and public events	779,113	1,395	36,128	816,636	322,455
Training, travel, outreach,					
& affiliate support	32,440	8.374	-	40,814	12,380
Salaries and wages	328,565	60,216	18,500	407,281	312,440
Employee benefits	21,675	3,972	1,220	26,867	23,070
Payroll taxes	22,892	4,196	1,289	28,377	23,425
Operating expenses	39,473	7,027	662	47,162	45.847
Professional services	-	35,917	-	35,917	181,976
Depreciation	2,751	504	155	3,410	2,934
Total expenses	\$ 3,736,172	<u>\$ 121,601</u>	<u>\$ 57,954</u>	<u>\$ 3,915,727</u>	<u>\$ 3,056,742</u>

# Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

		2024		2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Change in net assets	\$	96,659	\$	28,683
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash				
provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		3,410		2,934
Amortization of operating lease right-of-use assets		21,898		13,290
(Increase) Decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable		(135,592)		145,000
Prepaid expense		(850)		(1,329)
Other assets		(850)		(1,329)
Operating lease right-of-use assets		(18,949)		(1,874)
Increase (Decrease) in liabilities:				
Operating lease liability		(2,949)		(11,416)
Accrued liabilities		4,169		1,649
Deferred revenue		1,486		(135)
Net cash provided by operating activities		(31,568)		175,473
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Purchase of property and equipment		(5,693)		(4,714)
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,693)		(4,714)
Net Change in Cash		(37,261)		170,759
Cash, beginning of year		576,752		405,993
Cash. end of year	<u>\$</u>	539,491	<u>\$</u>	576,752

## Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Nature of Activities

Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. (the "Organization") is a non-profit organization formed in 2000, whose mission is to promote personal, corporate, and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. Affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, the Organization creates and supports public/private partnerships to address the problems of litter. Program services include the following:

- Educate teachers, students, and other residents of Louisiana on the immediate and long-term effects of litter;
- Fund local environmental programs through the Organization's grant program;
- Provide training and professional development to increase knowledge and effective policies and programming as it relates to the Organization's mission;
- Support enforcement of state and local laws that prohibit littering by providing instructions for training law enforcement officials;
- Support Keep America Beautiful affiliates in Louisiana to strengthen communities, reduce litter, increase recycling, beautify spaces and provide meaningful volunteer opportunities;
- Develop and implement programming that supports the Organization's mission;
- Partner with state and local governmental agencies and other like-minded groups for a clean and green Louisiana;
- Communicate the anti-litter message through a comprehensive public campaign and heighten awareness as it pertains to the Organization's mission.
- B. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed on them by donors: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions include those net assets whose use by the Organization is not restricted by donors, even though their use may be limited in other respects, such as by contract or board designation. Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Other restrictions may be perpetual in nature, such as those that are restricted by a donor that the resources be maintained in perpetuity.

## Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### C. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

## D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. As of June 30, 2024, the Organization had no cash equivalents.

## E. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded at a net realizable value consisting of the carrying amount less an allowance for expected credit losses. The allowance for expected credit losses is established through provisions charged against expense and is maintained at a level believed adequate by management to absorb bad debts. Accounts are written off from the allowance as they are deemed uncollectible based on periodic review by management. At June 30, 2024, management believes all accounts are fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for expected credit losses was recorded.

## F. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair market value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Expenditures for major repairs and improvements that extend the useful lives of fixed assets are capitalized at cost. Expenditures for maintenance and minor repairs are charged to expense as incurred. The estimated useful lives for fixed assets are as follows: computers (3-5 years) and art (15 years).

#### G. Income Taxes

Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an entity other than a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a).

Management has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. If the Organization were to incur an income tax liability in the future, interest on any income tax liability would be reported as interest expense, and penalties on any income tax would be reported as income taxes. Management's conclusions regarding uncertain tax positions may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on ongoing analysis of tax laws, regulations, and interpretations thereof as well as other factors.

## Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## H. Contributions

Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. Contributions of property and equipment are reported as net assets with donor restrictions if the donor restricted the use of the property or equipment to a particular program, as are contributions of cash restricted to the purchase of property and equipment. Otherwise, donor restrictions on contributions of property and equipment or assets restricted for purchase of property and equipment are considered to expire when the assets are placed in service. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. 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.

## I. <u>Revenue Recognition</u>

The Organization recognizes revenue from the cooperative endeavor agreement with the State in accordance with ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The majority of the Organization's revenue from contracts is derived from a fixed fee contract with the State of Louisiana, which is conditioned upon certain performance requirements and deliverables. Revenues are recognized when the performance requirements and deliverables are approved by the State. Registration and sponsorship revenue from the annual state conference are recognized in the period in which the conference takes place.

#### J. Leases

Under ASC Topic 842, Leases, the Organization determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception primarily based on the determination of the party responsible for directing the use of an underlying asset within a contract. Thereafter, the Organization performs an analysis to classify the lease as either an operating lease or a finance lease.

Operating lease right-of-use assets represent the Organization's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the Organization's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. In determining the present value of committed lease payments, the Organization uses its implicit rate in the lease as the discount rate when readily determinable; if the implicit rate is not available, the Organization uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date which includes corporate debt financings of companies of similar size and credit rating over a loan term approximating the remaining term of each lease. If leases include payments are excluded from the lease payments used to determine the operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Organization will exercise such options. Lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the expected lease term.

The Organization elected to not apply the recognition of Topic 842 to short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less which do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset. These lease payments are recognized as operating expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Organization elected to account for lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

## Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### K. Functional Classification of Expenses

Expenses are allocated in the accompanying financial statements to program services, management and general, and fundraising functional expense groups. The methods of allocation are based on several factors such as utilization of office space as well as the Organization's estimates of the relative proportion of various staff members' time and effort between program and administrative functions.

#### L. Liquidity Management

As of June 30, 2024, the following financial assets could be made readily available within one year of the date of the statement of financial position to meet general expenditures:

Cash Accounts receivable	\$ 	539,491 318,092
Total financial assets, period end		857,583
Less, those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to: donor restrictions on the use of assets for particular programs		(300,000)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$</u>	557,583

As part of its liquidity management, the Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations become due.

#### M. Recently Adopted Accounting Standard

Effective July 1, 2023, the Organization adopted Accounting Standards Codification Topic 326, Credit Losses. This standard established an impairment model (known as the current expected credit loss "CECL" model) that is based on expected losses rather than incurred losses. Under the new guidance, the Organization recognizes an allowance for the estimate of expected credit losses over the entire contractual term of its receivables from the date of initial recognition of the financial instrument. Measurements of expected credit losses are based on relevant forecasts that affect collectability. Topic 326 applies to trade receivables from certain revenue transactions. Under Topic 606 (Revenue from Contracts with Customers), revenue is recognized when, among other criteria, it is probable that the entity will collect consideration to which it is entitled for good or services transferred to a customer. At the point that these receivables are recorded, they become subject to the CECL model and estimates of expected credit losses over their contractual life are recorded at inception based on historical information, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The adoption of Topic 326 did not have a material impact on the Organization's financial statements and related disclosures because there is not a material difference between incurred losses and expected losses.

## Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### N. Prior Period Information

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, from which the summarized information was derived.

## Note 2-Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are summarized as follows as of June 30, 2024:

Computers	\$ 25,545
Art	1,000
	26,545
Accumulated depreciation	(18,854)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 7,691</u>

#### Note 3-Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2024 consisted of purpose restrictions in the amount of \$300,000.

## Note 4–Operating Lease

The Organization leases office space under two operating leases, both of which expire on August 31, 2025. The leases do not contain any renewal clauses or termination options that the Organization is reasonably certain to exercise, nor do they contain any material residual value guarantees. For both leases, the implicit rate is typically not available, so the Organization uses the incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate. The lease agreements include both lease and non-lease components. The Organization has elected the practical expedient that allows it to not separate lease and non-lease components.

The components of lease expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Operating lease expense Short-term lease expense	\$	21,898 <u>680</u>
Total lease expense	<u>\$</u>	22,578

## Note 4–Operating Lease (Continued)

Amounts reported in the accompanying statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024, for the operating lease is as follows:

Operating lease right-of-use asset	\$	29,539
Current maturities of operating lease liability Operating lease liability, less current maturities	\$	25,192 4,347
Operating lease liability	<u>\$</u>	29,539

Supplemental cash flow information and non-cash activity related to the lease for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liability and ROU asset:		
Operating cash flow from operating lease	\$	21,898
ROU asset obtained in exchange for lease obligation:		
Operating lease	\$	16,989
Weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate for the lease as of Jun	e 30, 20	24 are as follows:
Weighted average remaining lease term (years):		
Operating lease		1.17
Weighted average discount rate:		
Operating lease		6.00%
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Maturities of the lease liability as of June 30 are as follows:

2025	\$	26,148
2026		4,358
Total undiscounted lease payments Less: imputed interest		30,506 (967)
Operating lease liability	<u>\$</u>	29,539

## Note 5–Concentrations

Approximately 95% of the Organization's support is from two cooperative endeavor agreements with the State of Louisiana, Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism for the year ended June 30, 2024. Loss of this funding could have a significant adverse impact on future operations. Management is not aware of any actions that will adversely affect the amount of funds the Organization will receive in the next fiscal year.

From time to time, the Organization maintains its bank balances with one financial institution in excess of federally insured limits. The Organization believes there is no significant risk with respect to such balances.

## Note 6–Contingencies

The Organization is under contract with the State of Louisiana by means of multiple Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, which are governed by various rules and regulations. If it is determined that the Organization has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the contract, the contract may be terminated immediately at the option of the State. In management's opinion, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the contract; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

#### Note 7–Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated all subsequent events through December 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

On July 15, 2024, the Organization changed its name to Keep Louisiana Beautiful Foundation, Inc. On August 1, 2024, Keep Louisiana Beautiful became a State program under the Office of Secretary in the Department of Cultural, Recreation and Tourism. Keep Louisiana Beautiful's mission remains the same. The Keep Louisiana Beautiful Foundation, Inc.'s mission is to support the mission work of Keep Louisiana Beautiful through private funding and partnerships.

Supplementary Information

# Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer Year Ended June 30, 2024

Purpose	A	Amount
Salary	\$	104,000
Benefits - insurance		10,401
Benefits - retirement		-
Car allowance		-
Vehicle provided by agency		-
Per diem		-
Reimbursements		-
Travel (mileage)		5,346
Registration fees		-
Conference travel		-
Continuing professional education fees		-
Housing		-
Unvouchered expenses		-
Special meals		-

# Agency Head Name: Susan Russell, Executive Director



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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* 

The Officers and Board of Directors Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Mandeville, 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 Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2024.

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are 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 Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'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 the 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 may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2024-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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*.

## Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s Response to Finding

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **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 purpose.

Hawthorn, Waymouth & Carroll, LLP.

December 30, 2024

## Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Schedule of Findings and Responses Year Ended June 30, 2024

## Part I - Summary of Audit Results

- 1) An unmodified opinion has been expressed on the financial statements of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc., as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.
- 2) No deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses were identified.
- 3) No instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* were identified.
- 4) A single audit in accordance with Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards was not required.
- 5) A management letter was not issued.

## Part II - Financial Statement Findings

2024-001 - Segregation of Duties

Condition:

Due to the small size of the Organization, ideal segregation of duties has not been achieved.

Criteria:

The Organization should separate responsibilities for authorizing transactions, recording transactions, and the custody of assets.

Cause:

The size of the Organization limits proper segregation of duties.

Effect:

The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of fraud related to misappropriation of assets, financial statement misstatement, or both.

Auditor Recommendation:

While we recognize it may not be cost effective to justify implementing a full segregation of duties for an extensive system of internal control in all areas, we believe it is important that management and those charged with governance are aware that some weaknesses may exist and that they should apply diligent oversight and monitoring activities.

#### Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Schedule of Findings and Responses Year Ended June 30, 2024

## Part II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

#### 2024-001 - Segregation of Duties (Continued)

Management's Response:

Those charged with governance are actively involved in oversight and monitoring activities to help strengthen internal controls. Financial statements and budget-to-actual comparisons are reviewed at the Board meetings. Management reviews monthly bank statements and reconciliations. The Board Chair, Board Secretary, Executive Director, and bookkeeper all have access to the online banking activity, which provides another level of accountability and on-going monitoring from the Organization's top leadership. For vendor payments, in addition to requiring two signatures on every check, the original receipt must be present with the check when the second signature is requested. The Board Chair or the Board Treasurer must initial the invoice or receipts showing that they were reviewed.

## Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2024

# Part I – Financial Statement Findings

2023-001 - Segregation of Duties

Summary of Prior Year Finding:

Due to the small size of the Organization, ideal segregation of duties was not achieved.

Status:

This repeats as current year finding 2024-001.

## Part II - Management Letter

A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report June 30, 2024



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# Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Directors of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.'s management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. 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 C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA 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:

# 1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and observed whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - i. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. *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.
  - iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - iv. **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).
  - v. *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
  - vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

- viii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
- ix. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121,
  (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. *Prevention of Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Results: No exceptions noted.

## 2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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
  - i. 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.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observed whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observed that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtained the prior year audit report and observed the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned 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 unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
  - iv. Observed whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

## 3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtained a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Asked management to identify the entity's main operating account. Selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observed that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations included written evidence that a member of management or a 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
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

## 4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. 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. Randomly selected 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
  - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., prenumbered receipts) to the deposit;
  - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and
  - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

C. Obtained from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observed that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

- D. Randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A. Obtained supporting documentation for each of the deposits and:
  - i. Observed that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - iv. 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 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
  - v. Traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Results: No exceptions noted.

## 5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtained written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties, and observed that job duties are properly segregated such that
  - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - iii. 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;
  - iv. 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; and
  - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtained the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtained management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, obtained supporting documentation for each transaction, and
  - i. Observed whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

ii. Observed whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly selected 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observed that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

## 6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card. Obtained supporting documentation, and
  - i. Observed whether 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) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder; and
  - ii. Observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions. For each transaction, 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).

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

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

- A. 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. Randomly selected 5 reimbursements and 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
  - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observed that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (<u>www.gsa.gov</u>);

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observed that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
- iii. Observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observed that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
- iv. Observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

## 8) Contracts

- A. 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. Obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
  - i. Observed whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
  - ii. Observed whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
  - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observed that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
  - iv. Randomly selected one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, 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.

Results: No exceptions noted.

#### 9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 employees or officials, obtained related paid salaries and personnel files, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
  - i. Observed that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - ii. Observed whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - iii. Observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

iv. Observed the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

C. Obtained a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly selected two employees or officials and obtained related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agreed the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agreed the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agreed the termination payment to entity policy.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

D. Obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

## 10) Ethics

The Louisiana Code of Ethics is not applicable to this entity; therefore, these procedures are not applicable.

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtained ethics documentation from management, and
  - i. Observed whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
  - ii. Observed whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquired and/or observed whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

## 11) Debt Service

Entity does not have any debt; therefore, these procedures are not applicable.

- A. Obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected all debt instruments on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected one bond/note, inspected debt covenants, obtained supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agreed actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

## 12) Fraud Notice

A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

B. Observe 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.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions noted.

## 13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
  - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
  - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

Results: We performed these procedures and discussed the results with management.

B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Results: We performed these procedures and discussed the results with management.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
  - Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
  - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Results: We performed these procedures and discussed the results with management.

## 14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Louisiana R.S. 42:342-344 is not applicable to this entity; therefore, these procedures are not applicable.

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observed that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

- C. Obtained the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observed that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observed it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

We were engaged by Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. 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 applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. 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 Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. 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 those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, 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 LLA as a public document.

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December 30, 2024