ACADIANA OPEN CHANNEL, INC.

Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Directors Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. Lafayette, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, 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 Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its 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 Acadiana Open Channel, 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 opinions.

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 Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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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 and auditor's report that include 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 Acadiana Open Channel 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 Acadiana Open Channel, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 25, 2023, on our consideration of Acadiana Open Channel, 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 Acadiana Open Channel, 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 Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Lafayette, Louisiana October 25, 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218,354
Receivables - Accounts	2.010
Grants	2,010 157,593
Prepaid expenses	20,902
Total current assets	398,859
Property and equipment, net	13,468
Operating right-of-use asset	296,717
Other assets:	
Security deposits	5,100
Total assets	\$ 714,144
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,552
Accrued liabilities	9,501
Operating lease liability - current portion	124,418
Total current liabilities	136,471
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Operating lease liability	172,299
Total liabilities	308,770
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions-	
Undesignated	402,684
With donor restrictions	2,690
Total net assets	405,374
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 714,144
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Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor	With Donor	T-4-1
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Revenues and other support:			
Grants-	¢ 442.050	\$ -	Φ 442.050
Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government	\$ 443,059	Ъ -	\$ 443,059
Lafayette Utilities System	43,963	-	43,963
Cox Communications	167,881	-	167,881
Total grants	654,903		654,903
Contributions and other:			
Contributions	110	-	110
Membership fees	6,455	-	6,455
Charges for services	3,121	-	3,121
Other income	3,451	-	3,451
Net assets released from restrictions	3,000	(3,000)	
Total contributions and other	16,137	(3,000)	13,137
Total revenues and other support	671,040	(3,000)	668,040
Expenses -			
Program services - Public Access Television	603,141		603,141
Supporting services:			
Management and general	109,606	-	109,606
Fundraising expenses	36,544	-	36,544
Total supporting services	146,150	-	146,150
Total expenses	749,291	-	749,291
Change in net assets	(78,251)	(3,000)	(81,251)
Net assets, beginning of year	480,935	5,690	486,625
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 402,684</u>	<u>\$ 2,690</u>	<u>\$ 405,374</u>

Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services Direct Access Television	Su Management and General	pporting Servic Fundraising	res Total Support Services	Total Expenses
Bank fees	\$ 67	\$ 16	<u> </u>	\$ 16	\$ 83
Broadcast expense	9,113	÷ 10	Ψ	φ i0 -	9,113
Consulting	7,498	1,875	_	1,875	9,373
Depreciation	10,192	1,798	_	1,798	11,990
Dues and subscriptions	1,201	1,798	_	133	1,334
Employee benefits	79,460	14,899	4,965	19,864	99,324
Grants to agencies	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Insurance	14,619	2,741	914	3,655	18,274
Marketing	6,817	-	359	359	7,176
Membership development	491	122	612	734	1,225
Other	2,371	358	120	478	2,849
Postage	164	41	205	246	410
Printing	445	93	204	297	742
Professional services	15,780	2,958	987	3,945	19,725
Promotions	808	-	43	43	851
Rent expense	105,776	19,833	6,610	26,443	132,219
Repairs and maintenance	16,775	3,145	1,048	4,193	20,968
Salaries and wages	295,359	55,380	18,460	73,840	369,199
Supplies	2,658	498	166	664	3,322
Telephone	5,941	1,113	371	1,484	7,425
Training	865	153	-	153	1,018
Travel expense	54	9	-	9	63
Utilities	22,902	4,294	1,431	5,725	28,627
Volunteer development	785	147	49	196	981
Total	<u>\$ 603,141</u>	<u>\$109,606</u>	<u>\$ 36,544</u>	\$ 146,150	<u> </u>

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Decrease in net assets	\$ (81,251)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets	
to net cash used by operating activities -	
Depreciation	11,990
Change in current assets and liabilities:	
Receivables	19,713
Prepaid expenses	(6,076)
Accounts payable	(11,907)
Accrued liabilities	(11,361)
Net cash used by operating activities	(78,892)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	297,246
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 218,354</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

A. Organization and Purpose

The Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. (Organization) is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana on July 1, 1981. Its purpose is to coordinate the use of public access channels provided by the cable television system in Lafayette, Louisiana. The Organization also provides production facilities, technical assistance, and training to individuals, groups and organizations interested in producing non-commercial education, cultural, informational or other communityoriented television programs.

B. <u>Basis of Accounting</u>

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

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donorimposed stipulations.

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

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

D. <u>Grants Receivable</u>

Grants receivable are recognized only to the extent that related expenses have been incurred.

E. <u>Prepaid Expenses</u>

Prepaid balances are the payments made by the Organization in the current year to provide services occurring in the subsequent fiscal year.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

F. Property and Equipment

The Organization's capitalization policy is \$1,000 for property and equipment recorded at cost, if purchased, or at estimated fair market value if donated. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense, while additions and improvements are capitalized. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method at rates based the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated
Asset Class	Useful Lives
Production and studio equipment	7 - 10 years
Furniture, equipment, and software	5 - 10 years
Leasehold improvements	10 years

Under the terms of the contract with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, ownership of equipment acquired with funds derived from the contract reverts to the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government upon termination of that contract.

G. <u>Revenue and Expense Recognition</u>

The Organization receives grants and contributions from various entities. Grant revenues are recognized only to the extent that related expenses have been incurred. Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a commitment to give to the Organization. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as increases to net assets with donor restrictions. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. When a restriction expires, that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restrictions are accomplished, 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 restriction.

H. Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave are recorded as expenses of the period in which they are earned. Although sick leave is available for employees when needed, it does not vest nor is it payable at termination of employment. Annual vacation is earned by employees based on the number of years of employment. Current unused vacation and up to 40 hours of prior year unused vacation is payable upon retirement for all employees with the exception of the executive director, who will receive up to 25 days of unused vacation. At June 30, 2023, the accrued vacation leave amounted to \$5,671.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

I. Income Taxes

The Organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as other than a private foundation. However, the organization's tax-exempt status has no effect on its liability for any federal excise taxes. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the organization's management to evaluate tax positions taken and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has undertaken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the organization, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The organization is subject to routine audit by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Management believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2019.

J. Donated Services

The Organization receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist in program services during the year. These donated services are not reflected in the statement of activities because the criteria for recognition under professional standards have not been satisfied.

K. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

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

L. <u>Functional Allocation of Expenses</u>

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Specific expenses that are readily identifiable to a single program or activity are charged directly to that function. Certain categories of expenses are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocated include depreciation and occupancy, which are allocated on a square-footage basis, as well as salaries and related benefits, which are allocated based on time and effort.

M. Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. There were no advertising expenses for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(2) Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets as of June 30, 2023, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of donor-imposed regulation within one year of the statement of financial position date.

Financial assets, at year-end	\$377,957
Less those unavailable for general expenditures	
within one year, due to:	
Donor-imposed restrictions-	
Restricted by donor with purpose restrictions	(2,690)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for	
general expenditures within one year	\$375,267

The Organization has \$375,267 of financial assets available within 1 year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of cash of \$215,664, grants receivable of \$157,593, and other receivables of \$2,010. As part of the Organizations liquidity management, the Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due.

(3) Grants Receivable

Grants receivable consist of the following at June 30, 2023:

Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government	\$106,610
Cox Communications	40,903
Lafayette Utilities System	10,080
	\$157,593

(4) <u>Prepaid Expenses</u>

Prepaid expenses consist of the following at June 30, 2023:

Insurance	\$ 20,145
Software maintenance	757
	\$ 20,902

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following as of June 30, 2023:

Production and studio equipment	\$ 366,401
Furniture, equipment, and software	137,332
Leasehold improvements	62,891
Total property and equipment	566,624
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(553,156)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 13,468</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$11,990.

(6) Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

The Organization acts as a fiscal agent for various events and workshops offered to the public. All receipts and disbursements for these activities are handled through the Organization's operating cash account. However, since these funds are restricted by legal contracts, the net assets generated from the events are considered net assets with donor restrictions. As the funds are spent in accordance with the contracts, they are released and expensed in the released from donor restrictions net asset activities on the statement of activities. Additionally, the Organization accumulates donations to be used for individuals who cannot afford the membership dues, which are considered to be net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the following at June 30, 2023:

Membership Scholarship

\$2,690

(7) <u>Leases</u>

The determination of whether the arrangement is a lease is made at the lease's inception. Under ASC 842, a contract is a lease if it conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is defined under the standard as having both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset and the right to direct the use of the asset. A right-of-use (ROU) asset represents the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. The Company uses the implicit rate when it is readily determinable, or an incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at lease commencement. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

The Organization leases a building for use in their operations. The lease has a remaining term of approximately 28 months.

The following summarizes the line items in the balance sheet which include amounts for operating leases at June 30, 2023:

Operating leases:	
Operating lease right-of-use asset	<u>\$ 296,717</u>
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Operating lease liabilities - current	124,418
Operating lease liabilities - noncurrent	172,299
Total operating lease liabilties	\$ 296,717

Reconciliation of Operating Lease Liabilities - Payments to Operating Lease Liabilities:

Total operating lease liabilities - payments		\$ 308,511
Operating lease liabilities - current	\$ 124,418	
Operating lease liabilities - noncurrent	172,299	
Total operating lease liabilities		296,717
Present value adjustment		<u>\$ 11,794</u>

The following is a maturity analysis of annual undiscounted cash flows (payments) of the operating lease liability as of June 30, 2023:

Year Ending June 30,	
2024	\$ 1
2025	1
2026	
	\$ 3

Lease cost of \$132,219 is included in the statement of functional expenses. The weighted average of the remaining lease term was 2.33 years and the weighted average discount rate used was 3.25%.

(8) <u>Support and Revenue Sources/Concentrations</u>

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The Organization receives grants and contributions from various entities. The major revenue sources are grants received from contracts with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, Lafayette Utilities System and Cox Communications. The Organization has contracted with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to coordinate the use of public access channels for 35% of the receipts received by the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for franchise fees.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Additionally, the Organization has contracts with Lafayette Utilities System and Cox Communications for \$43,963 and \$167,881, respectively. For the year ended June 30, 2023, approximately 98% of the Organization's revenue and other support were from these contracts.

(9) <u>Commitments and Contingencies</u>

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit by grantor agencies, principally the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability. The amount, if any, of expense which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Organization expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

(10) <u>Risk Management</u>

The Organization is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general liability, property hazards and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year. Insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

(11) Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains cash account balances and a certificate of deposit at financial institutions, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2023, the Organization's cash balances were fully insured.

(12) Board Member Compensation

The members of the board of directors of Organization serve on a voluntary basis and receive no form of compensation for those duties.

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

The schedule of compensation and benefits paid to Ed Bowie, Executive Director, for the period July 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 and Michael Messerly, Executive Director, for the period June 5, 2023 through June 30, 2023 follows:

		Michael	
	Ed Bowie	Messerly	
Salary	\$35,377	\$ 5,769	
Benefits - insurance	3,802	-	
Total	\$39,179	\$ 5,769	

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(14) Change in Accounting Principle

The FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) intended to improve financial reporting regarding leasing transactions. Under the new standard, a lessee is required to recognize leases on its balance sheet. At initial recognition of a lease, the lessee measures the liability for its lease obligation and the related right-of-use asset at the present value of lease payments not yet paid. The guidance also requires qualitative and quantitative disclosures providing additional information about the amounts recorded in the financial statements. The Company elected to apply Topic 842 to all leases effective July 1, 2022, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. The net effect of the implementation of the new accounting principle is summarized below:

Statement of Net Position: Assets - Operating lease right-to-use asset	<u>\$ 296,717</u>
Liabilities -	
Operating lease liabilities - current	124,418
Operating lease liabilities - noncurrent	172,299
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 296,717</u>

(15) <u>Subsequent Events Review</u>

The Organization's management has evaluated subsequent events through October 25, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE

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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

To the Board of Directors Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 25, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Acadiana Open Channel, 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 Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan as items 2023-001 and 2023-002 that we considered to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Acadiana Open Channel, 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 statement. 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*.

Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.'s Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.'s response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The Organization'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 result 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. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana October 25, 2023

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan Year Ended June 30, 2023

Part 1. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Compliance Findings-

There are no findings to report under this section.

B. Internal Control Findings-

2023-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

2023-002 Supporting Documentation for Credit Card Purchases

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

CRITERIA: The Organization should have a control policy to ensure adequate documentation is maintained for all credit card purchases.

CONDITION: The Organization did not maintain supporting documentation for their credit card purchases including the credit card statements for the months of September 2022 and October 2022.

CAUSE: The Organization did not adhere to their policies and procedures by which requires supporting documentation for purchases to be maintained in a centralized location.

EFFECT: The Organization did not have proper supporting documentation in order to determine whether the expenses were appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION: The Organization should ensure all vendor files are properly maintained in a centralized location.

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTION ACTION PLAN: The Organization experienced significant staff turnover during the fiscal year and during this transition the credit card files were misplaced and not returned to their designated location. Management will ensure vendor files are appropriately maintained in a centralized location.

Part II. Prior Year Findings

A. Compliance Findings-

There are no findings to report under this section.

B. Internal Control Findings-

2022-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2016

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

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

STATUS: Unresolved. See finding 2023-001.

Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.

Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Director of Acadiana Open Channel, 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Acadiana Open Channel, Inc.'s management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Acadiana Open Channel, 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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:

Written Policies and Procedures

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

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- e) **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(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in 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.
- 1) *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.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe 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, observe 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.
 - c) Obtain the prior year audit report and observe 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, observe 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.
 - d) Observe 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.

Bank Reconciliations

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

Collections (excluding electronic fund transfers)

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

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe 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).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

- 8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with nonpayroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - e) 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.
- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation includes evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe 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.

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

12. Obtain 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. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, we randomly selected one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe 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). For missing receipts, describe the nature of the transaction and noted whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

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

- 15. Obtain 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 select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

- 16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
- c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe 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, was approval documented).
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

- 17. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- 20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

- 21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and.
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- 22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S.42:1170.

Debt Service

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

Fraud Notice

- 25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was 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.
- 26. 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.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 27. Performed the following procedures, verbally discussed the results with management, and reported "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observed 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.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

c) 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.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- 29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed 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.
- 30. We observed 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).
- 31. We 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:
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exceptions:

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

Written Policies and Procedures

1. The entity's written policies and procedures do not address the following: how purchases are initiated, the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, controls to ensure compliance with public bid law, and documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes; the disbursement process; management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue; the approval process for employee's rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules; the types of services requiring written contracts, standard terms and conditions, legal review, approval process, and monitoring process; and the identification of critical data and frequency of backups, storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, use of antivirus software on all systems, timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Board

2. The Organization's board minutes for the fiscal period did not reference or include financial activity relating to public funds for six of the eleven board meetings held.

Collections

- 3. The Organization's collection site does not demonstrate that job duties are properly segregated.
- 4. Both deposit dates selected for testing lacked evidence of the date of receipt; therefore, unable to determine if deposits were made within one business day.

Disbursements

5. Three of the five disbursements selected for testing did not reflect evidence of segregation of duties.

Credit Cards

6. The Organization was unable to locate the credit card statements and supporting documentation for the months selected for testing; therefore, we were unable to perform the testing procedures.

Travel and Travel-related Expense Reimbursements

7. The Organization had two travel expense reimbursements tested that were not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

Management's Response:

Management of Acadiana Open Channel, Inc. concurs with the exceptions and are working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by Acadiana Open Channel, 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 Acadiana Open Channel, 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.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana October 25, 2023