

ROAD HOME CORPORATION D/B/A LOUISIANA LAND TRUST

A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES

**Financial Statement Audit for the
Year Ended June 30, 2023
Issued June 26, 2024**

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June 24, 2024

Independent Auditor's Report

**LOUISIANA LAND TRUST
STATE OF LOUISIANA**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust (LLT), a component unit of the state of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise LLT's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LLT as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position, and its cash flows thereof 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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 LLT, 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 LLT's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 LLT'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 LLT'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2024, on our consideration of LLT'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 LLT'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 LLT's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



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LLT 2023

Statement A**LOUISIANA LAND TRUST
STATE OF LOUISIANA****Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023****ASSETS**

Current assets:

Cash (note 2)	\$272,445
Receivables, net (note 3)	2,734,054
Prepaid expenses	107,285
Total current assets	<u>3,113,784</u>

Noncurrent assets - capital assets, net (note 4)

49,831,022**TOTAL ASSETS**52,944,806**LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accruals (note 3)	2,283,965
Total current liabilities	<u>2,283,965</u>

Noncurrent liabilities:

Compensated absences (note 5)	80,708
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>80,708</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES2,364,673**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets

49,831,022

Unrestricted

749,111**TOTAL NET POSITION**\$50,580,133

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**LOUISIANA LAND TRUST
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

OPERATING REVENUES

Federal grants and contracts \$13,204,870

OPERATING EXPENSES

Property portfolio expenses (note 8)	1,321,444
Neighborhood Stabilization Program expenses	1,014
Pecan Acres property acquisition incentive expenses (note 11)	93,534
Pecan Acres relocation expenses (note 11)	14,995
Isle De Jean Charles relocation expenses (note 10)	37,490
Mitigation project relocation expenses (note 12)	896,478
Salaries and related benefits	628,928
Rent (note 7)	19,726
Insurance	28,257
Travel	8,779
Professional services	543,125
Other	63,968
Total operating expenses	<u>3,657,738</u>

OPERATING INCOME

9,547,132

NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)

Federal grants - land donations, Road Home program	7,753,912
Property sales proceeds transferred to local governments	(23,755)
Office of Community Development - return of program income	(610,230)
Property disposition expenses	(22,692)
Loss on disposition of properties	(17,409,532)
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(10,312,297)</u>

DECREASE IN NET POSITION

(765,165)

NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED (note 13)

51,345,298

NET POSITION - END OF YEAR

\$50,580,133

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**LOUISIANA LAND TRUST
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(\$2,315,149)
Cash payments to employees for services	(624,498)
Federal grants and contracts	12,228,564
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>9,288,917</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Purchase of fixed assets	(9,227,548)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(9,227,548)</u>

NET INCREASE IN CASH 61,369

CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 211,076

CASH AT END OF YEAR \$272,445

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Operating income	\$9,547,132
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in receivables, net	(962,099)
(Increase) in prepayments	(12,319)
Decrease in other current asset	5,498
Increase in accounts payable and accruals	707,836
Increase in compensated absences payable	2,869
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$9,288,917</u></u>

NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Contributions of fixed assets	\$7,753,912
Loss on disposition of properties	(\$17,409,532)
Property sales proceeds transferred to local governments	(\$23,755)
Office of Community Development - return of program income	(\$610,230)
Disposed assets	(\$22,692)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) is a nonprofit organization formed in 2006 to manage the properties that have been purchased by the state of Louisiana under the current Road Home program and other land programs in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Art. VII, Section 21 (B)(1). LLT's programmatic scope expanded over the years and now includes:

- (1) Community service through the acquisition, disposition, renovation, improvement, leasing, development, and redevelopment of property;
- (2) Assisting communities in recovering from natural disasters, relocating to safe sites in the face of natural hazards;
- (3) Reducing blighted conditions in communities; developing property in a resilient, sustainable manner;
- (4) Retaining and protecting the natural, scenic, or open-space values of immovable property;
- (5) Assuring the availability of immovable property for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open-space use;
- (6) Protecting natural resources;
- (7) Maintaining or enhancing air or water quality;
- (8) Preserving the historical, archaeological, or cultural aspects of unimproved immovable property; and
- (9) Assisting local, regional, state, and federal governmental entities and other nonprofit organizations in these and related endeavors.

LLT is governed by a board of directors appointed by the governor. The members of the board serve without compensation.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* published by GASB. LLT management follows all applicable GASB pronouncements.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

Using the criteria in GASB Codification Section 2100, the Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the state of Louisiana. For accounting purposes, LLT is considered a discretely presented component unit of the state of Louisiana because the state exercises oversight responsibility in that the governor appoints the members of the board.¹ The accompanying financial statements present only the activity of LLT. Annually, the state of Louisiana issues an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which includes the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. Those basic financial statements are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

Blended Component Units

The LLT Community Service Corporation (LLTCSC), a nonprofit corporation, is considered a blended component unit of LLT and is included in the basic financial statements. LLTCSC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of LLT created on September 9, 2013, for the purpose of minimizing LLT's potential liability exposure associated with ownership of a demolition site located in New Orleans. LLTCSC does not prepare separate financial statements.

The LLT Evergreen, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is considered a blended component unit of LLT and is included in the basic financial statements. LLT Evergreen, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of LLT created on December 26, 2018, for the purpose of resettlement of residents of Isle de Jean Charles due to coastal erosion and rising sea levels. LLT Evergreen, Inc. does not prepare separate financial statements.

The LLT Audubon, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is considered a blended component unit of LLT and is included in the basic financial statements. LLT Audubon, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of LLT created on March 28, 2020, for the purpose of resettlement of residents of Pecan Acres due to consistent flooding. LLT Audubon, Inc. does not prepare separate financial statements.

¹ Although LLT is considered a component unit of the state of Louisiana for **accounting** purposes, by statute [R.S. 40:600.62(3)], LLT "shall not constitute a state agency, board, or commission; nor shall it constitute an instrumentality of the state or of any political subdivision."

The LLT Batture, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is considered a blended component unit of LLT and is included in the basic financial statements. LLT Batture, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of LLT, created on December 26, 2018, for the purpose of resettlement of residents of Isle de Jean Charles due to coastal erosion and rising sea levels. LLT Batture, Inc. does not prepare separate financial statements. LLT Batture Holding, LLC was also formed on December 26, 2018. In November 2019, LLT Batture Holding, LLC accepted a land donation of the Batture property to be used in conjunction with the Isle de Jean Charles resettlement program. LLT Batture Holding, LLC then transferred the land donation to LLT Batture, Inc. in December 2019. LLT Batture Holding, LLC, does not prepare separate financial statements nor does it hold any assets as of June 30, 2023.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the timing of recognition of revenues and expenses in the accounts and reporting in the financial statements, and the measurement focus refers to what transactions and events should be recorded. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Under this method, revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and/or producing and delivering goods in connection with LLT's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. The principal operating revenues of LLT are federal grants received from the Office of Community Development through the Road Home, Restore Homeowners Solution 4, Pecan Acres Resettlement, Isle De Jean Charles Resettlement, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation programs. Operating expenses include demolition costs, rehab costs, property maintenance, Solution 4 program acquisition incentive payments, Pecan Acres program acquisition incentive payments, and CDBG relocation expenses. The principal nonoperating revenues and expenses are land donations received through the Road Home and Mitigation programs and costs resulting from the disposition of its properties.

D. CAPITAL ASSETS

Land received through the Road Home and Mitigation programs are recorded at its estimated fair value at the time of donation. Land acquired through the Solution 4, Pecan Acres, and Isle De Jean Charles programs is recorded at its estimated fair value at the time of acquisition. Furniture, equipment, and vehicles are valued at historical cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets of LLT is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is

computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Furniture	7
Equipment	5
Vehicles	5

E. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Full-time and certain part-time employees earn vacation leave and sick leave at various rates depending on the employees' number of years of service. There is no limitation on the amount of sick leave that can be accumulated. Upon separation, employees will be compensated for unused vacation leave, up to a maximum of 400 hours. Employees are not paid for accrued sick leave upon termination.

F. NET POSITION

Net position comprises the various net earnings from revenues and expenses. Net position is classified in the following three components:

- Net investment in capital assets consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that is not included in the other categories previously mentioned.

2. CASH

Cash includes noninterest-bearing demand deposits (book balances) of \$272,445 at June 30, 2023.

Custodial risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, LLT's deposits may not be recovered. Under state law, demand deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These pledged securities are held in the

name of LLT by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At June 30, 2023, LLT has \$298,802 in deposits (collective bank balances), all of which is secured from risk by federal deposit insurance plus pledged securities.

3. DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

As reflected on the statement of net position, the receivables as of June 30, 2023, for LLT are as follows:

Due from Office of Community Development	<u>\$2,734,054</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,734,054</u></u>

As reflected on the statement of net position, the accounts payable and accruals as of June 30, 2023, for LLT are as follows:

Vendors payable	\$2,272,932
Accrued salaries and benefits	9,358
Sales deposits	<u>1,675</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,283,965</u></u>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets and related depreciation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, follows:

	<u>Balance June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Prior Period Adjustment</u>	<u>Restated Balance June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:						
Construction-in-Progress	\$29,867,930	\$0	\$29,867,930	\$9,008,682	(\$10,734,664)	\$28,141,948
Land	<u>21,075,120</u>	<u>(27,279)</u>	<u>21,047,841</u>	<u>7,972,777</u>	<u>(7,331,544)</u>	<u>21,689,074</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>50,943,050</u>	<u>(27,279)</u>	<u>50,915,771</u>	<u>16,981,459</u>	<u>(18,066,208)</u>	<u>49,831,022</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:						
Machinery and equipment	107,128	0	107,128	0	(13,506)	93,622
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(107,128)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(107,128)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,506</u>	<u>(93,622)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u><u>\$50,943,050</u></u>	<u><u>(27,279)</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,915,771</u></u>	<u><u>\$16,981,459</u></u>	<u><u>(\$18,066,208)</u></u>	<u><u>\$49,831,022</u></u>

5. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At June 30, 2023, LLT employees have accumulated vacation leave of \$80,708. These balances were computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60. The leave payable is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Compensated absences outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Compensated absences	<u>\$77,839</u>	<u>\$22,489</u>	<u>\$19,620</u>	<u>\$80,708</u>

6. RETIREMENT PLAN

The employees of LLT are members of the Road Home Corporation 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the Plan), a defined-contribution pension plan. LLT is the administrator of the Plan. Contribution requirements for the Plan are established and may be amended by LLT's board of directors. Other benefit terms are established and amended by management. Employees are eligible to become participants in the Plan after completing one month of employment. Participants in the Plan may contribute between 0% and 92% of their eligible compensation up to the limits established by federal law. LLT provides a matching contribution equal to 100% of the first 4% of compensation deferred by each employee. Participants are fully vested immediately. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, employer and employee contributions were \$5,082 and \$5,082, respectively.

LLT may also make Employer Profit Sharing Contributions in amounts determined each year by its board of directors; however, as of June 30, 2023, LLT has not made such contributions. To be eligible for the Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, employees must be contributing to the Plan and must have worked at least 500 hours of service during the plan year or be employed on the last day of the plan year. The vesting schedule for the Employer Profit Sharing Contributions is as follows:

<u>Years of Vesting Service</u>	<u>Nonforfeitable Percentage</u>
Less than 2	0%
2 years, but less than 3	20%
3 years, but less than 4	40%
4 years, but less than 5	60%
5 years, but less than 6	80%
6 years or more	100%

7. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Operating Leases

LLT had operating leases for office space. Rental expense for the operating leases during the year ended June 30, 2023, totaled \$19,726. The lease was a six-month lease which expired in September 2022. The lease was renewed and will expire in October 2024. The future minimum rental payments are \$19,656 for 2024 and \$6,552 for 2025.

LLT entered into a three-year lease for office equipment beginning in November 2021. Monthly lease payments are \$138. Equipment lease expenses are coded to office expenses. Total equipment lease expense for June 30, 2023 is \$1,653. Future minimum lease payments are \$690 for 2024.

8. PROPERTY PORTFOLIO EXPENSES

The following is a summary of property portfolio expenses incurred during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Solution 4 Portfolio Expenses	
Appraisals	\$600
Demolitions	12,796
Insurance	17,530
Maintenance	25,487
Closings/Title Work	26,968
Pecan Acres Portfolio Expenses	
Closing fees	59,178
Insurance	1,507
Recording fees	9,880
Isle De Jean Charles Portfolio Expenses	
Closing fees	20,706
Insurance	154,549
Recording fees	20
Road Home Portfolio Expenses	
Appraisals	200
Closings	3,388
Demolition costs	77,268
Insurance	20,088
Maintenance	9,696
Property taxes	201,845
MIT Property Portfolio Expenses	
Appraisals	2,300
Closing fees	3,515
Insurance	27,536
Demolition costs	435,434
Permits	1,251
Property taxes	19,502
Maintenance	190,200
Total	<u>\$1,321,444</u>

9. SOLUTION 4 OF RESTORE HOMEOWNERS PROJECT EXPENSES

The following is a summary of Solution 4 project expenses incurred during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Administration Expenses - Insurance	\$1,688
Administration Expenses - Rent	2,228
Administration Expenses - Travel	381
Administration Expenses - Other	12,125
Portfolio Expenses	83,381
Professional Fees	91,720
Salaries and Related Benefits	<u>90,306</u>
Total	<u><u>\$281,829</u></u>

The expenses outlined above are included within the operating expense amounts reported on Statement B.

10. ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES PROJECT EXPENSES

The following is a summary of Isle de Jean Charles project expenses incurred during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Administration Expenses - Insurance	\$8,586
Administration Expenses - Rent	5,419
Administration Expenses - Travel	4,273
Administration Expenses - Other	10,595
Portfolio Expenses	175,275
Professional Fees	153,184
Relocation Expenses	37,490
Salaries and Related Benefits	<u>85,695</u>
Total	<u><u>\$480,517</u></u>

The expenses outlined above are included within the operating expense amounts reported on Statement B.

11. PECAN ACRES PROJECT EXPENSES

The following is a summary of Pecan Acres project expenses incurred during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Administration Expenses - Insurance	\$7,977
Administration Expenses - Rent	6,897
Administration Expenses - Travel	2,465
Administration Expenses - Other	22,870
Portfolio Expenses	70,566
Professional Fees	159,478
Property Acquisition Incentives	93,534
Relocation Expenses	14,995
Salaries and Related Benefits	179,713
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Total	<u>\$558,495</u>

The expenses outlined above are included within the operating expense amounts reported on Statement B.

12. MITIGATION PROJECT EXPENSES

The following is a summary of Mitigation project expenses incurred during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Administration Expenses - Insurance	\$7,304
Administration Expenses - Rent	3,951
Administration Expenses - Travel	974
Administration Expenses - Other	12,210
Portfolio Expenses	679,738
Professional Fees	10,332
Relocation Expenses	896,478
Salaries and Related Benefits	159,073
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Total	<u>\$1,770,060</u>

The expenses outlined above are included within the operating expense amounts reported on Statement B.

13. RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING NET POSITION

The beginning net position as reflected on Statement B has been restated to reflect the following changes:

Net position at June 30, 2022	\$51,038,016
Reduction of prior-year capital assets	(27,279)
Reduction of prior-year accounts payable	<u>334,561</u>
Net position at June 30, 2022, as restated	<u><u>\$51,345,298</u></u>

Had the corrections noted above, affecting fiscal year 2022, been included in the June 30, 2022, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, the previously reported change in net position of \$15,588,430 would have been \$15,595,717.

14. BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

LLT Community Services Corporation (LLTCSC) is a blended component unit of LLT, and its capital asset and net position - net investment in capital assets valued at \$53,580 as of June 30, 2023, are included in LLT's basic financial statements. These are the only accounts of LLTCSC as of June 30, 2023.

LLT Evergreen, Inc. is a blended component unit of LLT, and its capital asset and net position - net investment in capital assets valued at \$8,411,791 as of June 30, 2023, are included in LLT's basic financial statements. These are the only accounts of LLT Evergreen, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, in the statement of net position.

LLT Audubon, Inc. is a blended component unit of LLT, and its capital asset and net position - net investment in capital assets valued at \$188,926 as of June 30, 2023, are included in LLT's basic financial statements. These are the only accounts of LLT Audubon, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, in the statement of net position.

LLT Batture, Inc. is a blended component unit of LLT, and its capital asset and net position - net investment in capital assets valued at \$80,000 as of June 30, 2023, are included in LLT's basic financial statements. These are the only accounts of LLT Batture, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, in the statement of net position.

**OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Exhibit A

The following pages contain a report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with laws and regulations and other matters as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report is based solely on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control or compliance and other matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.

June 24, 2024

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*

Independent Auditor's Report

**LOUISIANA LAND TRUST
STATE OF LOUISIANA**
Baton Rouge, 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust (LLT), a component unit of the state of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise LLT's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in this report, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the following deficiency to be a material weakness.

Inaccurate Financial Reporting

For the fourth consecutive year, LLT did not have adequate controls over financial reporting to ensure its financial statements were accurate and complete. As a result, LLT submitted an inaccurate Annual Fiscal Report (AFR) to the Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy (OSRAP) that contained the following errors requiring adjustment:

- LLT's cash balance was understated by \$100,000 as a result of LLT making an unnecessary journal entry.
- LLT's non-depreciable capital assets balance was overstated by \$4,547,005 as a result of the following:
 - Beginning balance was overstated by \$27,279 for a Road Home property that should have been recorded as a deletion in a previous fiscal year.
 - Current-year construction-in-progress additions were overstated by \$176,461 for property portfolio and relocation operating expenses that were incorrectly capitalized.
 - Current-year construction-in-progress deletions were overstated by \$374,105 and understated by \$658,622 for the dwelling and garage values of newly-constructed properties transferred to individuals under the Pecan Acres and Isle de Jean Charles programs, respectively, that were recorded at the incorrect value.
 - Current-year land additions were overstated by \$13,000 for a property recorded at the incorrect value under the Mitigation program, \$79,400 for Pecan Acres properties acquired in the following fiscal year, and \$414,000 in Pecan Acres properties recorded at the incorrect value. Land additions were understated by \$44,800 for an unrecorded Pecan Acres property.
 - Current-year land deletions were understated by \$3,671,456 and \$50,971 for properties recorded at the incorrect value for the Solution 4 and Isle de Jean Charles programs and overstated by \$27,279 for a Road Home property recorded at the incorrect value. Land deletions were overstated by \$99,000 and understated by \$1,000 for the lot values of newly-constructed properties transferred to individuals under the Pecan Acres and

Isle de Jean Charles programs, respectively, that were recorded at the incorrect value.

- LLT's accounts receivables were understated by \$299,006 due to a \$91,741 error in the calculation of LLT's estimated receivables due from the Office of Community Development and \$207,265 in erroneous credits to receivables for acquired Pecan Acres properties.
- LLT's accounts payables were overstated by \$334,561 due to LLT overstating the beginning accounts payable balance.
- LLT misclassified \$610,230 in program income returned to OCD as property sale proceeds transferred to local governments for the Road Home and Solution 4 programs, did not record \$23,755 in property sale proceeds transferred to local governments for a Road Home property, and did not record \$19,979 in disposition costs for Road Home and Solution 4 properties. These errors resulted in a \$43,734 overstatement to loss on disposition of properties and a \$586,475 overstatement to property sale proceeds transferred to local governments.
- As a result of these misstatements, operating grants and contracts were understated by \$264,406, operating expenses were understated by \$76,461, capital grants and contributions were overstated by \$427,000, non-operating expenses were understated by \$3,881,665, and beginning net position was understated by \$307,282.

In addition to the errors identified above, LLT's financial statements and note disclosures required the following adjustments:

- LLT made multiple errors in the presentation of its statement of cash flows, including improper consideration of accrued wages and compensated absences.
- LLT's cash note disclosure inaccurately reflected that a portion of its bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.
- The cash, disaggregation of receivables and payables, capital assets, property portfolio expenses, Solution 4 of Restore Homeowners project expenses, Isle De Jean Charles project expenses, Pecan Acres project expenses, restatement of beginning net position, and blended component units note disclosures required adjustments due to misstatements in the financial statement account balances and transaction classes.

These errors occurred because management did not have an adequate process to review journal entries recorded in the general ledger to ensure the entries were accurate, based on sufficient support, and, where applicable, based on reasonable estimation methods. In addition, management did not perform an

adequate review of the AFR, financial statements, and note disclosures, which were prepared by a contracted CPA. Failure to implement adequate internal controls over the financial reporting process increases the likelihood that errors and omissions, either intentional or unintentional, may occur and remain undetected.

Good internal control over financial reporting should include adequate procedures and oversight to record, process, and transmit financial data needed to prepare accurate and complete financial statements. In addition, controls should include a review process that will identify preparation errors and correct those errors before submitting the AFR to OSRAP and issuing financial statements and note disclosures.

LLT management should establish and perform adequate procedures to provide oversight of the recorded general ledger entries and perform a thorough review of the AFR, financial statements, and note disclosures to identify and correct errors before issuance. Management concurred with the finding and outlined a corrective action plan (see Appendix A, pages 1-2).

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. We consider the following deficiency to be a significant deficiency.

Inadequate Controls over Bank Reconciliations

LLT did not have adequate controls over its bank reconciliations, which increases the risk that errors or fraud could occur and not be detected timely.

Based on our review of the monthly bank statements and reconciliations for July 2022 through June 2023, two of the reconciliations omitted general ledger entries totaling \$93,783. These general ledger entries were made after the original reconciliations were performed, and revised reconciliations were not performed. The missing entries pertained to the May and June 2023 reconciliations and did not appear as reconciling items until the July 2023 bank reconciliation in the following fiscal year.

Management did not place sufficient emphasis on implementing an effective bank reconciliation process. Good internal controls require a monthly reconciliation of bank balances to the accounting records after all entries have been made.

LLT should follow its existing bank reconciliation policy to ensure that LLT's bank accounts are properly reconciled and that reconciling items are properly documented. Additionally, LLT should provide training of the bank reconciliation process and policies to accounting staff, as needed.

Management concurred with the finding and provided a corrective action plan (see Appendix A, page 3).

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether LLT'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*.

LLT's Responses to the Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on LLT's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described previously. LLT's responses, attached in Appendix A, were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. "Mike" Waguespack, CPA
Legislative Auditor

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APPENDIX A: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES



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June 17, 2024

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Audit Period: Year End June 30, 2023

The Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) respectively submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Condition: For the fourth consecutive year, LLT did not have adequate controls over financial reporting to ensure its financial statements were accurate and complete. As a result, LLT submitted an inaccurate Annual Fiscal Report (AFR) to the Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy (OSRAP).

Actions to be taken –

1. Management concurs and has drafted an RFP for a new CPA (External Accountant) that will be released for proposals in 3-6 weeks and anticipates having the new external accountant in place by the end of the first quarter of the upcoming fiscal year.
2. The new external accountant will be responsible to provide detailed internal training with all financial staff on finances, assist with books and accurate financial reporting.
3. Management is in the process of making the corrective entries and will submit a corrected Annual Financial Report to the Office of Financial Reporting by July 15th.
4. Management will put into place a process for monthly meetings to review finances, income/expenses, and asset accounting beginning in July as well as review of all financial statements and the AFR before submission to OSRAP.

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If there are any questions regarding the actions taken, please feel free to reach out and let me know

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Rouege', written over the printed name.

Jonathan Rouege
Interim Executive Director



Michael B Taylor

Executive Director

June 17, 2024

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Audit Period: Year End June 30, 2023

The Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) respectively submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Condition: LLT did not have adequate controls over its bank reconciliations, which increases the risk that an employee's error or fraud could occur and not be detected in a timely manner.

Actions to be taken –

1. Management concurs and will review all bank reconciliations within 4 days of completion to ensure that there are no transactions missed. If necessary LLT will work to correct any mistakes made that would cause the General Ledger and the Bank Reconciliation to be incorrect and reconcile the bank statements again.

If there are any questions regarding the actions taken, please feel free to reach out and let me know.

Thanks,


Jonathan Rouege
Interim Executive Director

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