

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT

*Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District  
St. Joseph, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District, as of December 31, 2023 which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the District's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

**Accountants' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context.

## **Other Information**

Act 706 of the Louisiana 2014 Legislative Session requires the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

## **Report on Agreed Upon Procedures**

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report, dated November 3, 2024, on the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

*David M. Hart, CPA (APAC)*

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 6,334
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	-
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Equity

Unrestricted Equity	6,334
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<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>	<u>\$ 6,334</u>
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NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Revenues

Rent Income	\$ 333,033
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Expenditures

Bank Charges	348
Legal Fees	273,942
RMI Valuations	36,458
Appraisal Fees	2,795
Timbalier Resources	13,156

Total Expenditures	326,699
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Net Income (Loss)	6,334
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Equity at Beginning of Year	-
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Equity at End of Year	<u>\$ 6,334</u>
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See accompanying notes and Independent Accountants' Review Report.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash received from customers	\$ 333,033
Cash paid to suppliers	(326,699)
Net Cash provided by operating activities	<u>6,334</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

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NET DECREASE IN CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH 6,334

CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR -

CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH, END OF YEAR \$ 6,334

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET

CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating income \$ 6,334

Adjustments to reconcile operating income  
to net cash provided by operating activities:

Changes in assets and liabilities: -

Total Adjustments 6,334

Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities \$ 6,334

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountants' Review Report.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

INTRODUCTION

The agricultural industry constitutes a significant element in the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia. To expand the economic base of each identified parish, to strengthen the resiliency of the agriculture sector and retain farm jobs, and to create opportunities for the industrial sector in the parishes, it is necessary that the development of railroads be encouraged and supported. For the purpose of exercising the powers and duties set forth in R.S. 33:140.71 through 33:140.79, inclusive, there is hereby created the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District, hereinafter referred to as the "district", which district shall include the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia.

The primary purpose for the creation of the district is to promote and encourage development of rail service running between the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia, to stimulate the economy among the parishes through renewed commerce and industry, and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources by providing job opportunities in and among the parishes.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The District's financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations.

The District is a special purpose government engaged only in business type activities. All activities of the District are accounted for in a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing authority is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

The term measurement focus denotes what is being measured and reported in the District's operating statement. Financial operations of the District are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all of the assets and liabilities available to the District for the purpose of providing services to the public, are measured on the balance sheet. The activity statement includes all costs of providing goods and services during the period.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations, primarily the provision of water to rural areas of Ouachita Parish. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the entity's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**B. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

**C. NET POSITION**

GASB Statement No. 34 required classification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63 revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required component of the residual measure and by renaming that measure at net position, rather than net assets. GASB No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

- Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflow of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.
- Restricted – The component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the assets result from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.



NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

C. NET POSITION (continued)

- Unrestricted – This component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position. All net position is considered unrestricted at December 31, 2023.

D. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

*Custodial Credit Risk – deposits.* The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require the financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2023.

The District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances), savings, and investments in certificates of deposit totaling \$6,344 at December 31, 2023 as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ <u>6,344</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2023, are secured as follows:

	Non-Interest Bearing
Bank Balances	\$ 6,344
FDIC Insurance – Non-Interest Bearing Accounts	<u>250,000</u>
Uninsured Amount	<u>\$ -</u>

The accounts are managed by the District's fiscal agent and consist of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. Investments are in accordance with LRS 33:2955(A)(1)(e) and are not required to be covered by the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Note 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2023 the District had no accounts receivable.

Note 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

At December 31, 2023 the District had no capital assests.

Note 5 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The District was not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2023, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

Note 6- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 3, 2024, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that the significant events have occurred for disclosure.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO  
AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

There was no compensation, benefits and other payments made to agency head or chief executive officer during the year ended December 31, 2023.

## **COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON  
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To The Board of Commissioners of the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District and  
the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (the specified parties), on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The District's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

*Public Bid Law*

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

No expenditures were made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and no expenditures were made for public works exceeding \$250,000.

*Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees*

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided me with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided me with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 2.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

### *Budgeting*

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided me with a copy of the original budget. Management represented that there was no amendment to the budget during the year.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

Management represented that there was no budget adopted during the year. There is currently no revenue except for the prepaid rent received from the Lake Providence Port Commission. All expenditures have mainly dealt with legal issues.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more. (For agencies that must comply with the Licensing Agency Budget Act only, compare the expenditures of the final budget to actual expenditures, and report whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 10% or more per category or 5% or more in total).

There was no budget in place for the 2023 fiscal year.

### *Accounting and Reporting*

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

- (a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

- (b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All of the disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

The District's policies and procedures state that the chairman of the District's Board of Commissioners must approve all disbursements, with subsequent approval by the full board. Documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements included the signature of the chairman of the Board of Commissioners. In addition, approval by the full commission for each of the disbursements was traced to the District's minute book.

### *Meetings*

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

Management represented that the District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's office building. The District complied with this requirement.

### *Debt*

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

I scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

### *Advances and Bonuses*

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of commissioners for the fiscal year. I found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

### *State Audit Law*

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's report was submitted timely.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Management represented that the District entered into no contracts during the fiscal year that was subject to the public bid law.

### *Prior-Year Comments*

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

There is no prior year report that included suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and comments, of which was resolved and the other is still applicable due to cost/benefit constrictions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

West Monroe, Louisiana  
November 3, 2024

*David M. Ward, CPA (APAC)*



NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

**2023-01 No Budget Adopted for the Year**

Condition: There was no budget adopted for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Criteria: The Local Government Budget Act (LGBA), found in R.S. 39:1301-1315, directs political subdivisions of the State as to the manner in which the budget of the political subdivisions shall be adopted, implemented, and amended. These laws, collectively called the LGBA, direct a political subdivision to allow for public participation prior to the adoption of a budget. The laws further call for financial planning and budgeting practices, which will secure the public dollars entrusted to the leaders of the political subdivision. Each political subdivision must prepare a comprehensive budget presenting a complete financial plan for each fiscal year for the general fund and each special revenue fund.

Effect: By not adopting a budget, the District is not in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act.

Recommendation: It is recommended that a budget be adopted annually each December prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Management's Response:

The NELA multimodal district did not pass a budget for 2023 because it initially anticipated no significant revenue or expenses for the year. However, the situation changed unexpectedly when the board decided to file an expropriation suit. This decision led to unforeseen legal and title expenses, which were not accounted for in the preliminary budget considerations.

The expropriation process typically involves various costs, including legal fees, title investigations, and potential compensation for affected property owners. These unexpected expenses created a financial burden that the district had not planned for, making it difficult to establish a balanced budget. Consequently, the board opted to postpone the budget approval until they could better assess the financial impact of these legal proceedings and adjust their financial strategy accordingly.

**2023-02 Financial Statements Issued After Due Date**

Condition: The audit report was submitted after the statutory due date.

Criteria: LSA-R.S.24.513 states that all engagements must be completed and transmitted to the Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the auditee fiscal year.

Cause: There was little to no activity until the end of the year when it was realized a review had to be performed on the financial statements.

Effect: When an entity is late filing its report, the entity is placed on the LLA's noncompliance list. Being placed on the list results in an entity receiving no funds from the State until the entity is removed from the list. Management cannot work in a timely manner to resolve internal control deficiencies and noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants identified by the auditor.

Management's Response: Management will ensure that the report is submitted by the statutory due date in the future.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Section I - Financial Statement Findings

No findings were reported in this section since the first year of existence is the year ending December 31, 2023.

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

David M. Hartt, CPA (APAC)

PO Box 1332

West Monroe, LA 71294

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### **Meetings**

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### **Debt**

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

#### **Advances and Bonuses**

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### **Prior-Year Comments**

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

#### **General**

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

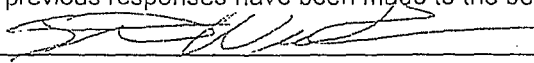
We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

 President 11/12/24 Date

 Deputy Director 11-12-24 Date