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Natchitoches, Louisiana
GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

December 31, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Joseph S. Daigle
Assumption Parish Assessor
Nopcoville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year then ended December 31, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Assumption Parish Assessor. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with general accepted auditing standards contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Assumption Parish Assessor as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated May 15, 1997 on our consideration of the Assumption Parish Assessor's internal control structure and a report dated May 15, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

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Bella Rose, Louisiana
May 15, 1997

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSUMPTION PARKS ASSessor
Napadenoville, Louisiana
All Fund Types and Account Groups - Balance Sheet

Statement A

December 31, 1996

	<u>Governmental Fund - General Fund</u>	<u>Account Group - General Fund Assets</u>	<u>Total (Governmental Only)</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,816	\$ -	\$ 111,816
Investments - certificates of deposit	400,000	-	400,000
Revenues receivable:			
Ad valorem taxes	260,763	-	260,763
State revenue sharing	11,667	-	11,667
Office furnishings, equipment and automobile	-	131,464	131,464
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 782,886</u>	<u>\$ 131,464</u>	<u>\$ 914,350</u>
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 641	\$ -	\$ 641
Accrued compensated absence payable	1,717	-	1,717
Total Liabilities	<u>2,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,358</u>
Equity and Other Credits:			
Investment in general fund assets	-	131,464	131,464
Fund balance - unreserved and undesignated	782,886	-	782,886
Total Equity and Other Credits	<u>782,886</u>	<u>131,464</u>	<u>914,350</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	 <u>\$ 784,966</u>	 <u>\$ 131,464</u>	 <u>\$ 916,430</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSOCIATION
 Natchitoches, Louisiana
Governmental Fund Type - General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

Statement B

REVENUES	
Admission fees	\$ 270,450
State revenue sharing	20,000
Interest earnings	32,968
Other	<u>200</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 323,618</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Personnel services and related benefits	283,074
Operating services	37,699
Materials and supplies	9,240
Travel and other	4,852
Capital outlay	<u>28,459</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 363,324</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	50,294
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>718,714</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 769,008</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASSUMPTION PARKS ASSOCIATION
Naperville, Illinois
Governmental Fund Type - General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual

Statement 1

For the Year Ended December 31, 1994

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Admission fees	\$ 250,200	\$ 278,480	\$ 28,280
State revenue sharing	20,000	20,000	-
Interest earnings	20,000	20,900	1,900
Other	-	200	200
Total Revenues	<u>290,200</u>	<u>319,580</u>	<u>29,380</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries:			
Amount	46,750	46,780	(1)
Dues/fees	114,880	104,577	9,883
Other related benefits	-	7,543	(7,543)
Travel - association's expense	4,674	4,674	-
Travel - other	3,000	3,782	(208)
Operating services	24,000	27,000	(3,000)
Material and supplies	15,000	9,242	5,758
Automobile	4,500	1,000	3,500
Capital outlay	15,000	28,458	(3,458)
Reserves	20,000	20,100	(100)
Resortment	20,000	3,000	17,000
Total Expenditures	<u>290,200</u>	<u>328,560</u>	<u>18,360</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	-	52,024	52,024
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>728,324</u>	<u>728,324</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 728,324</u>	<u>\$ 780,348</u>	<u>\$ 52,024</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSessor
Napoleonville, Louisiana
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1996

NOTE a - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a four-year term. The assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to all valuations limitations. The assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the office and to provide assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the assessor is officially and politically responsible for the actions of the deputies.

The assessor's office is located in the Assumption Parish Courthouse in Napoleonville, Louisiana. The assessor employed five deputies as of December 31, 1996. In accordance with Louisiana law, the assessor has real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The assessor completes an assessment listing by May 1 of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector, who is responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to the various taxing bodies.

As of December 31, 1996, there were 16,372 real property and movable property assessments totaling 128,768,000 and 160,364,354 respectively. Since December 31, 1995, there was an increase of 1,654 assessment listings and total assessments also increased by \$1,998,175.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Assumption Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Assumption Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Assumption Parish Police Jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Assumption Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria include:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - the ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization, and
 - the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the police jury.

ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSessor
Napoleonville, Louisiana
NOTICE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1994

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES - Continued

2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority, but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Even though the assessor is an independently elected official, and is legally separate from the police jury, the assessor is fiscally dependent on the police jury when the police jury has approval authority over the assessor's capital budget because office space is furnished to the assessor by the police jury and title to real property is in the name of the police jury. Because of these reasons, the management of the assessor's office has determined that the Assumption Parish Assessor is a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury.

Fund Accounting:

The assessor uses a fund (General Fund) and an account group (General Fund Assets Account Group) to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by aggregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

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

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 47:1805, is the principal fund of the assessor and accounts for the operation of the assessor's office. All salaries tax revenue authorized by an Act of the Louisiana State Legislature is accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Basis of Accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental fund is accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The operating statements of the General Fund present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental fund. The governmental fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues - All revenues taxes are measured on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are recognized as revenues in the year they are assessed, and, generally, are collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

State Revenue Sharing are funds provided through an Act of the Louisiana State legislature. The State Revenue sharing is recognized as revenue in the year the act is approved and passed by the legislature.

Interest earnings on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured and the interest is available.

ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSessor
Natchitoches, Louisiana
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1996

NOTE 4 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES - Continued

Expenditures - Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Budgets

The Assumption Parish Assessor adopts an annual budget for the General Fund on a modified accrual basis of accounting for both revenues and expenditures. The original proposed budget for 1996 was made available for public inspection at the assessor's office on December 1, 1995, and adopted on December 30, 1995. Formal budget integration is employed as a management control device during the year. The assessor reserves all authority to make changes to the budget. When actual revenues fail to meet budgeted revenues by five per cent or more under actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five per cent or more, a budget amendment to reflect such change is adopted by the assessor. The original budget was not amended.

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash includes amounts in interest-bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the assessor may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

All Valuable Items Recordable

All of the intangible tax recordable on the balance sheet was recognized as revenue for the year. Management has determined that amounts for recordable amounts were immaterial. Historically, any recordable all valuable tax amounts have been immaterial.

Fixed Assets and Long-term Obligations

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased, and the related assets are capitalized and reported in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Approximately 97 per cent of the general fixed assets are valued at actual cost, while the remaining 3 per cent are valued at estimated historical cost based on the cost of like items.

There were no long term obligations at December 31, 1996.

Compensatory Absence

All employees of the assessor's office earn two weeks of vacation leave each year. Employees are allowed to accumulate vacation leave to a maximum of four weeks. All employees are allowed sick leave at the discretion of the assessor. Upon termination or retirement, employees are paid for unused vacation leave. Effective January 1, 1995, the employees must take all vacation leave granted unless accumulated from prior years during 1995, and will not be able to accumulate and carry forward unused vacation leave in succeeding years.

Typical Columns on Combined Statements

The total columns on the balance sheet is captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that it is prepared only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

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 Natchitoches, Louisiana
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 1996

NOTE B - LEVIED TAXES

In 1996, the Assumption Parish Assessor received an assessor's compensation based upon total taxes levied in the parish. Also, in 1996, the assessor was also authorized to levy up to 4.05 mills in ad valorem taxes. A 4.05 mill ad valorem tax was levied for the year ended December 31, 1996.

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish:

Taxpayer	Type of Business	1996	
		Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation
Dow Chemical	Chemical Plant	\$ 1,094,448	10%
J. Ray McDermott	Oil company	1,081,478	9%
Louisiana Power & Light	Power company	1,076,078	10%
Bell South Communications	Telephone company	1,075,428	10%
Enron/LA Resources	Pipelines	1,649,568	15%
Koch Gateway Pipeline	Pipelines	1,680,378	15%
Union Carbide, Inc.	Oil & gas transportation	1,541,198	14%
Assumption Bank & Trust	Banking	1,263,988	12%
Dugas & LeBlanc	Farming	971,198	9%
Acadian Gas	Pipelines	958,128	9%
Total		\$ 21,131,628	100%

The total assessed valuation for all taxpayers as December 31, 1996 was \$26,189,038. This figure was used in calculating the percentage of the 1996 assessed valuation of each of the ten largest taxpayers to the total assessed valuation for all taxpayers.

NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 1996, the carrying amounts (book balances) of all cash and cash equivalents and investments of the assessor totaled \$11,836, and are listed as follows:

Interest bearing demand deposits	\$ 62,916
Cash on hand	50,000
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	111,916
Investments - Certificates of deposit	400,000
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$ 511,916

These deposits are placed at risk, 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, used 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. As December 31, 1996,

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Natchitoches, Louisiana
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December 31, 1996

NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

the assessor has \$513,167 in deposits (including bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$200,000 of federal depository insurance and \$314,711 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (FAASB Category 3). Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASBS Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 50:1219 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advance and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the assessor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE D - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets (office furnishings, equipment and automobiles) follows:

Balance, January 1, 1996	\$ 183,329
Additions	28,488
Deductions	<u>(150,325)</u>
Balance, December 31, 1996	<u>61,492</u>

NOTE E - PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the Assumption Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System (pension), a multiple-employer cost-sharing, public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees.

All full-time employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and are not drawing normal retirement benefits from any other public retirement system in Louisiana are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with at least 33 years of credited service or who retire at or after age 58 with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of credited service, not to exceed 600 percent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or jointed months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and who do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System, Post Office Box 1786, Shreveport, Louisiana 71166-1786, or by calling (318) 425-4445.

ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSessor
Napoleonville, Louisiana
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1996

NOTE E - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 3.0 percent of their annual covered salary and the Assumption Parish Assessor is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 3.50 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (one percent for Orleans Parish) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish, plus revenues sharing funds appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Assumption Parish Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:183, the employer contribution rates are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Assumption Parish Assessor's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 1996, 1995, and 1994, were \$7,000, \$7,151 and \$10,380, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE F - POSTRETIREMENT, HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Assumption Parish Assessor provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all of the assessor's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the assessor. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through an insurance company whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employer and the assessor. The assessor recognizes the cost of providing these benefits (assessor's portion of the premium) as an expenditure when paid during the year, which was \$23,967 for 1996. The insurance benefits are recognized as expenditures when the monthly premiums are paid. For 1996, the cost of active benefits totaled \$18,875.

NOTE G - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At December 31, 1996, employees of the assessor have accumulated \$3,717 of vacation leave benefits which was compared in accordance with GASB Codification Section 650. This amount is recorded as a payable of the General Fund as the entire amount is expected to be paid out during 1997.

NOTE H - EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSESSOR NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Certain operating expenditures of the assessor's office are paid by the parish police jury as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 3347(B). The assessor's office is located in the Assumption Parish Courthouse, and the upkeep and maintenance of the courthouse is paid by the Assumption Parish Police Jury. These expenditures are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE I - LITIGATION

The Assumption Parish Assessor was not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1996.

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Joseph S. Daigle

Assumption Parish Assessor

Napoleonville, Louisiana

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have based our report thereon dated May 15, 1997.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The Assumption Parish Assessor is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are recorded in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of component unit financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the internal control structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor, for the year ended December 31, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we tested controls only in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the use of management and the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report which, upon acceptance by the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor, is a matter of public record.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
LAWS AND REGULATIONS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Joseph S. Deight
Assumption Parish Assessor
Poydrasville, Louisiana

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations and contracts applicable to the Assumption Parish Assessor is the responsibility of the Assumption Parish Assessor. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Assumption Parish Assessor's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts. However, the objective of our audit of the general-purpose financial statements was not to provide an opinion on level of compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the use of management and the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report which, upon acceptance by the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor, is a matter of public record.

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May 15, 1997