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Manchester, Louisiana

Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
June 30, 1999

With Supplemental Information Schedules

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**IBBOTO PARISH SALES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION
Mossfield, Louisiana**

**Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 1999
With Supplemental Information Schedules**

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Independent Auditor's Report

**DEBOTO PARISH SALES AND
USE TAX COMMISSION
Mansfield, Louisiana**

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AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I have audited the financial statements of the DeBoto Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, as of June 30, 1999, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the DeBoto Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the DeBoto Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the DeBoto Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission. Such information, except for the schedule on the year 2000 issue which is marked unaudited, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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June 30, 1999

The year 2000 supplementary information on page 20 is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiry of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the Year 2000 supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and do not express an opinion on it. In addition, I do not provide assurance that the DeFole Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission is or will be year 2000 compliant, that the DeFole Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the DeFole Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission does business are or will become year 2000 compliant.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated August 26, 1999, on the DeFole Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts, and my consideration of the agency's internal control.


West Monroe, Louisiana
August 26, 1999

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(OVERVIEW)**

**MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SAFETY AND-LIFE
TAX COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**

Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 1990

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND	SEMIAUT FUND TYPE - SALES TAX COLLECTION FUND	ACCOUNT GROUPS -		TOTAL (MEMORANDUM)
			GENERAL FUND ASSETS	GENERAL FUND LIABILITIES	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS					
Cash	\$9,813	\$1,880			\$11,693
Office furnishings and equipment			\$48,000		48,000
Amount to be provided for enforcement of general long-term obligations				\$1,898	1,898
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$9,813</u>	<u>\$1,880</u>	<u>\$48,000</u>	<u>\$1,898</u>	<u>\$61,591</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Due in others		\$1,000			\$1,000
Accounts payable	\$63				63
Compensated absences payable				\$1,898	1,898
Total Liabilities	<u>\$63</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>1,898</u>	<u>\$2,961</u>
Fund Equity					
Investment in general fund assets			\$48,000		48,000
Fund balance - investment - undesignated	\$5,550				5,550
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$5,550</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>\$48,000</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>\$53,550</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$6,413</u>	<u>\$1,880</u>	<u>\$96,000</u>	<u>\$1,898</u>	<u>\$106,211</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**IBIBO PARISH SALES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION
Mandeville, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance - Budget
(GAAP) Basis and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE
REVENUES			
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	\$180,377	\$188,079	\$7,702
Use of money and property	290	467	177
Total revenues	<u>180,777</u>	<u>188,546</u>	<u>7,769</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Finance and administrative:			
Current:			
Personal services and related benefits	143,958	143,287	751
Operating services	28,148	37,624	986
Materials and supplies	1,708	1,427	273
Travel and other charges	5,908	5,863	(43)
Capital outlay	4,455	4,437	18
Total expenditures	<u>183,776</u>	<u>184,571</u>	<u>1,163</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(3,009)	1,075	8,060
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>5,009</u>	<u>5,009</u>	
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>BUDG.</u>	<u>\$6,084</u>	<u>\$6,084</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**DEBOTE PARISH SALES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION
Mansfield, Louisiana**

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article VII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the DeBote Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission serves as the collector of sales and use taxes for the parish. The commission is comprised of five members, two each selected from the DeBote Parish School Board and the DeBote Parish Police Jury and one selected from the City of Mansfield, in accordance with a joint agreement of the agencies. The commissioners serve for indefinite terms and without benefit of compensation.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

GASB Codification Section 200 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. The DeBote Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission was created as a political subdivision of the state under the provisions of Article VII, Section 3, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. Commission board members are appointed by taxing authorities imposing sales taxes within the parish and are solely accountable for fiscal matters, which include fiscal management for controlling the collection and disbursement of funds. Additionally, the commission is the collector for all sales and use taxes within the parish. Based on the above, the commission was determined to be a separate governmental reporting entity. The commission includes all funds, account groups, activities, or criteria, that are within the primary responsibility of the commission. Certain units of local government over which the commission exercises no primary responsibility, such as the DeBote Parish Police Jury, School Board, Assessor, Clerk of Court, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of local government are governed by independently elected officials. They are neither controllable by nor assessable to the DeBote Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission. Further, their operations do not require the approval of the commission nor is the commission legally or morally responsible for their actions. They are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the DeBote Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission.

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Mansfield, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**

B. FUND ACCOUNTING

The commission uses funds and account groups to report on financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related 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. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities (general fund assets and general long-term obligations) that are not recorded in the "funds" because they do not directly affect an expendable available financial resource. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with the measurement of results of operations.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The commission's current operations require the use of governmental and fiduciary funds as described below:

Governmental Fund Type - General Fund

The General Fund is the principal fund and is used to account for the operations of the commission. The commission's primary source of revenue is fees for the collection of sales and use taxes. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

**Fiduciary Fund Type - Sales Tax
Collection Agency Fund**

The Sales Tax Collection Agency Fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of sales and use taxes imposed by the various taxing authorities within the parish. The agency fund is custodial in nature

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**

(are equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in the General Fund. All of the fixed assets are valued at actual historical costs. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

Only that portion of long-term obligations for compensated absences expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a liability of the general fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting the governmental and fiduciary fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The commission uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues:

Fees for the collection of sales and use taxes are recorded when the commission is entitled to the funds which is normally the same month the taxes are collected.

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Interest income on demand deposits is recorded monthly when the interest is earned and credited to the account.

Based on the above criteria, fees, charges, and commissions for services are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

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

K. BUDGET PRACTICES

The following presents the budgetary calendar process for the DeBote Parish Sales Tax Commission:

During March and April the administrator prepares a preliminary budget for presentation to the commission. In accordance with adopted policies of the commission, the budget document must include the following:

1. A budget message, signed by the administrator, which includes a summary description of the most important features and objectives of the budget.
2. A budget summary listing, by account group.
3. A proposed budget adoption resolution for the city, school board, and police jury.

The commission then reviews the proposed budget, makes any changes it deems appropriate, and approves the budget for submission to the taxing bodies on or before May 1.

The city, school board, and police jury, no later than June 15, approve or reject the budget.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**

During the year, the administrator is authorized, subject to approval of the commission, to make changes within budget classifications as he may deem appropriate. However, any reallocation of budgeted amounts in excess of 5% of total revenues, total expenditures, and/or beginning fund balance, must be approved in advance by the city, school board, and police jury.

Appropriations lapse at year end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original budget amounts and any subsequent amendments.

F. CASH

Under state law, the commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The commission may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 1999, the commission has cash (bank balances) totaling \$12,843.

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 June 30, 1999, are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	<u>\$26,513</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$26,513
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>227,134</u>
Total	<u>\$280,160</u>

Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than in the name of the sales tax commission, they are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GAMB Codification C29.106; however, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified

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Monroe, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

by the sales tax commission that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, LRS 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the tax commission's name.

G. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

All employees earn from 10 to 20 days vacation leave each year depending on length of service. Unused vacation leave may be carried forward to the succeeding year up to a maximum of 5 days and is paid to employees upon separation from service.

All employees receive one day of sick leave per month. Sick leave may be accumulated; however upon separation from service, all unused sick leave is forfeited.

At June 30, 1999, employees of the commission have accumulated and vested \$1,898 of employee leave benefits, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section 600. The liability is recorded within the general long-term obligations account group.

The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with the previous codification, is recognized as a current year expenditure within the general fund when leave is actually taken or when employees are paid for accrued leave under the conditions previously outlined.

**H. TOTAL COLUMN ON THE
BALANCE SHEET**

The total column on the balance sheet is captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis (overview). Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

I. RISK MANAGEMENT

The sales tax commission is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the commission maintains commercial insurance policies covering automobile

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liability, medical payments, uninsured motorist, and collision, business liability; property coverage; workers compensation; and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. In addition to the above policies, the commission also maintains an errors and omissions claims paid policy. No claims have been filed on the policy during the past three years nor is the commission aware of any unfiled claims.

2. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following schedule presents changes in office furnishings and equipment for the year ended June 30, 1999:

Balance at July 1, 1998	\$66,545
Additions	4,437
Deletions	<u>(7,272)</u>
Balance at June 30, 1999	<u>\$63,710</u>

3. PENSION PLAN

All employees of the commission are members of the Louisiana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) under an agreement with the DeSoto Parish School Board. This system is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Pertinent information relative to the plan follows:

The TRS consists of three membership plans: Regular Plan, Plan A, and Plan B. Employees of the commission are members of the Regular Plan. The TRS provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the TRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Post Office Box 94123, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9123, or by calling (504) 825-6946.

Plan members are required to contribute 8.0 percent of their annual covered salary. The commission is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 16.5 percent of annual covered payroll for all three membership plans. Member contributions and employer contributions for the TRS are established by state law and rates are established by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. The employer contribution for the TRS, as provided by state law, is

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TAX COMMISSION
Marrickville, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

funded by the State of Louisiana through annual appropriations, by deductions from local ad valorem taxes, and by remittances from the commission.

The commission's contributions to the TRS for the years ending June 30, 1999, 1998, and 1997, were \$11,400, \$17,308, and \$16,054, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

4. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

A summary of changes in sales tax collection agency fund balance due to others follows:

Balance at July 1, 1998	\$3,000
Additions	9,443,262
Deductions	<u>(9,443,262)</u>
Balance at June 30, 1999	<u>\$3,000</u>

5. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 1999, the commission had long-term obligations consisting solely of compensated absences. The following is a summary of changes in compensated absences for the year ended June 30, 1999:

Compensated absences payable at July 1, 1998	\$1,824
Additions	6,484
Reductions	<u>(6,483)</u>
Compensated absences payable at June 30, 1999	<u>\$1,825</u>

6. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

In the opinion of the commission's legal counsel, the commission is not involved in any litigation at June 30, 1999, that would materially affect the financial position of the commission nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES

DESOUDS PARISH SALES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION
Monroe, Louisiana
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for the general operating expenditures of the commission. Schedule 1 provides a detail of expenditures, by category, for the General Fund.

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TAX COMMISSION
Monroe, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Expenditures, By Character
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

PERSONAL SERVICES	
Salaries	\$11,514
Retirement contributions	18,403
Group insurance contributions	11,896
Medicare taxes	1,349
Workmen's compensation	208
Total personal services	<u>143,377</u>
OPERATING SERVICES	
Data processing services	3,644
Legal services	4,146
Audit costs	2,791
Dues and subscriptions	1,288
Advertising	75
Postage and permits	5,332
Contracted janitorial services	1,529
Utilities	1,531
Repairs and upkeep of equipment	1,275
Repairs and upkeep of building	489
Building lease	1
Telephone	3,444
Insurance	2,014
Bank charges	78
Total operating services	<u>27,615</u>
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	
Office supplies	1,561
Printing forms	1,868
Total materials and supplies	<u>3,427</u>
TRAVEL AND OTHER	
Travel	5,867
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Equipment	4,437
Total expenditures	<u>\$186,727</u>

**DEFOUO PARISH SALES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION
Monrfield, Louisiana
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999**

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUND

SALES TAX COLLECTION FUND

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provides that the commission shall be authorized to serve as the single collector of sales and use taxes in DeFouo Parish. The Sales Tax Collection Agency Fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of these taxes to the appropriate taxing bodies.

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TAX COMMISSION
Mansfield, Louisiana
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - SALES TAX COLLECTION
AGENCY FUND**

Schedule of Changes in Balances
Due to Officers
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

DEPOSIT BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>53,000</u>
ADDITIONS	
Sales tax collections	<u>3,443,362</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes distributed to officers:	
DeSoto Parish School Board	5,464,089
DeSoto Parish Police Jury	2,790,877
City of Mansfield	748,994
Town of Logansport	187,813
Village of South Mansfield	27,987
Town of Stonewall	82,339
Village of Grand Cane	32,811
Town of Kenner	7,874
Collection fees (transferred to General Fund)	<u>188,072</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,443,362</u>
DEPOSIT BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>53,000</u>

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TAX COMMISSION**
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
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YEAR 2000 ISSUE (Unaudited)

The year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations as early as fiscal year 1999. The DeSoyo Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission has completed an inventory of computer systems that may be affected by the year 2000 issue and that are critical to conducting operations of the tax commission's office. The tax commission has identified the following system requiring 2000 remediation; a financial reporting system. All testing and validation of this system has been performed.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the tax commission is or will be Year 2000 ready, that the tax commission's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or part, or that parties with whom the tax commission does business will be year 2000 ready.

**Independent Auditor's Reports Required
by Government Auditing Standards**

The following independent auditor's reports on compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts, and the internal control are presented in compliance with the requirements of *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.



**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

**DEDETO PARISH SALES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION
Mandeville, Louisiana**

I have audited the financial statements of the DeDeTo Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999 ended and have issued my report thereon dated August 26, 1999. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governor's Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the DeDeTo Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Governor's Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the DeDeTo Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned

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DEBOTE PARISH SALLES AND USE
TAX COMMISSION

Manfield, Louisiana

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.

June 30, 1999

functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the DeBote Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission. This is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.



West Monroe, Louisiana
August 26, 1999

**DEBOLE PARISH SALES AND
USE TAX COMMISSION
Marrfield, Louisiana**

*Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999*

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of DeBona Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission.
2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of DeBona Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission were disclosed during the audit.
3. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

DEBOTE PARISH SALES AND
USE TAX COMMISSION
Mansfield, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Price Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 1998

There were no audit findings reported in the audit for the year ended June 30, 1998.