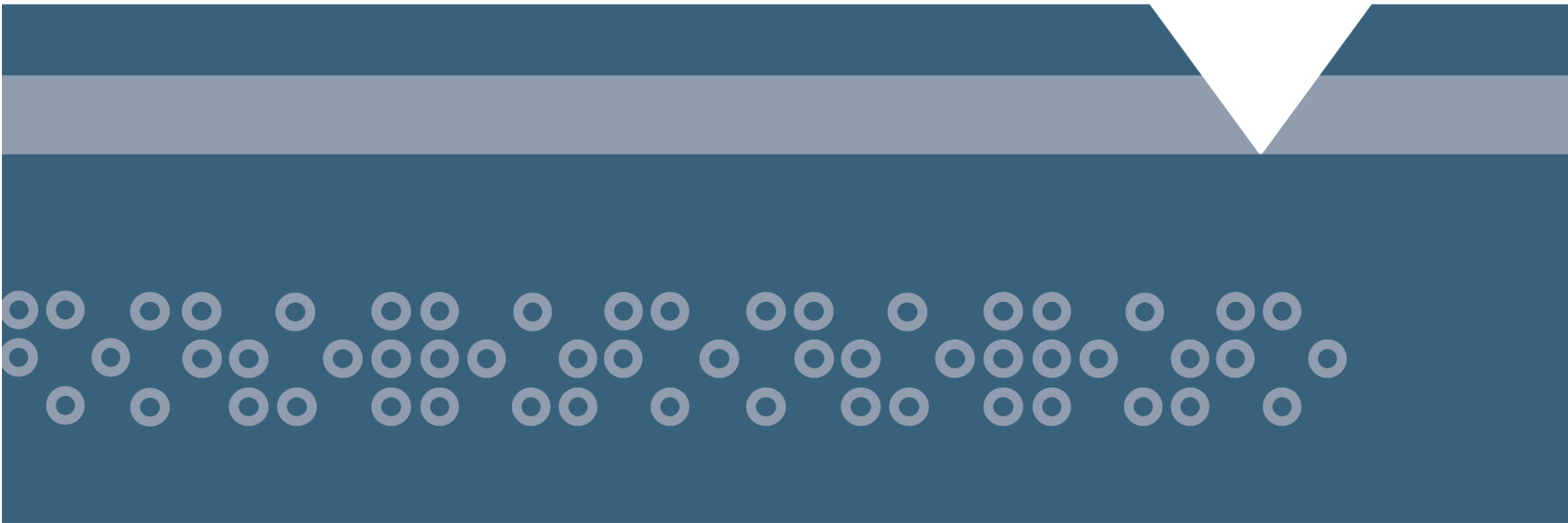


**Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance**  
Bossier City, Louisiana

December 31, 2023 and 2022



ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE

BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

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**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



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To the Board of Directors  
Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance  
Bossier City, Louisiana

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented in accordance with Act 706 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS) 24:513(A)(3) on page 11 for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## Other Information

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 17, 2024, on our consideration of the organization's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

HEARD, McELROY & VESTAL, L.L.C.

Shreveport, Louisiana  
June 17, 2024

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Assets:</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,636,272	\$ 3,892,745
Occupancy tax receivable	57,580	57,410
Prepaid insurance	<u>2,198</u>	<u>2,198</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,696,050</u>	<u>\$ 3,952,353</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b><u>Liabilities:</u></b>		
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 281</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b><u>Net assets:</u></b>		
With donor restrictions	-	-
Without donor restrictions	<u>4,695,769</u>	<u>3,952,353</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,695,769</u>	<u>3,952,353</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 4,696,050</u>	<u>\$ 3,952,353</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Change in net assets without donor restrictions:</u></b>		
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>		
Occupancy tax	\$ 826,071	\$ 806,166
Interest income	10,840	3,112
Total revenues	<u>836,911</u>	<u>809,278</u>
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>		
Program Services	74,516	242,322
Management and general	18,979	17,302
Total expenses	<u>93,495</u>	<u>259,624</u>
<b><u>Change in net assets without donor restrictions</u></b>	743,416	549,654
<b><u>Change in net assets with donor restrictions</u></b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Change in net assets</u></b>	<u>743,416</u>	<u>549,654</u>
<b><u>Net assets at beginning of period</u></b>	<u>3,952,353</u>	<u>3,402,699</u>
<b><u>Net assets at end of period</u></b>	<u>\$ 4,695,769</u>	<u>\$ 3,952,353</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**  
**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023		2022	
	Program Services		Program Services	
	Air Service Development	Management and General	Air Service Development	Management and General
Administrative and service fees	\$ -	\$ 8,946	\$ -	\$ 8,154
Air service incentives	74,516	-	242,322	-
Professional fees	-	7,835	-	6,950
Insurance	-	2,198	-	2,198
	\$ 74,516	\$ 18,979	\$ 242,322	\$ 17,302

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u></b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 743,416	\$ 549,654
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(170)	6,950
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	-	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	<u>281</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>743,527</u>	<u>556,604</u>
 <b><u>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</u></b>	 743,527	 556,604
 <b><u>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</u></b>	 <u>3,892,745</u>	 <u>3,336,141</u>
 <b><u>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</u></b>	 <u>\$ 4,636,272</u>	 <u>\$ 3,892,745</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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1. **Organization**

The Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance (RASA) is a Louisiana nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase air service through the Shreveport Regional Airport for the benefit of citizens and business travelers in the Ark-La-Tex area. Chartered on January 23, 2012, RASA was formed and exempted under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and is its own independent nonprofit entity. RASA works toward its objective through payments of incentives to airline carriers for their expansion of services in the Shreveport market. RASA's major funding source is the Shreveport-Bossier City hotel occupancy tax which became effective November 2015 and expires June 2027.

2. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies followed by RASA and the methods of applying those policies which materially affect the determination of financial position, changes in financial position, or changes in net assets are summarized below:

**Financial Statement Presentation:**

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-14, "*Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*," with the stated purpose of improving financial reporting by those entities. Among other provisions, this ASU reduces the number of classes of net assets from three to two, requires the presentation of expenses in both natural and functional classifications, and requires additional disclosures concerning liquidity and the availability of financial resources. This standard was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 and required the use of the retrospective transition method. The organization adopted this standard for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions, as follows:

***Net assets without donor designations*** – Net assets that are not subject to donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Some net assets without donor restrictions may be designated for specific purposes by action of the governing board.

***Net assets with donor designations*** – Net assets subject to donor or grantor-imposed restrictions that may or will be met by actions of the Organization. There are no donor or grantor restricted net assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

**Revenue Recognition:**

The source of substantially all revenue of RASA is through the collection of hotel occupancy tax by the municipalities of Shreveport and Bossier City. Generally, each municipality remits occupancy tax directly to RASA in the month following collection less a one percent service fee. RASA reports occupancy tax revenues at gross and service fees as an expense in the month collected by each municipality.

**Occupancy Tax Receivable:**

Occupancy taxes receivable are reported at their realizable value, net of service fees. Occupancy tax remittances are generally due by the end of the month following the month of collection by each municipality. Late fees are not charged. Interest on unpaid balances is not charged and RASA does not make its accounts receivable for sale. There are no bad debts.

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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Estimates:

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

RASA considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturities of these financial instruments.

Income Taxes:

RASA is exempt from income taxes as an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. RASA has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a). Accordingly, there is no provision for income taxes in these financial statements; however, RASA is required to file U.S. Federal Form 990 for informational purposes.

RASA is required to review various tax positions it has taken with respect to its exempt status and determine whether in fact it continues to qualify as a tax-exempt entity. It must also consider whether it has nexus in jurisdictions in which it has income and whether a tax return is required in those jurisdictions. In addition, as a tax-exempt entity, RASA must assess whether it has any tax positions associated with unrelated business income subject to income tax. RASA does not expect any of these tax positions to change significantly over the next twelve months. Any penalties related to late filing or other requirements would be recognized as penalties expense in RASA's accounting records.

Functional Expenses:

The costs of providing the various programs have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Certain categories of expenses are attributable to both program services and supporting activities and are charged directly to either program services or supporting expenses based on the nature of expense.

Newly Adopted Accounting Standard:

On January 1, 2023, the Corporation adopted ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, which replaces the incurred loss methodology with an expected loss methodology for calculating an allowance for assets that are measured at amortized cost, such as accounts receivable. This is referred to as the current expected credit loss (“CECL”) methodology. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

**3. Major Sources of Revenue**

Approximately 100 percent of revenues for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were provided through the collection of hotel occupancy taxes as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
City of Shreveport	\$ 419,640	\$ 418,243
City of Bossier City	<u>406,431</u>	<u>387,923</u>
	<u>\$ 826,071</u>	<u>\$ 806,166</u>

**4. Concentrations of Credit Risk**

RASA maintains cash balances at one financial institution. Accounts at the institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. RASA's uninsured cash balances totaled \$-0- and \$-0- at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

**5. Liquidity**

RASA invests cash in excess of estimated one-year operating requirements in certificates of deposit with short-term maturities. The availability of RASA's financial assets to meet cash needs is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,636,272	\$ 3,892,745
Occupancy tax receivable	<u>57,580</u>	<u>57,410</u>
	4,693,852	3,950,155
 Less: Donor imposed restrictions making financial		
assets unavailable for general expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Financial assets available within one year to		
meet cash needs for general expenditures	<u>\$ 4,693,852</u>	<u>\$ 3,950,155</u>

**6. Subsequent Events**

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through June 17, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. No reportable items were noted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER  
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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This schedule is not applicable to the Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance as no such payments were made; however, it is included to comply with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(A)(3) (ACT 706 of 2014).

**OTHER REPORTS**





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To the Board of Directors  
Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance  
Bossier City, Louisiana

**Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2024.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization’s internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

HEARD, McELROY & VESTAL, L.L.C.

Shreveport, Louisiana  
June 17, 2024

**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**A. Summary of Audit Results**

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance.
2. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the basic financial statements are reported.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the basic financial statements of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance were disclosed during the audit.
4. Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance was not subject to a Federal Single Audit for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**B. Findings - Financial Statement Audit**

None

**C. Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs**

Not applicable.

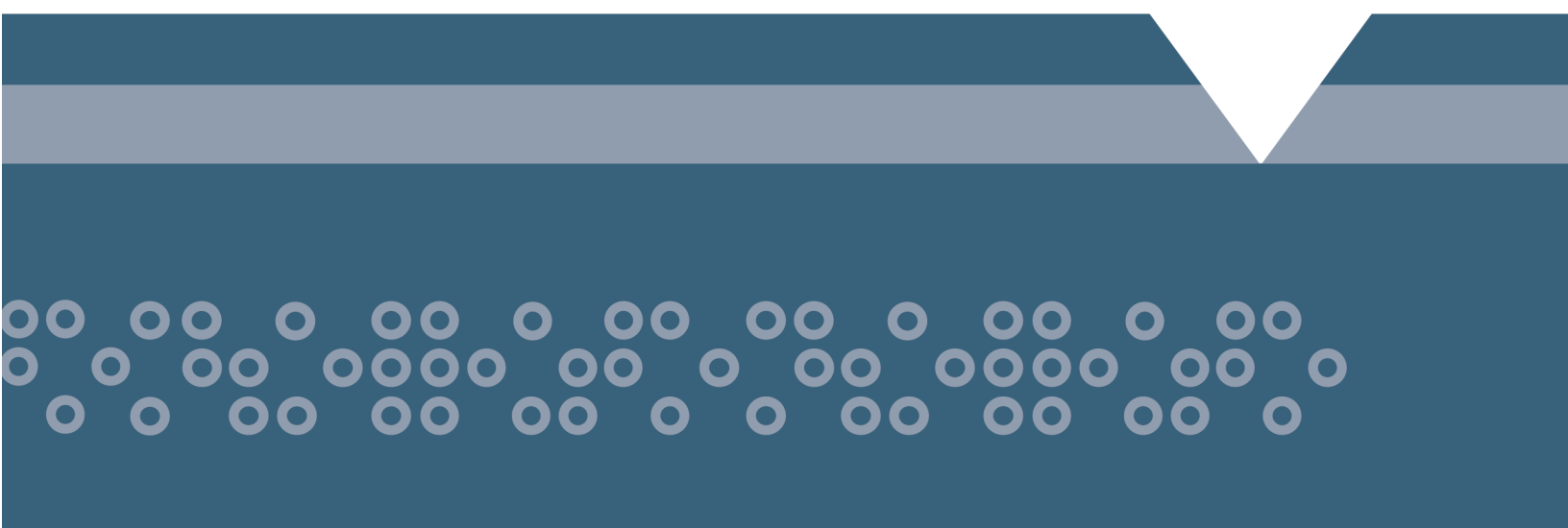
**ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE**  
**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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No prior year findings were reported.

# Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance

**Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report**  
Year Ended December 31, 2023



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Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance

Louisiana Legislative Auditor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s (LLA’s) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 . Management of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA’s SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

***Written Policies and Procedures***

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1. Obtain and inspect the entity’s written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity’s operations):
  - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget  
*The entity has an adequate policy regarding budgeting.*
  - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.  
*The entity has an adequate policy regarding the purchasing functions described above. Due to nonprofit status RASA is not required to adhere to public bid laws.*
  - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.  
*The entity has an adequate policy regarding disbursements.*

- d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

*The entity has an adequate policy regarding receipts/collections.*

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

*The entity has no employees.*

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

*The entity has an adequate policy regarding contracting.*

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)

*The entity has no credit cards*

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

*The entity has no travel expenses or expense reimbursements.*

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.

*Not applicable to Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance as a non-profit organization.*

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

*The entity has no debt.*

- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

*The entity owns no equipment. Devices subject to Business Continuity plan outlined by director's organization.*

- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

*The entity is not subject to the sexual harassment policy requirement.*

### **Board or Finance Committee**

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2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:

- a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

*The board met with a quorum on a frequency in accordance with the entity's bylaws.*

- b) For those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

*The minutes referenced monthly financial statements that included activity relating to public funds.*

- c) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

*Minutes contained evidence of written updates of the progress of resolving audit findings.*

### **Bank Reconciliations**

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3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

*No exceptions noted.*

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared. (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

*Exception: No evidence of review by a member of management/board member that is independent of cash handling, posting to ledgers, or check issuance.*

- c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*



### ***Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)***

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4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete.

Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

*Obtained listing of deposit sites from Management and selected one location.*

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

*No exceptions noted – cash drawers not used.*

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

*The officer responsible for collecting (no cash is received, only checks and electronic deposits) also has the authority to make deposits and reconcile the bank account. Compensating controls are in place.*

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

*The entity does not have a formal process to reconcile cash collections by an individual not responsible for collections. Compensating controls are in place.*

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

*The entity does not have a formal process to reconcile cash collections by an individual not responsible for collections. Compensating controls are in place.*

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

*The entity does not accept payment in cash at any time. Not applicable.*

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.  
*No exceptions noted – entity does not issue receipts.*
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.  
*No exceptions noted – all deposits were electronic; therefore, no deposit slip to review.*
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.  
*No exceptions noted – all deposits were electronic; therefore, no deposit slip to review.*
  - d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).  
*No exceptions noted – all deposits were electronic; therefore, no potential for delay in deposit.*
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.  
*No exceptions noted.*

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

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).  
*A listing of locations was obtained from management.*
9. For each location selected, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.  
*The entity has no employees. However, compensating controls are in place via board members.*
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.  
*The entity has no employees. However, compensating controls are in place via board members.*
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.  
*Exception: The President is responsible for processing payments and also has the ability to modify/add vendor files. Changes to the vendor files are not reviewed.*

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

*No exceptions noted.*

- e) Only Employees/Officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), Electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

*No exceptions noted.*

- 10. For each location selected under #2 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice, and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

*No exceptions noted.*

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

*Exception: HMV noted only one signature on all disbursements selected (Board President).*

- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was:

- a) Approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy.

*Entity had no electronic transfers. Not applicable.*

- b) Approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

*Entity had no electronic transfers. Not applicable.*

#### **Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards**

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- 12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

*The entity does not have credit cards.*

- 13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.

*Not applicable.*

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*Not applicable.*

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #6 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*Not applicable.*

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

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15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).

*The entity had no travel and related expense reimbursements – not applicable.*

- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

*Not applicable.*

- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).

*Not applicable.*

- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*Not applicable.*

## **Contracts**

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16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

*The entity had no contracts in effect – not applicable.*

- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

*Not applicable.*

- c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment was approval documented).

*Not applicable.*

- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*Not applicable.*

## **Payroll and Personnel**

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17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

*The entity has no employees.*

18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

*Not applicable.*

- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

*Not applicable.*

- c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

*Not applicable.*

19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management’s termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials’ cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials’ authorized pay rates in the employee or officials’ personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

*Not applicable.*

20. Obtain management’s representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers’ compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

*Not applicable.*

### **Ethics**

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*Not applicable since the entity is a nonprofit.*

### **Debt Service**

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*Not applicable since the entity is a nonprofit.*

### **Fraud Notice**

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21. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

*N/A – no misappropriations of public funds identified during the fiscal period.*

22. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

*Exception: The notice is not posted on its premises and website.*

### **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**

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23. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”**
- a. Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week, was not stored on the government’s local server or network, and was encrypted.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

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

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- c. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

24. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*The entity has no employees. Not applicable.*

### ***Sexual Harassment***

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*Not applicable, since the entity is a nonprofit.*

We were engaged by Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

*HEARD, McELROY & VESTAL, L.L.C.*

Shreveport, Louisiana  
June 17, 2024