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Independent Accountant's Report on

Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

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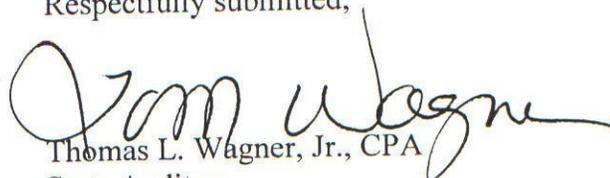
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Members of the State Budget and Control Board
State of South Carolina
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This report resulting from the application of certain agreed-upon procedures to certain accounting records of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, was issued by Matthew A. Brown, CPA, LLC, under contract with the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,


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State Auditor

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

The Honorable Mark Sanford, Governor
and
Members of the State Budget and Control Board
Columbia, South Carolina

I have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by management of the South Carolina Office of State Auditor, solely to assist you in evaluating the performance of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, in the areas addressed. The South Carolina Office of the State Auditor management is responsible for its financial records, internal controls and compliance with State laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. **Cash Receipts and Revenues** – I inspected selected recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were properly described and classified in the accounting records and internal controls over the selected receipt transactions were adequate to detect errors and/or irregularities. I also inspected selected recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were recorded in the proper fiscal year. I compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in the State's accounting system (STARS) as reflected on the Comptroller General's reports to determine if recorded revenues were in agreement. I made inquiries and performed substantive procedures to determine if revenue collection and retention or remittance were supported by law. I compared current year recorded revenues from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year and used estimations and other procedures to evaluate the reasonableness of collected and recorded amounts by revenue account. The individual transactions selected were chosen subjectively. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

2. **Non-Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures** – I inspected selected recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were properly described and classified in the accounting records, were bona fide disbursements of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor, and were paid in conformity with State laws and regulations; if the acquired goods and/or services were procured in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and if internal controls over the selected disbursement transactions were adequate to detect errors and/or irregularities. I inspected selected recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were recorded in the proper fiscal year. I compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in various STARS reports to determine if recorded expenditures were in agreement. I compared current year expenditures to those of the prior year to determine the reasonableness of amounts paid and recorded by expenditure account. The individual transactions selected were chosen subjectively. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

3. **Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures** – I inspected selected recorded payroll disbursements to determine if the selected payroll transactions were properly described, classified, and distributed in the accounting records; persons on the payroll were bona fide employees; payroll transactions, including employee payroll deductions, were properly authorized and were in accordance with existing legal requirements; and internal controls over the selected payroll transactions were adequate to detect errors and/or irregularities. I inspected selected payroll vouchers to determine if the vouchers were properly approved and if the gross payroll agreed to amounts recorded in the general ledger and in STARS. I inspected payroll transactions for selected new employees and those who terminated employment to determine if internal controls over these transactions were adequate. I compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in various STARS reports to determine if recorded payroll and fringe benefit expenditures were in agreement. I compared current year recorded payroll expenditures to those of the prior year; compared the percentage change in recorded personal service expenditures to the percentage change in employer contributions; and computed the percentage distribution of recorded fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compared the computed distribution to the actual distribution of recorded payroll expenditures by fund source to determine if recorded payroll and fringe benefit expenditures were reasonable by expenditure account. The individual transactions selected were chosen systematically. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

4. **Journal Entries, Operating Transfers and Appropriation Transfers** – I inspected selected recorded journal entries, operating transfers, and appropriation transfers to determine if these transactions were properly described and classified in the accounting records; they agreed with the supporting documentation, were adequately documented and explained, were properly approved, and were mathematically correct; and the internal controls over these transactions were

adequate to detect errors and/or irregularities. The individual transactions selected were chosen subjectively. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

5. **General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledgers** – I inspected selected entries and monthly totals in the subsidiary records of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor to determine if the amounts were mathematically accurate; the numerical sequences of selected document series were complete; the selected monthly totals were accurately posted to the general ledger; and the internal controls over the selected transactions were adequate to detect errors and/or irregularities. The transactions selected were chosen subjectively. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.
6. **Reconciliations** – I obtained all monthly reconciliations prepared by the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor for the year ended June 30, 2004, and inspected selected reconciliations of balances in the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor accounting records to those in STARS as reflected on the Comptroller General's reports to determine if they were accurate and complete. For the selected reconciliations, I determined if they were timely performed and properly documented in accordance with State regulations, recalculated the amounts, agreed the applicable amounts to the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor's general ledger, agreed the applicable amounts to the STARS reports, determined if reconciling differences were adequately explained and properly resolved, and determined if necessary adjusting entries were made in the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor's accounting records and/or in STARS. The reconciliations selected were chosen randomly. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.
7. **Compliance** – I confirmed through inspection of payroll and non-payroll disbursement vouchers, cash receipts and other documents, inquiry of agency personnel and/or observation of agency personnel performing their assigned duties the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor's compliance with all applicable financial provisions of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Appropriation Act, and other laws, rules, and regulations for fiscal year 2004. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.
8. **Closing Packages** – I obtained copies of all closing packages as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004 prepared by the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and submitted to the State Comptroller General. I inspected them to determine if they were prepared in accordance with the Comptroller General's GAAP Closing Procedures Manual requirements; if the amounts were reasonable; and if they agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records. I found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

I was not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified areas, accounts, or items. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor and the Members of the State Budget and Control Board and State of South Carolina Office of State Auditor management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Matthew A. Brown CPA, LLC

Irmo, South Carolina
April 22, 2005

ACCOUNTANT'S COMMENTS

Status of Prior Comments

During the current engagement, I reviewed the status of corrective action taken on each of the findings reported in the Accountant's Comments section of the previous Independent Accountant's Report on the South Carolina Office of State Auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, and dated May 20, 2004. I determined that the South Carolina Office of State Auditor has taken adequate corrective action on each of the findings.