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The Honorable Mark Sanford, Governor
and
Ms. Adrienne R. Youmans, Director
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This report on the application of agreed-upon procedures to the accounting records of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, was issued by Scott McElveen, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tom Wagner".

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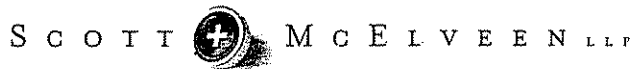
Independent Accountants' Report on

Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

for the year ended June 30, 2004

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

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We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and management of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (the "Agency") and the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor, solely to assist you in evaluating the accounting records of the Agency for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, in the areas addressed. The Agency's 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, we 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

- We 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.
- We inspected selected recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We 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.
- We made inquiries and performed substantive procedures to determine if revenue collection and retention or remittance were supported by law.
- We compared current year recorded revenues to those of the prior year and we used estimations and other procedures to evaluate the reasonableness of collected and recorded amounts by revenue account.
- We observed and evaluated the accountability and security over permits, licenses, and other documents issued for money.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

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2. Non-Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures

- We 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 Agency, 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.
- We inspected selected recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in various STARS reports to determine if recorded expenditures were in agreement.
- We compared current year expenditures to those of the prior year to determine the reasonableness of amounts paid and recorded by expenditure account.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

3. Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures

- We 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.
- We inspected selected recorded 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.
- We inspected payroll transactions for selected new employees and those who terminated employment to determine if internal controls over these transactions were adequate.
- We 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.
- We 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.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

4. Journal Entries, Operating Transfers and Appropriation Transfers

- We 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.

Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in Section A in the Accountant's Comments section of this report.

5. General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledgers

- We inspected selected entries and monthly totals in the subsidiary records of the Agency 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.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

6. Reconciliations

- We obtained all monthly reconciliations prepared by the Agency for the year ended June 30, 2004, and inspected selected reconciliations of balances in the Agency's accounting record to those in STARS as reflected on the Comptroller General's reports to determine if they were accurate and complete. For the selected reconciliations, we determined if they were timely performed and properly documented in accordance with State regulations, recalculated the amounts, agreed the applicable amount to the STARS reports, determined if reconciling differences were adequately explained and properly resolved, and determined if necessary adjusting entries were made in the Agency's accounting records and/or in STARS.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

7. Compliance

- We 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 Agency'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.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

8. Closing Packages

- We obtained copies of all closing packages as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, prepared by the Agency and submitted to the State Comptroller General. We 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.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

9. Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance

- We obtained a copy of the schedule of federal financial assistance for the year ended June 30, 2004, prepared by the Agency and submitted the State Auditor. We inspected it to determine if it was prepared in accordance with the State Auditor's letter of instructions; if the amounts were reasonable; and if they agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

10. Status of Prior Findings

- We inquired about the status of the deficiencies described in the findings reported in the Accountant's Comments section of the State Auditor's Report on the Agency resulting from their engagement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, to determine if adequate corrective action has been taken. We applied no procedures to the Agency's accounting records and internal controls for the year ended June 30, 2003.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

We were 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, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor and of the management of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the management of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Columbia, South Carolina
May 27, 2005

SECTION A – WEAKNESS NOT CONSIDERED MATERIAL

The procedures agreed to require that we plan and perform the engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the requirements of State Laws, Rules, or Regulations occurred and whether internal accounting controls over certain transactions were adequate. Management of the entity is responsible for establishing internal controls. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Therefore, the presence of a material weakness or violation will preclude management from asserting that the entity has effective internal controls.

The condition described in this section has not been identified as a violation of State Laws, Rules, or Regulations, and is not considered to be a material weakness.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL ENTRIES

During our testing of journal entries, we determined that the majority of the journal entries did not have evidence of approval prior to posting to the computer system.

We recommend that the agency establish procedures to ensure that a reviewer approves and documents approval on all journal entries prior to posting.

SECTION B– STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

During the current engagement, we reviewed the status of corrective action taken on each of the findings reported in the Accountant's Comments section of the State Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures for the fiscal period June 30, 2002, and dated April 18, 2003. We applied no procedures to the Agency's accounting records and internal controls for the year ended June 30, 2003. We did not have any findings in the areas deemed in need of corrective action and therefore determine the Department has taken adequate corrective action on those findings.



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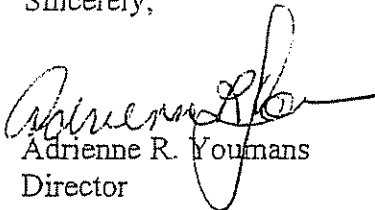
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

We have reviewed the preliminary draft of the report resulting from the agreed-upon procedures of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The recommendation made by Scott McElveen, L.L.P. is being implemented to improve internal controls.

I am authorizing the release of the report.

Sincerely,


Adrienne R. Youmans
Director