
South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Columbia, South Carolina

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon
Procedures for the year ended June 30, 2011

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
and
Mr. Leroy Smith, Director
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This report on the application of agreed-upon procedures to the accounting records and internal controls of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, was issued by Brown CPA, LLC, Certified Public Accountant, 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 black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Gilbert Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
Deputy State Auditor

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Mr. Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
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We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Office of State Auditor and management of South Carolina Department of Public Safety (the "Department"), solely to assist you in evaluating the performance of the Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, in the areas addressed. The Department 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 in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected selected recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We made inquiries and performed substantive procedures to determine if revenue collection and retention or remittance were supported by law.
- We made inquiries of management pertaining to the Department's policies for accountability and security over permits, licenses, and other documents issued for money. We observed Department personnel performing their duties to determine if they understood and followed the described policies.
- We performed procedures to ensure that revenue allocations were correctly distributed from the revenue clearing account to the various revenue accounts.
- We compared current year recorded revenues at the subfund and object code level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the earmarked, restricted and federal funds to ensure that revenue was classified properly in the Department's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels \$250,000 – earmarked fund, \$34,000 – restricted fund, and \$250,000 – federal fund and ± 10 percent.

The individual transactions selected were chosen randomly. 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 in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures and State regulations, were bona fide disbursements of the Department, 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.
- We inspected selected recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We compared current year expenditures at the subfund and major object code level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general, earmarked, restricted and federal funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the Department's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels \$480,000 – general fund, \$270,000 – earmarked fund, \$28,000 – restricted fund, and \$290,000 – federal fund and \pm 10 percent.

The individual transactions selected were chosen systematically. 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 were properly authorized and were in accordance with existing legal requirements; and processed in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected payroll transactions for selected new employees and those who terminated employment to determine if the employees were added and/or removed from the payroll in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures, that the employee's first and/or last pay check was properly calculated and that the employee's leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
- We compared current year recorded payroll expenditures at the subfund and major object code level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general, earmarked, restricted and federal funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the Department's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels \$480,000 – general fund, \$270,000 – earmarked fund, \$28,000 – restricted fund, and \$290,000 – federal fund and \pm 10 percent.
- We 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. We investigated changes of \pm 15 percent to ensure that payroll expenditures were classified properly in the Department's accounting records.

The individual transactions selected were chosen systematically. 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, the purpose of the transactions was documented and explained, the transactions were properly approved, and were mathematically correct; and the transactions were processed in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures and State regulations.

The individual transactions selected were chosen randomly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

5. **General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledgers**

- We inspected selected entries and monthly totals in the subsidiary records of the Department 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 selected entries were processed in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures and State regulations.

The transactions selected were chosen randomly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

6. **Appropriation Act**

- We inspected documents, observed processes, and/or made inquiries of Department personnel to determine the Department's compliance with Appropriation Act general and Department specific provisos.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

7. **Closing Packages**

- We obtained copies of all closing packages as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011 prepared by the Department 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; and if the amounts reported in the closing packages agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

Our finding as a result of these procedures is presented in the Accountant's Comments section of this report.

8. **Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance**

- **Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance** We obtained a copy of the schedule of federal financial assistance for the year ended June 30, 2011, prepared by the Department and submitted to 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 agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

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 elements, 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, the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor, and the Director and management of the Department of Public Safety and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BROWN CPA, L.L.C.

Irmo, South Carolina
February 13, 2012

Accountant's Comments

OTHER WEAKNESS

Management of each State agency is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls to ensure compliance with State Laws, Rules or Regulations. The procedures agreed to by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety require that we plan and perform the engagement to determine whether any violations of State Laws, Rules or Regulations occurred.

The condition described in this section has been identified while performing the agreed-upon procedures but it is not considered a violation of State Laws, Rules or Regulations.

Closing Package Testwork

Comment – During test testwork of the Department's Grants and Contributions Receivables and Deferred Revenue closing package submitted to the South Carolina Office of the Comptroller General it was noted that the Department netted contributions receivable with deferred revenue and reported the net amount. Grant contribution receivable and deferred revenue should be calculated at the individual grant award level and reported at the gross amount.

Recommendation – We recommend that the Department follow the instructions to the various closing packages and thoroughly review the packages for compliance with the reporting instructions provided by the South Carolina Office of the Comptroller General prior to submission.



South Carolina Department of Public Safety

February 23, 2012

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Mr. Brown:

Please see our response to the Accountant's Comment below:

Closing Package Testwork, Grants and Contributions Receivables and Deferred Revenue

Reporting packages changed significantly for FY 2011. After thoroughly reviewing the instructions for the new reporting package, we believed we were preparing the package in accordance with the instructions. Management has received clarified instructions on the correct method for reporting Grant Receivables and Deferred Grant Revenues. We concur with the recommendation, and will ensure relevant staff members receive adequate instruction on how to properly complete the reporting package.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Fulmer, CPA
SCDPS Director of Financial Information and Reporting