

SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015



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This report resulting from the application of certain agreed-upon procedures to certain internal controls and accounting records of the South Carolina Office of the Comptroller General for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was issued by The Brittingham Group, LLP, 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 blue ink that reads "George L. Kennedy, III".

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We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and management of the South Carolina Office of the Comptroller General (the "Agency"), solely to assist you in evaluating the performance of the Agency for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, 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 in accordance with the Agency'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 compared current year recorded revenues at the subfund and account 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 Agency's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels (\$23,000 general fund and \$17,000 earmarked fund and plus/minus 10 percent).

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

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 Agency's policies and procedures and State regulations, 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.
- 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 account level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general and earmarked funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the Agency's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels (\$27,000 general fund and \$18,000 earmarked fund and plus/minus 10 percent).

The individual transactions selected were chosen randomly. 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 Agency'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 Agency'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 payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general and earmarked funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the Agency's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels (\$27,000 general fund and \$18,000 earmarked fund and plus/minus 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 plus/minus 15 percent to ensure that payroll expenditures were classified properly in the Agency's accounting records.

The individual transactions selected were chosen randomly. 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 Agency's policies and procedures and State regulations.

4. **Journal Entries, Operating Transfers and Appropriation Transfers (Continued)**

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 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 selected entries were processed in accordance with the Agency'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 Agency documents, observed processes, and/or made inquiries of Agency personnel to determine the Agency's compliance with Appropriation Act general and Agency specific provisos.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

7. **Reporting Packages**

- We obtained copies of all reporting packages as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, 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 Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual requirements and if the amounts reported in the reporting packages agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

8. **Status of Prior Findings**

There were no findings reported in the last Independent Accountants Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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 Comptroller General and management of the Comptroller General's Office and the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

The Brittingham Group LLP

West Columbia, South Carolina
November 18, 2015