

**SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE
OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2016



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

July 20, 2017

Mr. Brian D. Lamkin, Inspector General
South Carolina Office of the State Inspector General
Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described in Attachment 1, which were agreed to by the management of the South Carolina Office of the State Inspector General (the Office), solely to assist you in evaluating the systems, processes and behaviors of the Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. 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 in Attachment 1 for the purpose of which the agreed-upon procedures report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the systems, processes and behaviors of the Office. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The concept of materiality does not apply to findings to be reported in an agreed-upon procedures engagement. Therefore, all findings from the application of the agreed-upon procedures must be reported unless the definition of materiality is agreed to by the specified parties. Management of the Office has agreed that the following deficiencies will not be included in the State Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures:

- Clerical errors of less than \$1,000 related to processing cash receipts and cash disbursements transactions unless the errors occur in ten percent or more of the transaction class inspected.
- Clerical errors of less than \$1,000 related to reporting packages.
- Errors in applying account coding definitions to accounting transactions unless it is determined that ten percent or more of the accounting transactions inspected were found to be in error.
- Reporting packages which are submitted less than three business days after the due date unless it is determined that more than two of the reporting packages were submitted late.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the South Carolina Office of the State Inspector General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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**South Carolina Office of the State Auditor
Agreed Upon Procedures Related to the South Carolina Office of the State Inspector General (D25)**

Cash Disbursements/Non-payroll Expenditures

1. Compare current year non-payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain and document an understanding of variations over \$10,100 and 10%.
2. Randomly select seventeen non-payroll disbursements and inspect supporting documentation to determine:
 - Transaction is properly completed as required by agency procedures; invoice(s) agree(s) with general ledger as to vendor, amount, number, and date.
 - All supporting documents and approvals required by agency procedures and good business practice are present and agree with the invoice.
 - The transaction is a bona fide expenditure of the agency, properly coded to the general ledger.
 - Disbursement complied with all State laws, rules, and regulations including the State Consolidated Procurement Code, state travel regulations etc.
 - Clerical accuracy / verify proper sales/use tax.
3. Randomly select five non-payroll disbursements and inspect supporting documentation to determine that disbursements are recorded in the proper fiscal year.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Payroll

4. Compare current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain an understanding of variations over \$10,100 and 10%.
5. Randomly select five regular employee payments and inspect supporting documentation during the fiscal year to:
 - Obtain and inspect the employee's payroll and/or personnel file for various forms, communications, etc., to confirm that the person is a bona fide employee of the agency.
 - Agree gross pay to supporting documentation noting all changes to gross salary for the year. Determine that all changes have been properly approved.
6. Select all bonus pay disbursements to determine:
 - Employee does not make more than \$100,000 annually.
 - Bonuses received during the year did not exceed \$3,000.
 - Transaction was appropriately documented and approved.
7. Randomly select five bonus pay disbursements authorized by the 2015-2016 Supplemental Appropriations to determine:
 - Employee is a permanent state employee in a full-time equivalent position who has been in continuous state service for at least six months prior to July 1, 2015.
 - Employee does not make more than \$100,000 annually.
 - Bonus pay was split between funds according to the ratio of the employee's base salary.

Payroll (Continued)

8. Select all employees hired during the fiscal year to determine if they were added to the payroll in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and that their first pay check was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
9. Select all employees who terminated employment during the fiscal year to determine if they were removed from the payroll in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures, that the employee's last pay check was properly calculated and that the employee's leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
10. Compare the percentage change in personal service expenditures to the percentage change in employer contributions expenditures. Obtain an explanation of changes of +/- 10%.
11. Compute the percentage distribution of fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compare to the actual distribution of recorded personal service expenditures by fund source. Obtain an explanation of changes of +/- 10%.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Journal Entries and Transfers

12. Randomly select three non-recurring journal entries and two transfers for the fiscal year to:
 - Trace postings to the general ledger, confirming amounts agree with supporting documentation.
 - Confirm transaction is properly approved.
 - Inspect supporting documentation to confirm the purpose of the transaction.

Finding

One of the journal entries selected for inspection was made to assign cost to the proper internal order number in the accounting system. However, a clerical error in recording the transaction led to the omission of approximately \$9,200 that should have been included in the adjustment.

Management's Response

The Office of the State Inspector General agrees with and accepts the finding concerning the clerical error in the journal entry. The error occurred due to an error in a spreadsheet formula whose purpose was to total costs related to the internal order associated with the October, 2015 flood event. A satisfactory review of the spreadsheet results was not done prior to entering the journal entry. In the future, all calculations will be double checked to assure the data is accurate.

Appropriation Act

13. Complete the Appropriation Act work program provided to management noting areas of noncompliance, if any.
14. Confirm compliance with agency-specific state provisos by inquiring with management and observing supporting documentation.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Reporting Packages

15. Obtain copies of all fiscal year end reporting packages submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller General. Inspect all reporting packages to:
 - Determine if preparation was in accordance with Comptroller General Office requirements.
 - Determine if amounts reported in the reporting packages agree with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Status of Prior Findings

16. Inquire about the status of findings reported in the Accountant's Comments section of the engagement for the prior fiscal year to determine if the agency has taken appropriate corrective action.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.