

**SOUTH CAROLINA
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2018



Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

December 28, 2018

Members of the South Carolina General Assembly
State of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described in Attachment 1, which were agreed to by the management of the South Carolina Legislative Services Agency (the Agency), on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Agency for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Agency's management is responsible for the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity. 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 either for the purpose for 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 related to financial activity of the Agency. 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 Agency has agreed that the following deficiencies will not be included in the State Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures:

- Errors of less than \$1,000 related to cash receipts and non-payroll cash disbursements transactions.
- Errors of less than \$1,000 related to reporting packages.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members of the South Carolina General Assembly and management of the South Carolina Legislative Services Agency 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.

George L. Kennedy, III, CPA
State Auditor

**South Carolina Office of the State Auditor
Agreed Upon Procedures – South Carolina Legislative Services Agency (A17)**

Cash Receipts/Revenues

1. Compare current year revenues at the subfund and account level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of Earmarked Fund variations over \$800 and 10%.
2. Randomly select fifteen cash receipts transactions and inspect supporting documentation to:
 - Agree transaction amount, date, payor, document number, and account classification to the general ledger.
 - Determine that revenues/receipts were deposited in a timely manner, in accordance with Proviso 117.1 of the Appropriation Act.
 - Ensure that both revenue collections and amounts charged are properly authorized by law.
 - Determine that receipts are recorded in the proper fiscal year.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Cash Disbursements/Non-Payroll Expenditures

3. Compare current year non-payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over \$45,000 – General Fund and \$800 – Earmarked Fund and 10%.
4. Randomly select twenty-five 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 are present and agree with the invoice.
 - The transaction is a bona fide expenditure of the Agency.
 - The transaction is properly classified in the general ledger.
 - Disbursement complied with applicable State laws, rules, and regulations.
 - Determine that disbursements are recorded in the proper fiscal year.
 - Clerical accuracy / confirm proper sales/use tax.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Payroll

5. Compare current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over \$45,000 and 10%.
6. 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 variations greater than 10%.

Payroll (Continued)

7. Compare the percentage change in personal service expenditures between the current year and prior year to the percentage change in employer contributions expenditures between the current year and prior year. Obtain an explanation of variations greater than 10%.
8. Randomly select five employee payments and inspect supporting documentation during the fiscal year to:

For Salaried Employees:

- 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 confirming all changes to gross salary for the year. Determine that all changes have been properly approved.

For Hourly Employees:

- 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.
- Confirm the hourly rate and time sheets are properly approved; recalculate gross pay.

9. Haphazardly select five 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. Select all five 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.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Journal Entries

11. Haphazardly select five journal entries made during 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.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Reporting Packages

12. Obtain copies of fiscal year end reporting packages submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller General (CG). Inspect the Master Reporting Package Checklist to determine the appropriate reporting packages were prepared and submitted by the due date established by the CG's Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual.

Reporting Packages (Continued)

13. In addition to the procedure above, perform the following:

- Capital Assets Reporting Package

Determine if responses and reported amounts are reasonable/accurate based on inspection of the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) general ledger, and/or Agency prepared records (i.e. Capital Assets Worksheet). In addition, haphazardly select and inspect five capital asset acquisitions and five retirements from the Agency's Capital Assets Worksheet and determine that assets were properly coded and classified in the Agency records and ensure that assets conform with appropriate useful lives for depreciation and that the amounts calculated for depreciation and accumulated depreciation were correct. For retirements, ensure that assets were properly disposed in accordance with applicable State regulations.

- Accounts Payable Reporting Package

Select all payable amounts reported to determine if reported amounts were properly identified, classified, and reported based on the inspection of the SCEIS general ledger, SCEIS Yearend Reporting - Prior Year Payables with Vendor Report and/or Agency prepared records.

- Subsequent Events Questionnaire

Determine if responses are reasonable/accurate and any required supplemental information was properly prepared and submitted based on inspection of the SCEIS general ledger and/or Agency prepared records. In addition, inspect the payables reported at the Subsequent Events Accounts Payable Worksheet and determine if the amount was properly classified, calculated and reported and excluded from the original Accounts Payable Reporting Package submission.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Appropriation Act

14. Inspect the Appropriation Act work program, provided to and completed by management, confirming areas of noncompliance, if any.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.