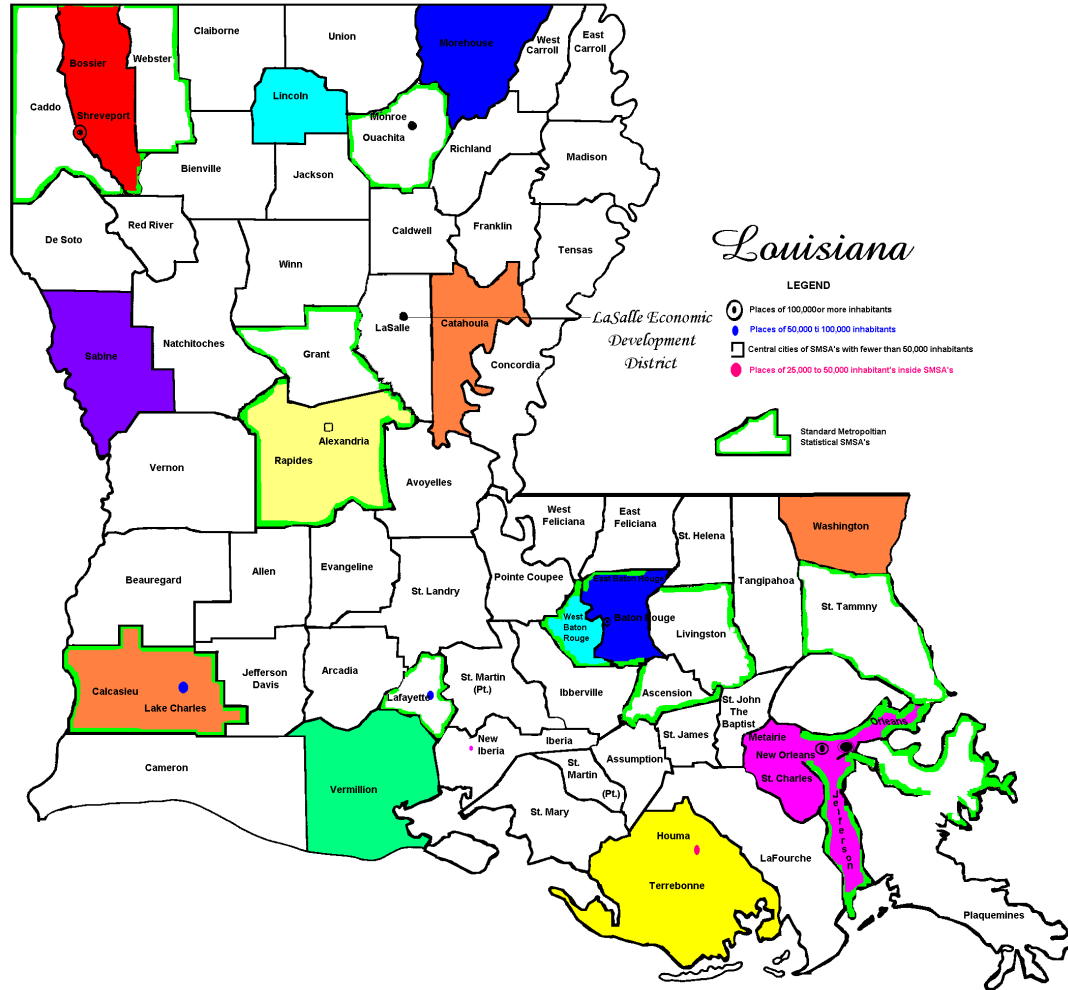


LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



* LaSalle Economic Development District

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board
LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, LA 71342

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the LaSalle Economic Development District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the LaSalle Economic Development District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, of the LaSalle Economic Development District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the LaSalle Economic Development District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the LaSalle Economic Development District's, ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Economic Development District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the LaSalle Economic Development District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.

We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the LaSalle Economic Development District’s basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2024, on our consideration of the LaSalle Economic Development District’s, internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Economic Development District’s, internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering LaSalle Economic Development District’s, internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated June 25, 2024, on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana
June 25, 2024

**Management's Discussion
& Analysis
(MD&A)**

LaSalle Economic Development District

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

As management of the LaSalle Economic Development District, we offer readers of the LaSalle Economic Development District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the LaSalle Economic Development District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the LaSalle Economic Development District's financial statements.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the LaSalle Economic Development District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$2,819,015 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$744,798 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The LaSalle Economic Development District had total revenues of \$40,180,589 and total expenditures of \$40,243,116, causing a change in net position of \$62,527.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements of the Development District report information about the Development District using Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting principles. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The Balance Sheet includes all of the Development District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Development District creditors (liabilities.) It also provides the basis for computing rate of return, evaluating the capital structure and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Development District. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statements of Revenue Expenditures and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures improvements in the Development District's operations over the past two years and can be used to determine whether the Development District has been able to recover all of its costs through its revenue sources.

MD&A

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SERVICE DISTRICT

The Statement of Net Position and the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position report information about the Development District's activities. These two statements report the net position of the Development District and changes in it. Increases or decreases in the Development District's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The LaSalle Economic Development District's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about the LaSalle Economic Development District's fund, a Governmental fund.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

Table 1

Net Position

The following table represents a Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets	\$ 3,766,613	\$ 4,263,634	13.2
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,275,877</u>	<u>2,074,217</u>	-8.9
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,042,490</u>	<u>6,337,851</u>	4.9
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION			
Current Liabilities	3,160,948	3,518,836	11.3
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	0.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,160,948</u>	<u>3,518,836</u>	11.3
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,275,877	2,074,217	-8.9
Unrestricted	<u>605,665</u>	<u>744,798</u>	23.0
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>2,881,542</u>	<u>2,819,015</u>	-2.2
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	<u>\$ 6,042,490</u>	<u>\$ 6,337,851</u>	4.9

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Table 2

Change in Net Position

The following table represents a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
REVENUES			
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement	\$ 38,233,811	\$ 39,982,794	4.6
Grants	71,384	127,603	78.8
Other	36,306	70,192	94.0
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>38,341,501</u>	<u>40,180,589</u>	4.8
EXPENSES			
Salary & Related Taxes	99,759	101,258	1.5
Repair & Maintenance	15,795	16,975	7.5
Disbursements to GEO Group	38,053,811	39,802,794	4.6
Depreciation	201,659	201,660	0.0
Other Expenses	99,840	120,429	20.6
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>38,470,864</u>	<u>40,243,116</u>	4.6
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(129,363)	(62,527)	51.7
BEGINNING NET POSITION	<u>3,010,905</u>	<u>2,881,542</u>	-4.3
ENDING NET POSITION	<u>\$ 2,881,542</u>	<u>\$ 2,819,015</u>	-2.2

Comparative Information

- Current assets increased by \$497,021 or 13.2% from last year. The primary reason for this increase is due to an increase in Accounts Receivable in the amount of \$357,888.
- Total liabilities increased by \$357,888 or 11.3%. The primary reason for this increase is due to an increase in accounts payable in the amount of \$357,888.
- Total revenues increased by \$1,839,088 or 4.8%. An increase in revenues from grants in the amount of \$56,219 is the primary source of this increase.
- Total expenses increased by \$1,772,252 or 4.6%. An increase in Disbursements to GEO Group in the amount of 1,748,983 is the primary source of this increase.

MD&A

CAPITAL ASSETS

At December 31, 2023, the LaSalle Economic Development District had \$2,074,217 invested in capital assets, including land and equipment.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land-Airport*	\$ 614,735	\$ 614,735
Improvements	3,732,415	3,732,415
Construction in Progress	-0-	-0-
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,071,273)</u>	<u>(2,272,933)</u>
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 2,275,877</u>	<u>\$ 2,074,217</u>

*Land in the amount of \$614,735 is not being depreciated.

CONTACTING THE LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the LaSalle Economic Development District's finances and to show the LaSalle Economic Development District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, contact the LaSalle Economic Development District, Jena, Louisiana.

Basic Financial Statements

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023**

ASSETS	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 729,798
Accounts Receivable	<u>3,440,285</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>4,170,083</u>
FIXED ASSETS	
Plant Property & Equipment (Net)	<u>2,074,217</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>2,074,217</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>6,244,300</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	<u>3,425,285</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>3,425,285</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>3,425,285</u></u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,074,217
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>744,798</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 2,819,015</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	OPERATING GRANTS	CAPITAL GRANTS	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE
Governmental Activities:				
General Fund	\$ (440,322)	\$ 127,603	\$ -0-	\$ (312,719)
Special (ICE) Fund	(39,802,794)	39,982,794	-0-	180,000
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (40,243,116)	\$ 40,110,397	\$ -0-	(132,719)
General Revenues				
				14,709
				-0-
				55,483
				<u>70,192</u>
				(62,527)
				<u>2,881,542</u>
				<u>\$ 2,819,015</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
December 31, 2023**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL (ICE) FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 651,247	\$ 78,551	\$ 729,798
Accounts Receivable	-0-	3,440,285	3,440,285
Due From Special (Fee) Fund	93,551	-0-	93,551
TOTAL ASSETS	744,798	3,518,836	4,263,634
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	-0-	3,425,285	3,425,285
Due To General Fund	-0-	93,551	93,551
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-0-	3,518,836	3,518,836
FUND BALANCES			
Unassigned	744,798	-0-	744,798
Restricted	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	744,798	-0-	744,798
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 744,798	\$ 3,518,836	\$ 4,263,634

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Fund balances – total governmental funds	\$	744,798
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
Capital Assets	4,347,150	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,272,933)	
	2,074,217	2,074,217
<p>Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
Current Notes Payable	-0-	
	-0-	-0-
Net position of governmental activities	\$	2,819,015

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL (ICE) FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
REVENUES			
Immigration & Customs Enforcement	\$ -0-	\$ 39,802,562	\$ 39,802,562
Administrative GEO Income	-0-	180,000	180,000
Grant Income	127,603	-0-	127,603
Occupancy Tax Income	14,709	-0-	14,709
Community Reconnect	30,000	-0-	30,000
Miscellaneous Income	18,330	-0-	18,330
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>190,642</u>	<u>39,982,562</u>	<u>40,173,204</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salary & Related Taxes	101,258	-0-	101,258
LaSalle Detention Center-GEO	-0-	39,802,794	39,802,794
Repairs & Maintenance	16,975	-0-	16,975
Office Expenses	8,674	-0-	8,674
Meeting Expenses	4,355	-0-	4,355
Community Development Program	3,014	-0-	3,014
Healthy Places LaSalle Expenditures	67,501	-0-	67,501
General Expenses	36,885	-0-	36,885
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>238,662</u>	<u>39,802,794</u>	<u>40,041,456</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(48,020)</u>	<u>179,768</u>	<u>131,748</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	180,000	-0-	180,000
Transfers Out	-0-	(180,000)	(180,000)
Interest Income	7,153	232	7,385
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>187,153</u>	<u>(179,768)</u>	<u>7,385</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	139,133	-0-	139,133
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	605,665	-0-	605,665
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$ 744,798</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 744,798</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
of Government Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$	139,133
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlay	-0-	
Depreciation Expense	(201,660)	
	(201,660)	(201,660)

The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Issuance of New Long-Term Debt	-0-	
Principal Paid	-0-	
	-0-	-0-

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(62,527)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

The LaSalle Economic Development District (the “District”) is a special district which was created by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:130.201 in 1988. The District is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by various bodies within LaSalle Parish. Each board member must be a resident of LaSalle Parish. Each municipality shall appoint one member in a public meeting after receiving applications submitted by residents of the municipality. Each state and federally chartered financial institution with offices in LaSalle Parish shall appoint one member. The following LaSalle Parish bodies shall appoint one member each: LaSalle Parish School Board, LaSalle Parish Police Jury, LaSalle Development Board, and the LaSalle Parish Chamber of Commerce. The board members serve four-year terms and receive no compensation.

The District was created for the primary objective and purpose of promoting and encouraging industrial development, to stimulate the economy through commerce, industry, and research and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the area by providing job opportunities.

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Because the District is legally separate and fiscally independent, the District is a separate governmental reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information of the State of Louisiana or the general government service provided by that or any other governmental entity.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management’s Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING & GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. Activities are presented using the economic resources method. The accounting objective of the measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position, and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with the government’s activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position. Government activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities present revenues, expenses and fixed asset acquisitions as follows:

LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

- Revenues- Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned.
- Expenses- Expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic assets used.
- Capital Assets- All capital assets are valued at historical cost, except for donated fixed assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from outside parties.

The District reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- **General Fund** – The General Fund accounts for resources traditionally associated with the District which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund.
- **Special Fund** – The Special Fund is used to account for the inflow and outflow of revenue from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) intergovernmental agreement with the District.

In the Fund Financial Statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The District has implemented GASB Statement 54 “Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.” This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government’s fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;

LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

- d. Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

C. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components as applicable. The components are as follows:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets - Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.
- Restricted Net Position - Net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

D. FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The District uses the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position reports on the sources (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e. expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2023, the entity has cash and investments (bank balances) totaling \$730,097 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$	416,776
Time deposits		313,321
Total	\$	<u>730,097</u>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximated market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Deposits

It is the entity’s policy for deposits to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The entity’s deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year end. The categories are described as follows:

- ***Category 1*** – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity’s name.
- ***Category 2*** – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the entity’s name.
- ***Category 3*** – Uncollateralized.

Amounts on deposit are secured by the following pledges:

Description	Market Value
FDIC (Category 1)	\$ 730,097
Securities (Category 2)	-0-
Total	\$ 730,097

Deposits were fully secured as of December 31, 2023.

F. INVENTORIES

The District did not record inventory at December 31, 2023.

G. PREPAID ITEMS

The District did not record prepaid items at December 31, 2023.

H. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The District had the following accounts payable as of December 31, 2023:

Immigration & Customs Enforcement	\$ 3,440,285
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 3,440,285

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

I. PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT

Property, plant, and equipment are recorded at cost for purchased assets or at fair market value on the date of any donation. The District uses straight-line depreciation for financial reporting. This entity has a capitalization policy of \$2,500. The following estimated useful lives are generally used.

	<u>Life In Years</u>
Improvements	20 years
Equipment	10-15 years

NOTE 3 – OCCUPANCY SALES TAXES

The State of Louisiana imposed a hotel occupancy sales tax in LaSalle Parish for the District under Revised Statute (R.S.) 47:301 (14)(a). Under the provisions of R.S. 47:321(C) and 322 the taxes shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. After all the obligations of that fund that are due and payable for that fiscal year have been met, the treasurer will pay the remainder into a special fund designated as the “LaSalle Economic Development District Fund”. This money shall be subject to appropriation by the legislature each year. Sixty-seven and one-half percent (67 ½%) shall be utilized by the LaSalle Economic Development District. The remaining thirty-two and one-half percent (32 ½%) is distributed to other LaSalle Parish entities.

NOTE 4 – PLANT PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of property, plant, and equipment for the airport and general funds combined for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance 12-31-22		Additions		Deletions		Balance 12-31-23
Land *	\$ 208,735	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	208,735
Land-Airport *	406,000		-0-		-0-		406,000
Land Improvements	3,732,415		-0-		-0-		3,732,415
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,071,273)		-0-		(201,660)		(2,272,933)
Net Total	\$ 2,275,877	\$	-0-	\$	(201,660)	\$	2,074,217

* Land in the amount of \$208,735 is not being depreciated.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

NOTE 5 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The District had the following accounts payable as of December 31, 2023:

Accounts Payable (GEO Prison)	\$ 3,425,285
Total Accounts Payable	\$ <u>3,425,285</u>

NOTE 6 – COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT LASALLE PARISH POLICE JURY

In 2005, the District entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the LaSalle Parish Police Jury (the “Jury”) relative to the LaSalle Parish Airport, and all facilities, lands, equipment, movable items, rights, ways and appurtenances thereto appertaining. The Jury conveyed ownership of the parish airport to the District in consideration of the mutual benefit to the parties, the parish, and the surrounding business community. All operations, maintenance, expansions, and improvements will be at the expense and sole discretion of the District. The Jury will remain as co-sponsor of the airport for the sole purpose of facilitating expropriation if needed in the sole discretion of the District to expand the airport, as directed by state and/or federal aviation officials. If the District ceases to exist as a state political subdivision, then in that event, all property conveyed and any improvements, equipment, expansions, and other property rights will revert or be transferred to the Jury and will be used by the Jury at its sole discretion as a public airport facility.

NOTE 7– OPERATING TRANSFERS

Operating transfers were made for operational expenditures.

NOTE 8 – AGREEMENTS

The District entered into an Inter-Governmental Service Agreement (“IGSA”) with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) in fiscal year 2007. This agreement was to provide services for the detention and care of aliens (“detainees”).

A service contract was entered into with the GEO Group, Inc. (“GEO”) effective April 1, 2007, for the provision, management, and operation of a detention facility for the detention and care of detainees and to otherwise perform the District’s responsibilities and obligations as set forth in the IGSA. Upon population of the facility the District was responsible for the billing, collecting, and remitting to GEO the per diem paid by ICE. The District shall be paid for the administrative duties by GEO contingent upon the number of detainees.

LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

NOTE 9 – CONTINGENCIES

The District evaluates contingencies based upon the best available evidence. The District believes that no allowances for loss contingencies are considered necessary. To the extent that resolution of contingencies results in amounts which vary from the District's estimates, future earnings will be charged or credited.

The principal contingencies are described below:

Litigation and Other Matters – Various claims in the ordinary course of business are pending against the District. In the opinion of management and counsel, insurance is sufficient to cover adverse legal determinations in those cases where a liability can be measured.

NOTE 10 – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 14 requires disclosure in financial statements of a situation where one entity provides more than 10% of the audited entity's revenues. The Immigration & Customs Enforcement provided \$39,802,562 to the District, which represents approximately 99.1% of the District's revenues for the year.

NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the Statement of Net Position date though, June 25, 2024, of the independent auditor's report for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The following item is reported as a subsequent event.

LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

NOTE 12 – BOARD MEMBERS

Walter E. Dorroh, Jr.	President
Laurel Comeaux	Vice-President
Jakki Richardson	Secretary
Blake Phillips	Treasurer
Keith Tarver	Member
W. Paul Tweedy	Member
John Stephens	Member
Rhonda Elliott	Member
Anthony Jackson	Member
LaDawn Edwards	Member
Karla Cockerham	Member
Jake Long	Member
Trish Cook Taylor	Member
Brittney Walker	Member
Lee Richardel	Member
Jay Ivy	Member
Marcia Cooksey	Member
Alicia McClure	Member
Andy Cruse	Member

Board members are paid \$-0- for their services.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>		ACTUAL AMOUNTS BUDGETARY BASIS	BUDGET TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCES FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		
REVENUE				
Immigration & Customs Enforcement	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 39,500,000	\$ 39,802,562	\$ 302,562
Administrative GEO Income	180,000	180,000	180,000	-0-
Grant Income	7,000	7,000	127,603	120,603
Occupancy Tax Income	-0-	14,709	14,709	-0-
Miscellaneous Income	2,300	2,300	25,715	23,415
Community Reconnect	-0-	-0-	30,000	30,000
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>42,204,009</u>	<u>39,704,009</u>	<u>40,180,589</u>	<u>476,580</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Salary & Related Taxes	103,400	103,400	101,258	2,142
LaSalle Detention Center-GEO	42,000,000	39,500,000	39,802,794	(302,794)
Repairs & Maintenance	30,000	30,000	16,975	13,025
Capital Outlay	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Expenditures	33,900	33,900	120,429	(86,529)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>42,167,300</u>	<u>39,667,300</u>	<u>40,041,456</u>	<u>(374,156)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>36,709</u>	<u>36,709</u>	<u>139,133</u>	<u>102,424</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	-0-	-0-	180,000	180,000
Transfers Out	-0-	-0-	(180,000)	(180,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE			139,133	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING			<u>605,665</u>	
FUND BALANCE, ENDING			<u>\$ 744,798</u>	

OTHER INFORMATION

**LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

LaSalle Economic Development District
-Walter E. Dorroh, Jr., President

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ -0-
Benefits-Insurance	-0-
Benefits-Retirement	-0-
Benefits (List any other here)	-0-
Car Allowance	-0-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	-0-
Conference Travel	-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance.

See independent auditor's report.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Members of the Board
LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, LA 71342

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the LaSalle Economic Development District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the LaSalle Economic Development District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the LaSalle Economic Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Economic Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaSalle Economic Development District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the LaSalle Economic Development District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The LaSalle Economic Development District's Response to Findings

The Entity's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Entity's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, federal awarding agencies and Legislative Auditor's Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a public document and its distribution is not limited.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana
June 25, 2024

**LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

We have audited the financial statements of the LaSalle Economic Development District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section I Summary of Auditor’s Results

Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes Significant Deficiencies Yes

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes

b. Federal Awards (Not Applicable)

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes Other Conditions Yes

Type of Opinion on Compliance Unmodified Qualified
For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse

Are the finding required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?

Yes No

c. Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA Number (s)	Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$

Is the auditee a ‘low-risk’ auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance? Yes No

**LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST- CONTINUED
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Section II Financial Statement Findings

No items identified.

Section III Federal Awards Findings and Question Costs

Not applicable.

**LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION
FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

FINDINGS:

No Items Identified.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

There are no current year comments.

**LASALLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY
OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

The management of LaSalle Economic Development District has provided the following action summaries relating to findings brought to their attention as a result of their audit for the year ended December 31, 2022.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

2022-1 Deposits in Excess of FDIC (Resolved)

Condition: Bank deposits at Catahoula LaSalle Bank were under secured by \$93,403 as of December 31, 2022.

Criteria: State law requires banks to pledge securities to secure account balances in excess of FDIC coverage.

Cause of Condition: Oversight by bank.

Potential Effect of Condition: Loss to the District in the event of a bank failure.

Recommendation: The District's Board should contact its bank periodically to determine that account balances are properly secured.

Client Response & Corrective Action: The District's Board will periodically contact the bank to determine that bank accounts are fully secured.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

LaSalle Economic Development District
Jena, LA 71342

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The LaSalle Economic Development District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The LaSalle Economic Development District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1) Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections

for each type of revenue or fiduciary fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, fiduciary fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2) Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major

special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

- c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3) Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Collections (excluding EFTs)

- 4) Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Observation: We obtained the listing and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 5) For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or fiduciary fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions performing these procedures.

- 6) Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

Exception: Management does not maintain a bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash.

Management’s response: The cost does not justify the benefit of implementing this procedure as the office accepts very little cash.

- 7) Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under “Bank Reconciliations” above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 8) Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9) For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- 10) For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
 - c) Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic

disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- 11) Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 12) Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 13) Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- 14) Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Contracts

- 15) Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval).
 - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Payroll and Personnel

- 16) Obtain a listing of employees/officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 17) Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 18) Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- 19) Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Ethics

- 20) Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
 - c) Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Debt Service

- 21) Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- 22) Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Fraud Notice

- 23) Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- 24) Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25) Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week, was not stored on the government's local server or network, and was encrypted.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have active antivirus software and that the antivirus, operating system, and accounting system software are the most recent versions available (i.e. up-to-date).

- 26) Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in the Payroll and Personnel procedure #18. Observe that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- 27) Using the randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #16, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
 - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- 28) Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- 29) Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- 30) Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344.
- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions noted in the procedures performed.

We were engaged by the LaSalle Economic Development District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the LaSalle Economic Development District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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Jena, Louisiana
June 25, 2024