



Summary

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Scope

As a condition of receiving Federal funds, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires, as described in OMB Circular A-133, an audit of the State's financial statements and major Federal awards programs. Pursuant to Section 11.45, Florida Statutes, we conducted an audit of the basic financial statements of the State of Florida as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. We also subjected supplementary information contained in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the State's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements. Additionally, we audited the State's compliance with governing requirements for the Federal awards programs or program clusters that we identified as major programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The State of Florida's basic financial statements, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were fairly presented in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our report is included in the [Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, issued by the Chief Financial Officer.

SUMMARY OF 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*

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We noted the following matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation to be material weaknesses:

- The Agency for Health Care Administration inadvertently overlooked various errors in the calculation of the year-end receivable due from the Federal Government. (Finding No. 2014-001)
- The Agency for Health Care Administration did not reclassify drug rebates (refunds) from Other Revenue to a reduction of the corresponding expenditure account. (Finding No. 2014-002)

We noted the following matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation to be a significant deficiency:

- The Department of Economic Opportunity was unable to obtain all relevant data needed to calculate the allowance for uncollectibles account related to the overpayment of reemployment assistance benefit payments. (Finding No. 2014-003)

We noted the following additional matters that we reported to management but did not consider to be significant deficiencies:

- The Department of Financial Services did not consider information in the June 30, 2014, Special Disability Trust Fund Actuarial Report when recording adjusting entries for the Special Disability Trust Fund. (Finding No. 2014-004)
- The Agency for Health Care Administration procedures for preparing the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards data form were not sufficient to ensure amounts reported were accurate. (Finding No. 2014-005)

SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

State agencies, universities, and colleges administered approximately 590 Federal awards programs or program clusters during the 2013-14 fiscal year. Expenditures for the 36 major programs totaled \$31.8 billion, or approximately 91 percent of the total expenditures of \$35 billion, as reported on the supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Compliance requirements for Federal awards programs are established in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement*. Types of compliance requirements include: Activities Allowed or Unallowed; Allowable Costs/Cost Principles; Cash Management; Eligibility; Equipment and Real Property Management; Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking; Period of Availability of Federal Funds; Procurement and Suspension and Debarment; Reporting; Subrecipient Monitoring; and Special Tests and Provisions.

Compliance

The State of Florida complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements applicable to each of its major Federal awards programs, except as described in the following instances, which resulted in opinion qualifications:

- The Department of Economic Development computer system, CONNECT, used to process and maintain Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program data did not provide accurate and complete UI claims payment data, including overpayment data, such that all Federal reports could be accurately completed and timely submitted. Additionally, the Department of Economic Development could not provide complete records to demonstrate that benefit overpayments were properly identified and handled, and did not follow the established benefit accuracy measurement (BAM) case investigation procedures and methodology necessary to meet Federal BAM program testing requirements for the UI Program. (Finding Nos. 2014-009, 2014-010, and 2014-011)
- Department of Transportation procedures were not sufficient to ensure that the Federal Financial Reports for the Federal Transit Cluster were properly completed and, as a result, the Department of Transportation submitted reports that may have included inaccurate information. (Finding No. 2014-014)
- The Department of Education did not meet the Federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for the Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants to States Program. (Finding No. 2014-018)
- The Department of Education did not follow established procedures to obtain periodic certifications for employees whose salaries and benefits were paid solely from Rehabilitation Services – Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States Program funds. (Finding No. 2014-019)
- The Department of Children and Families failed to impose Child Support Enforcement sanctions for uncooperative Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients. (Finding No. 2014-027)
- The Division of Emergency Management did not always require adequate documentation be submitted by subgrantees to substantiate amounts requested for reimbursement for the

Homeland Security Grant Program. Additionally, one subgrantee was reimbursed for payments for unused leave charged directly to the Program, contrary to Federal regulations. (Finding No. 2014-045)

The results of our audit also disclosed other instances of noncompliance pertaining to programs administered by various State agencies, universities, and colleges as described in the SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS. Some of the instances of noncompliance resulted in questioned costs subject to disallowance by the grantor agency.

Internal Control Over Compliance

We noted numerous matters at various State agencies, universities, and colleges involving internal control over compliance and its operation that we considered to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Material weaknesses and significant deficiencies are described in the SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS and pertained to several compliance requirements. The following deficiencies in internal control over compliance were considered material weaknesses:

- The Department of Economic Development computer system, CONNECT, used to process and maintain UI Program data did not provide accurate and complete UI claims payment data, including overpayment data, such that all Federal reports could be accurately completed and timely submitted. Additionally, the Department of Economic Development could not provide complete records to demonstrate that benefit overpayments were properly identified and handled for the UI Program and did not follow the established benefit accuracy measurement (BAM) case investigation procedures and methodology necessary to meet Federal BAM program testing requirements. (Finding Nos. 2014-009, 2014-010, and 2014-011)
- Department of Transportation procedures were not sufficient to ensure that the Federal Financial Reports for the Federal Transit Cluster were properly completed and, as a result, the Department of Transportation submitted reports that may have included inaccurate information. (Finding No. 2014-014)
- The Department of Education did not follow established procedures to obtain periodic certifications for employees whose salaries and benefits were paid solely from Rehabilitation Services – Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States Program funds. (Finding No. 2014-019)
- The Department of Children and Families did not always pay TANF benefits in the correct amount, and did not always timely process Income Eligibility and Verification System (IEVS) data exchange responses. (Finding No. 2014-024)
- The Department of Children and Families failed to impose Child Support Enforcement sanctions for uncooperative TANF recipients. (Finding No. 2014-027)
- The Division of Emergency Management did not always require adequate documentation be submitted by subgrantees to substantiate amounts requested for reimbursement for the Homeland Security Grant Program. Additionally, one subgrantee was reimbursed for payments for unused leave charged directly to the Program, contrary to Federal regulations. (Finding No. 2014-045)

SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The State's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the State's basic financial statements. The State's SEFA does not include Federal awards expenditures for the State's blended component units, Workforce Florida, Inc., Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Space Florida; discretely presented component units of the State's universities and colleges; or discretely presented component units other than the State's universities and colleges. Information on the SEFA is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA)

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the State of Florida received and expended over \$458 million in Federal funding provided pursuant to ARRA. The United States Congress mandated additional reporting and

transparency requirements to be met by recipients of ARRA funds, and the Federal Single Audit has been identified as one of the tools used to measure the degree of stewardship and accountability provided by the states for moneys provided under ARRA. Expenditures of ARRA funds are separately identified on the supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Programs that included ARRA funds, and for which ARRA-related findings are disclosed in the SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, are distinctively identified in the SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS and the INDEX OF FEDERAL FINDINGS BY FEDERAL AGENCY AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of our audit were:

- The expression of opinions concerning whether the State's basic financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The expression of an opinion concerning whether the State's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented fairly, in all material respects, in relation to the State's basic financial statements taken as a whole.
- To obtain an understanding of the internal control over compliance for each major Federal awards program, assess the control risk, and perform tests of controls, unless the controls were deemed to be ineffective.
- The expression of opinions concerning whether the State complied, in all material respects, with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that may have a direct and material effect applicable to each of the major Federal awards programs.

METHODOLOGY

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133.



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Written responses from the State agencies, universities, and colleges to our findings and recommendations are included within the audit report which can be viewed on the Auditor General Web site.