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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015



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## AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor  
Members of the North Carolina General Assembly  
Keith Werner, State Chief Information Officer  
Department of Information Technology

As part of our audit of the State of North Carolina's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal programs, we have completed certain audit procedures at the Department of Information Technology for the year ended June 30, 2015. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. Our audit was performed by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

Our audit objective was to render an opinion on the State of North Carolina's, and not the Department's, administration of major federal programs. However, the report included herein is in relation to our audit scope at the Department and not to the State of North Carolina as a whole. The State Auditor expresses an opinion on the State's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal programs in the State's *Single Audit Report*.

The audit finding in this report is also evaluated to determine its impact on the State's internal control and the State's compliance with rules, regulations, contracts and grants. If determined necessary in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, the finding will be reported in the State's *Single Audit Report*.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth A. Wood".

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS  
THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR  
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

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Keith Werner, State Chief Information Officer  
and Management of the Department of Information Technology

Report on Compliance

As part of our audit of the State of North Carolina's compliance with the types of requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major programs for the year ended June 30, 2015, we have performed audit procedures at the Department of Information Technology. Our report on the State of North Carolina's compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major program and on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 is included in the State's *Single Audit Report*. Our federal compliance audit scope at the Department of Information Technology included Billed Central Service Costs.

The audit results described below are in relation to our audit scope at the Department and not to the State of North Carolina as a whole.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the State of North Carolina's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above, which we issue in the State's *Single Audit Report*. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of

compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Department's compliance with those requirements.

### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

As stated above, our opinion on compliance for each of the State of North Carolina's major federal programs is included in the State's *Single Audit Report*.

### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the finding in the Findings, Recommendations, and Responses section of this report that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Reporting Sensitive Information

We noted certain deficiencies in information systems controls that were only generally described in this report. Details about these deficiencies, due to their sensitive nature, were communicated to management in a separate letter.

Department of Information Technology's Response to the Finding

The Department's response to the finding identified in our audit is included in the Findings, Recommendations, and Responses section of this report. The Department's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance or consideration of internal control over compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Beth A. Wood, CPA  
State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 28, 2016



# **FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND RESPONSES**



**Matters Related to Federal Compliance Audit Objectives**

The following audit finding was identified during the current audit and describe conditions that represent a deficiency in internal control or noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, or other matters.

**VULNERABILITY TO UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES DETECTED IN A SYSTEM**

The results of our audit disclosed a deficiency considered reportable under generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards*. The deficiency regards security, which due to its sensitivity, is reported to the Department of Information Technology by separate sensitive letter. Pursuant to *North Carolina General Statute 132-6.1(c)*, the sensitive letter including your responses will not be publicly released.

*Federal Award Information:* This finding affects costs billed for computing services provided by the Department of Information Technology. Many of the State's federal programs are impacted including the Child Support Enforcement Program CFDA 93.563.

*Agency Response:* The Department agrees with the finding. Detailed remediation activities are included in the response to the sensitive letter submitted with this audit.

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