



Washington State Auditor's Office

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

March 21, 2016

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor, state of Washington

Dear Governor Inslee:

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

We have audited the compliance of the state of Washington with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the state's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The state's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the state's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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 the state's 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 on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the state's compliance.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on CFDA 93.575 – Child Care and Development Block Grant, and CFDA 93.596 – Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund programs

As described in Findings 2015-023, 2015-024, 2015-025, 2015-026, and 2015-027 in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs, the state did not comply with requirements for Activities Allowed or Unallowed, Allowable Costs/Cost Principles, Eligibility, Period of Availability, Special Tests and Provisions – Health and Safety, and Special Tests and Provisions – Fraud Detection for its CFDA 93.575 – Child Care and Development Block Grant and CFDA 93.596 – Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund programs. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the state to comply with the requirements applicable to these programs.

Adverse Opinion on CFDA 93.575 – Child Care and Development Block Grant, and CFDA 93.596 – Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund programs

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matters described in the basis for adverse opinion paragraph above, the state did not comply, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its CFDA 93.575 – Child Care and Development Block Grant and CFDA 93.596 – Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the state complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major federal programs identified in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance with those requirements which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings 2015-003, 2015-004, 2015-005, 2015-007, 2015-008, 2015-010, 2015-012, 2015-013, 2015-014, 2015-015, 2015-016, 2015-017, 2015-018, 2015-019, 2015-022, 2015-028, 2015-029, 2015-030, 2015-031, 2015-032, 2015-033, 2015-034, 2015-035, 2015-036, 2015-037, 2015-038, 2015-039, 2015-040, 2015-041, 2015-042, 2015-043, 2015-045, 2015-046, 2015-047, 2015-048, 2015-049, 2015-050, 2015-051, 2015-052, 2015-053, 2015-054, 2015-055, and 2015-056. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

State's Response to Findings

The state's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedules of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs. The state's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Management of the state 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 the state's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program in order 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 the state's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings 2015-004, 2015-005, 2015-006, 2015-011, 2015-012, 2015-014, 2015-015, 2015-016, 2015-017, 2015-018, 2015-019, 2015-020, 2015-021, 2015-022, 2015-023, 2015-024, 2015-025, 2015-026, 2015-027, 2015-028, 2015-030, 2015-032, 2015-034, 2015-039, 2015-044, 2015-045, 2015-047, 2015-049, 2015-051, 2015-052, 2015-053, and 2015-054 to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings 2015-009 and 2015-040 to be significant deficiencies.

State's Response to Findings

The state's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedules of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs. The state's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

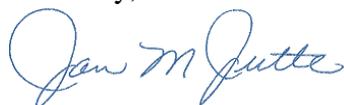
Purpose of This Report

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 report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component units and remaining fund information of the state of Washington as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the state of Washington's basic financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Sincerely,



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March 21, 2016, except for the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as to which the date is October 30, 2015