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AUDIT RISK ALERT # 16

DATE: May 22, 2019 (updated October 14, 2021)

SUBJECT: New statewide agreed-upon procedures – FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION (see <u>Audit Risk Alert No. 26</u> for 2020 procedures update; also see <u>Audit Risk Alert Nos. 28</u>, <u>29</u> and <u>37</u>)

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) has required that an agreed-upon procedures report accompany all local government and quasi-public agency (local auditee) audit reports for the last three years; beginning with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

The related statewide agreed-upon procedures have recently been updated, and the updated document has been added to the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* (available on LLA's website).

Key points about the revised statewide agreed-upon procedures are -

- 1. The modifier "Year 3" has been added to the file name for the most recent version of the <u>Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures</u> document. The Year 1 and Year 2 statewide agreed-upon procedures documents may also be found in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*.
- 2. The information previously found in the Frequently Asked Questions document has been incorporated into the Year 3 Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures document; and the Frequently Asked Questions document has been removed from the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*.
- 3. No changes have been made to the example statewide agreed-upon procedures sample engagement letter, representation letter, or report for Year 3. These documents may be found in the <u>practice aids section</u> of the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*.
- 4. Either the Year 2 or Year 3 statewide agreed-upon procedures may be used for audits with fiscal years ending on or before May 31, 2019. The sample engagement letter, representation letter, and report documents for Year 3 may also be used for Year 2 agreed-upon procedure engagements.
- 5. The Year 3 statewide agreed-upon procedures must be used for audits with fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2019.

6. The Year 1 statewide agreed-upon procedures have been left on the website for archival purposes; but should not be used for audits with fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2018.

LLA has had questions about the difference between the statewide agreed-upon procedures report that accompanies audit reports, and the agreed-upon procedures report that is required to be submitted with the review reports of local auditees that receive between \$200,000 and \$499,999 in public funds.

Key points about the review/attestation report are as follows -

- 1. An agreed-upon procedures report is required to be submitted with review reports of local auditees.
- 2. There are different procedures and reports for the review/attestation engagements of local governments, quasi-public organizations, and charter schools. Related sample documents for review/attestation engagements and reports may be found in the <u>practice aids section</u> of the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*.
- 3. The agreed-upon procedures report that is submitted with review reports is different than the statewide agreed-upon procedures report that accompanies audit reports.

4. The agreed-upon procedures report that is submitted with review reports cannot be substituted for the statewide agreed-upon procedures report that accompanies audit reports.

If you have any questions about statewide agreed-upon procedures engagements, please call Barry Kelly at <u>bkelly@lla.la.gov</u> or (225) 339-3831 or Diane Allison, Director of Local Government Services, at <u>dallison@lla.la.gov</u> or (225) 339-3812.