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RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

Pineville, Louisiana

Annual Financial Report

For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

(With Audit Report Thereon)

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RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Red River Delta Law Enforcement
Planning Council, Inc.
Pineville, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1999, and the related statements of support, revenue, expenses and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. My responsibility is to express an *opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.*

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. as of September 30, 1999, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated March 4, 2000, on my consideration of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.



Oakdale, Louisiana
March 4, 2000

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Statement of Financial Position
September 30, 1999

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash		\$ 62,195
Accounts Receivable		<u>738</u>
Current Assets		62,933
Property and Equipment:		
Land and Building	\$156,887	
Furniture and Equipment	<u>201,405</u>	
	358,292	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>166,927</u>	<u>191,365</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$254,298</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		\$ 93,304
Short Term Note Payable		5,638
Program Income		343
Accrued Expenses		391
Deferred Revenue		11,250
Current Portion of Notes Payable		<u>11,439</u>
Total Current Liabilities		122,365
Notes payable, less current portion		68,034
Accrued Annual Leave		<u>17,713</u>
Total Liabilities		208,112
Net Assets -		
Unrestricted	\$ 15,564	
Temporarily Restricted - Grant Property and Equipment	<u>30,622</u>	<u>46,186</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$254,298</u>

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

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Statement of Support and Revenue, Expenses,
and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999
(With Comparative Totals for September 30, 1998)

	Operating Funds <u>Unrestricted</u>	Grant Funds <u>Restricted</u>	Total <u>All Funds</u>	September 30, 1998 <u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Membership Dues	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Administrative Fee - Northwest Contract	45,000	-	45,000	45,000
Administrative Fee - Central La. Juvenile Detention	11,250	-	11,250	-
Interest Income	2,226	-	2,226	2,147
Other Income	2,743	-	2,743	4,310
Rent Income	9,966	-	9,966	10,794
Federal and State Grants:				
Jail Removal Specialist	-	57,440	57,440	59,296
Drug Block	-	7,297	7,297	2,734
D.A.R.E. Program	-	309,820	309,820	120,743
Drug Grant Administration	-	38,765	38,765	39,690
State Training Center	-	60,544	60,544	132,188
Block Training	-	14,880	14,880	14,880
JJDP Planning Funds	-	5,892	5,892	5,892
Basic and Correction Officer Training	-	70,550	70,550	45,100
	<u>126,185</u>	<u>565,188</u>	<u>691,373</u>	<u>537,774</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
EXPENSES				
Salaries	47,814	129,156	176,970	171,357
Employee Insurance and Taxes	9,932	11,275	21,207	24,172
Retirement Plan	28,265	-	28,265	25,182
Office Supplies and Expense	8,399	21,389	29,788	33,128
Rent	-	8,719	8,719	10,794
Interest	8,771	-	8,771	6,446
Automobile Operating Cost	6,577	14,947	21,524	17,763
Depreciation	29,343	-	29,343	27,041
Professional Fees	5,372	95,502	100,874	87,669
Maintenance	1,333	1,409	2,742	2,253
Meeting and Other Expenses	414	6,927	7,341	4,284
Travel	614	67,776	68,390	56,013
Reimburse Specialized Training	-	92,180	92,180	62,714
Supplies and Other Training Expenses	-	104,989	104,989	18,805
	<u>146,834</u>	<u>554,269</u>	<u>701,103</u>	<u>547,621</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES				
Excess of Support and Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	<u>(20,649)</u>	<u>10,919</u>	<u>(9,730)</u>	<u>(9,847)</u>
Capital Additions Transferred - Temporarily Restricted Grant Property and Equipment	<u>10,919</u>	<u>(10,919)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Support and Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	(9,730)	-	(9,730)	(9,847)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	55,916	-	55,916	62,073
Gain on Sale of Unrestricted Asset	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,690</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 46,186</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 46,186</u>	<u>\$ 55,916</u>

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

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

	Operating Funds <u>Unrestricted</u>	Grant Funds <u>Restricted</u>	Total <u>All Funds</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Excess of Support and Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$(9,730)	\$ -	\$(9,730)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	29,343	-	29,343
(Increase)/Decrease in:			
Due from Unrestricted Operating Funds	-	3,093	3,093
Accounts Receivable	7,860	(738)	7,122
Prepaid Expenses	4,981	-	4,981
Increase/(decrease) in:			
Due to Restricted Grant Funds	(3,093)	-	(3,093)
Accounts Payable	9,059	(1,890)	7,169
Accrued Liabilities	(1,440)	-	(1,440)
Deferred Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>(465)</u>	<u>(465)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>36,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,980</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Equipment	<u>(56,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,137)</u>
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(56,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,137)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Debt	31,500		31,500
Debt Reduction	<u>(22,116)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,116)</u>
NET CASH USED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>9,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,384</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH	(9,773)	-	(9,773)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>71,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,968</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$62,195</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$62,195</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES

Operating activities reflect interest paid of \$ 8,771.

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

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Red River Delta), is a not-for-profit corporation, organized in 1976 under Louisiana Corporation Statutes. The Corporation, acting under the authority of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, as provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes 15:1209 et seq, provides planning, assistance, and advice on criminal justice activities and projects to the various local law enforcement agencies within the parishes of Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, and Winn.

Income Tax Exemption

Red River Delta qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, has no provision for federal income taxes.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of Red River Delta have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Presentation of Net Assets by Class

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the disclosure and presentation requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) as set forth in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, Red River Delta is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Net assets of the two restricted classes are created by grant imposed restrictions on their use. All other net assets, including board designated or appropriated amounts, are legally unrestricted and are reported as part of the unrestricted class.

The temporarily restricted net assets consist of property and equipment that are acquired with grant funds and remain restricted for use in a specified future period.

Red River Delta reports revenue in the following two classifications:

Membership Dues - Membership dues, a contractual agreement with Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc. (Northwest), and a contractual agreement with the Central Louisiana Juvenile Detention Authority are the primary sources of unrestricted operating funds. A schedule of dues for each parish is adopted annually by the Board of Directors. Under the contract with Northwest, Red River Delta serves as the operating staff of Northwest and performs the basic duties of office administration, planning and grant administration. Northwest compensates Red River Delta at the rate of \$45,000 per year plus any grant reimbursements from the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention programs. The agreement provides for alteration or cancellation by either party upon thirty days notice.

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Under the contract with the Central Louisiana Juvenile Detention Authority, Red River Delta will provide the staff to perform all administrative functions for the authority. The Juvenile Detention Authority will compensate Red River Delta at a rate of \$15,000 per year, beginning January 1, 1999. The agreement provides for alteration or cancellation by either party upon thirty days notice.

Federal and State Grants - The restricted grant funds consist primarily of subgrants administered by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, administered by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE), to be used for specific programs. These subgrants, funded by Federal and state agencies, are used primarily to provide specialized training to local law enforcement personnel in the areas of crime prevention and control, and to administer juvenile justice programs. Grant applications submitted to LCLE for approval require specific information and budgets as to the use of these grant funds. Certain grants allow for the reimbursement of salary expense and the use of office space for approved grant personnel in the administration of the grant programs by Red River Delta.

Cash and Equivalents

For the Statement of Cash Flows, cash is defined as all monies in checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposits maturing in one year or less, and cash on hand.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Red River Delta's deposits are concentrated in two financial institutions. FDIC coverage is available up to \$100,000 per bank. Amounts in excess of this are uninsured and are subject to loss should the bank fail (with a possible offset against the outstanding loans, if any). During the year ended September 30, 1999, the organization's bank balance exceeded this limit on several occasions ranging from \$5,653 to \$97,063.

Total Columns

Total columns are presented to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operation and changes in fund balances in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

Comparative Data

The financial information for the year ended September 30, 1998, presented for comparative purposes, is not intended to be a complete financial statement presentation.

B - CASH

Cash consists of the balance in the operating account as follows:

Cash on Hand	\$ 650
Operating Account	3,969
Certificates of Deposit	<u>57,576</u>
Total	<u>\$62,195</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

This amount represents money spent for budgeted program costs that will be reimbursed by LCLE. To date, program expenditures have been incurred by the JJD Regional Planning Units grant in the amount of \$738.

D - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

This balance reflects amounts to be paid subsequent to year end for escrow payments, an amount due to Northwest for grant funds deposited to Red River Delta in error, and for costs incurred and reimbursements due under grant programs, as follows:

Escrow Payable		\$ 55
Due to Northwest		9,004
Basic Training	P99-3-BAS	8,500
Correctional Officer Training	P99-3-COR	12,150
D.A.R.E. Program	R00-8-001	10,642
D.A.R.E. Program	E00-3-012	<u>52,953</u>
Total		<u>\$ 93,304</u>

E - DEFERRED REVENUES

Deferred revenues consist of payments received from Northwest prior to year end for the subsequent year's contract fee.

F - PROGRAM INCOME

Matching funds for program costs in excess of required amounts represents program income that must be used in the reduction of future approved program costs. Program income at September 30, 1999 was:

	<u>Drug Block</u> <u>90-B3-B.2-0010</u>	<u>D.A.R.E. Program</u> <u>92-B3-B.1-0335</u>	<u>D.A.R.E. Program</u> <u>94-B3-B.1-0047</u>
Balance, September 30, 1998	\$ 609	\$ 13	\$ 185
Program Costs	(464)	-	-
Program Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, September 30, 1999	<u>\$ 145</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 185</u>

G - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which range as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Building and building addition	40
Furniture and equipment	5-7

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RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

H - SHORT-TERM NOTE PAYABLE

Note payable to bank, due February 9, 2000, bearing interest at 7.00%, secured by a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$26,631. Amount due as of September 30, 1999:	September 30, <u>1999</u> <u>\$ 5,638</u>
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I - LONG -TERM LIABILITIES

Note payable to a financial institution in monthly installments through March 1, 2017, of \$489, and is collateralized by land and building. The interest rate varies and is based on an index that is the weekly average yield on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year. The rate in effect for the year ended September 30, 1999, was 8.00 percent.	September 30, <u>1999</u> \$34,614
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Note payable to bank, bearing interest of 8.00% per annum, secured by certificates of deposit #3139013968 and #311101972; principal and interest payable at \$639 per month; due July, 2004.	30,697
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Note payable to bank, bearing interest of 7.00% per annum, secured by certificate of deposit in an amount not less than \$22,554; principal and interest payable at \$482 per month; due June, 2002.	<u>14,162</u>
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Current Portion	<u>79,473</u>
Long-Term Notes Payable	<u>11,439</u>
	<u>\$68,034</u>

Estimated maturities on long-term debt for the next five years are as follows:

2000		11,439
2001		12,336
2002		11,794
2003		8,264
2004		7,657
Thereafter		28,150

J - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Furniture and equipment purchased with grant funds are to be used for specific purposes. Any other use or disposal requires LCLE approval.

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RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

K - OTHER INCOME

Other income consists primarily of tuition charged for state D.A.R.E. training programs. The amounts are used to defray associated costs not covered by the grants.

L - RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS

Red River Delta received and spent the following funds from Federal and state programs:

	Schedule of Grants Received and Disbursed For the Year Ended September 30, 1999								
	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Matching Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Revenues</u>			<u>Expenditures</u>		
				<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total To Date</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total To Date</u>
FEDERAL									
Jail Removal Specialist #97-J8-J.3-0248	\$ 57,440	\$ -	\$ 57,440	-	\$ 57,440	\$ 57,440	\$ -	\$ 57,440	\$ 57,440
JJDP RPU Planning #98-J8-J.1-0223	2,946	2,946	5,892	-	5,892	5,892	-	5,892	5,892
Drug Administration Grant #98-B3-B.99-0075	38,765	-	38,765	-	38,765	38,765	-	38,765	38,765
Drug Block Training #96-B3-B.02-0099	9,204	3,068	12,272	<u>4,975</u>	<u>7,297</u>	<u>12,272</u>	<u>4,975</u>	<u>7,297</u>	<u>12,272</u>
Total Federal Grants				<u>4,975</u>	<u>109,394</u>	<u>114,369</u>	<u>4,975</u>	<u>109,394</u>	<u>114,369</u>
STATE									
D.A.R.E. State Training Center #R99-8-001	60,000	-	60,000	15,110	44,890	60,000	15,110	44,890	60,000
D.A.R.E. #R00-8-001	62,511	-	62,511	-	15,654	15,654	-	15,654	15,654
D.A.R.E. State Training Center #I99-3-011	310,453	-	310,453	71,243	239,210	310,453	71,243	239,210	310,453
D.A.R.E. State Training Center #E00-3-012	215,510	-	215,510	-	70,610	70,610	-	70,610	70,610
Basic Training #P99-3-BAS	31,500	-	31,500	-	31,500	31,500	-	31,500	31,500
Correctional Training #P99-3-COR	39,050	-	39,050	-	39,050	39,050	-	39,050	39,050
Block Training - Act 562 #T99-3-001	14,880	-	14,880	<u>-</u>	<u>14,880</u>	<u>14,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,880</u>	<u>14,880</u>
Total State Grants				<u>86,353</u>	<u>455,794</u>	<u>542,147</u>	<u>86,353</u>	<u>455,794</u>	<u>542,147</u>
Total Grants				<u>\$ 91,328</u>	<u>\$565,188</u>	<u>\$656,516</u>	<u>\$ 91,328</u>	<u>\$565,188</u>	<u>\$656,516</u>

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RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

M - ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE

Red River Delta provides a leave policy that allows accumulation of unused annual leave which is carried forward each year. Upon separation of employment, Red River Delta will pay up to three hundred hours of unused accumulated annual leave. The remainder of unused annual leave and all sick leave is canceled. The amount accrued for the year ended September 30, 1999, was \$17,713.

N - RETIREMENT PLAN

Red River Delta maintains a Simplified Employee Pension Plan as defined in Section 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for those employees who qualify. The Board adopted a policy to contribute 15 percent of qualified employees' salary. The contribution for the year ended September 30, 1999, was \$28,265.

O - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from the grantor agency is subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected may constitute a liability of the corporation. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although Red River Delta expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.
Pineville, Louisiana

Management's Corrective Action Plan

For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

SECTION I - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
None	
SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL FEDERAL AWARDS	
None	
SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER	
1999.1 - Cash Management	Due to significantly higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the Agency's deposits increased; as a result, the amounts of uncollateralized deposits at those times were substantially higher. The Agency will monitor cash balances more closely.

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

Pineville, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior Year Findings

For the Year Ended September 30, 1999

SECTION I - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to the financial statements.
SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL FEDERAL AWARDS
There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to federal awards.
SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER
There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to federal awards.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors
Red River Delta Law Enforcement
Planning Council, Inc.
Pineville, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended September 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated March 4, 2000. I conducted my 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, I noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that I have reported to management of Red River Delta in a separate letter dated March 4, 2000.

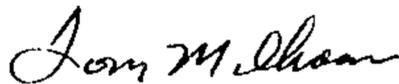
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year findings.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, others with the organization, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, and the Legislative Auditor, and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Oakdale, Louisiana
March 4, 2000

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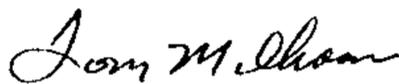
I have audited the financial statements of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc., as of and for the year ended September 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated March 4, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As part of my examination, I have issued my report on the financial statements dated March 4, 2000, and my report on internal control and compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts, dated March 4, 2000.

During the course of my examination, I became aware of the following matter which represents an immaterial deviation of compliance or suggestions for improved internal control.

Suggestion 1999.1 - During the year ended September 30, 1999, the operating bank balance exceeded the insured FDIC limit of \$100,000 several times. State law requires that bank deposits are fully insured or secured by collateral. Should the bank fail, amounts in excess of FDIC coverage would be subject to loss. The cause of the condition is that cash balances were not properly monitored. My recommendation is that cash balances should be monitored to insure they do not exceed FDIC limits.

I recommend management address the foregoing issues as an improvement to operations and the administration of public programs. I am available to further explain the suggestions or help implement the recommendation.



Oakdale, Louisiana
March 4, 2000

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

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