



# Report Highlights

## University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Louisiana System

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### Why We Conducted This Audit

We conducted certain audit procedures at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (University) as part of the University of Louisiana System's (System) financial statement audit for the year ended June 30, 2012, and to provide accountability over public funds.

### What We Found

We considered the University's controls, compliance with laws, and financial reporting for financial accounts such as cash, receivables, capital assets, bonds payable, net assets, tuition revenue, federal revenue, auxiliary revenues, state appropriation, and education and general expenses. We also analyzed the University's revenues, expenses, tuition, fees, enrollment, and graduates awarded over the last four years. Our work disclosed the following:

- Financial information relating to the above accounts was fairly presented.
- The University's Police Department and personnel discovered a misappropriation of funds totaling over \$128,000 within the Parking and Transit Department. The Director of Parking and Transit paid himself and others a total of \$108,145 in cash obtained from special event parking to avoid the University's payroll process. In addition, cash collections totaling \$9,103 were never deposited; cash collections were used to pay expenses totaling \$10,451 that were not properly authorized; and employees were paid twice for one event resulting in an overpayment of \$1,186. The University has ceased all special events cash collections and is pursuing recoupment of funds where possible.
- For all eight students tested, we found that federal direct loan refunds totaling \$14,920 were not returned to the federal government within the required 45-day period after the students withdrew from classes.
- As shown below, state appropriations have declined and if this trend continues, the University's operations may become more dependent on federal revenues and increasing tuition and fees. The increase in fiscal year 2011 revenue was caused by increases in federal stimulus funds and construction funds of various projects.

