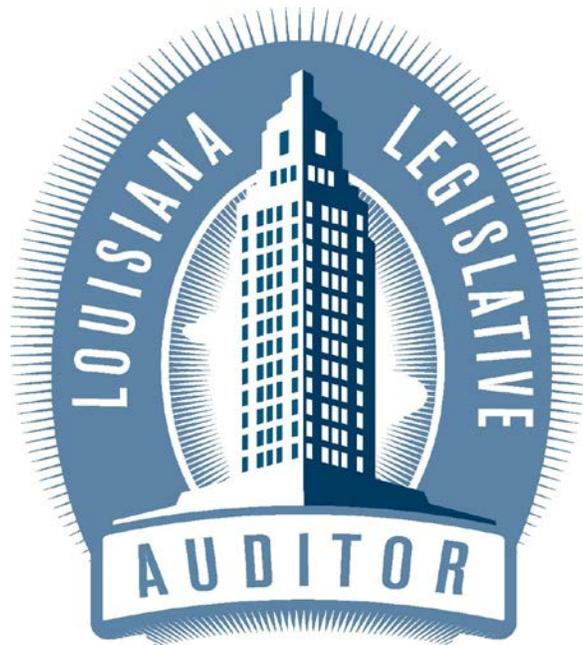


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Our procedures at the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, disclosed the following:

- No significant control deficiencies were identified relating to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students.
- No significant control deficiencies or noncompliance issues were identified that would require reporting under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 for the Federal Family Education Loans (CFDA 84.032) federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

This report is a public report and has been distributed to state officials. We appreciate LOSFA's assistance in the successful completion of our work.

Background

LOSFA is a state agency and the administrative arm of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission and the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority. Among the programs administered by LOSFA are Louisiana's premier merit-based scholarship program, the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; the state's 529 college savings plan, the Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust program; the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program; and the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship program. In addition, for fiscal year 2010, LOSFA was the guarantee agency for the Federal Family Education Loans Program.

The mission of LOSFA is to promote and provide college access. LOSFA has established the following goals:

- To achieve and maintain the highest level of customer satisfaction.
- To serve as the primary source of student financial assistance programs, services, and information.
- To partner with the Board of Regents and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to maximize access to postsecondary education through state student financial assistance policies and programs.
- To maintain statutory and regulatory compliance.
- To ethically, effectively, and efficiently administer programs and services.
- To augment student services and programs by maximizing federal revenues.

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

As required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and as a part of our Single Audit of the State of Louisiana for the year ended June 30, 2010, we conducted certain procedures at the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) for the period from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

- Our auditors obtained and documented a basic understanding of LOSFA's operations and system of internal controls, including controls over major federal programs administered by LOSFA, through inquiry, observation, and review of its policies and procedures documentation, including a review of the related laws and regulations applicable to LOSFA.
- Our auditors performed analytical procedures consisting of a comparison of the most current and prior year financial activity using LOSFA's annual fiscal reports and/or system-generated reports and obtained explanations from LOSFA management of any significant variances.
- Our auditors performed internal control and compliance testing, in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, on the Federal Family Education Loans (CFDA 84.032) federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, as a part of the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana.
- Our auditors performed a walkthrough of the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) to ensure that the system-generated eligibility determination was supported by additional documentation and to ensure that control procedures over payments made by LOSFA were placed in operation.

We found no significant control deficiencies, noncompliance, or errors relating to our analytical procedures or our procedures on TOPS that should be communicated to management. Our procedures were more limited than would be necessary to give an opinion on internal control and on compliance with laws, regulations, policies, and procedures governing financial activities.

While we did not perform an audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we did perform certain procedures related to compliance with federal laws and regulations in accordance with those standards.

We found no significant control deficiencies or noncompliance that would require reporting under OMB Circular A-133 for the Federal Family Education Loans Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

The Annual Fiscal Report of LOSFA was not audited or reviewed by us, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on that report. LOSFA's accounts are an integral part of the State of Louisiana's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, upon which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor expresses opinions.

This report is intended for the information and use of LOSFA, its management, and the Louisiana Legislature. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,



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