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March 8, 2016

Single Audit Management Report

H. Carey Webb, State Aid Engineer
Mississippi Department of Transportation
Office of State Aid Road Construction
P. O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215

Dear Mr. Webb:

In conjunction with our audit of federal assistance received by the State of Mississippi, the Office of the State Auditor has completed its audit of the State's major federal programs administered by the Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Office of the State Auditor's staff members participating in this engagement included Karlanne Coates, CPA, Stephanie Palmertree, CPA, Alan Jarrett, Erin Hathorn, Kari Horn, and Lisa Meade.

Our procedures and tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all federal legal requirements have been met. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction's compliance's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the federal programs selected for audit that are administered by the Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction for the year ended June 30, 2015.

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 of Mississippi'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 Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction’s compliance.

Results of Compliance Audit Procedures

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported by OMB Circular A-133.

Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction 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 Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction’s internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program 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 controls 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 Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction’s internal control over compliance.

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. *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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section 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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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.

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I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of the Mississippi Department of Transportation – Office of State Aid Road Construction throughout the audit. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sallie Dier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail.

Sallie Dier CPA
Director, Financial and Audit Compliance Division