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

June 27, 2017

To the Honorable County Judge and
Members of the Commissioners' Court of
Chambers County, Texas:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Chambers County, Texas (the "County") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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 our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE, AND THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

June 27, 2017

To the Honorable County Judge and
Members of the Commissioners' Court of
Chambers County, Texas:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Chambers County, Texas' (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2016. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County'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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance 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 County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the County 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 County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each 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 control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, 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 the County'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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2017 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

A. SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

None

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Chambers County, Texas.
2. No instances of significant deficiencies in internal control were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies in internal control over major federal award programs were disclosed by the audit.
5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. No audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the County are reported.
7. The programs included as a major program are:

<u>CFDA</u>	<u>Program Name</u>
14.228	Community Development Block Grant
15.668	Coastal Impact Assistance Program

8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. The County did qualify as a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS – BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

C. FINDINGS - FEDERAL AWARDS AUDIT

None

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (page 1 of 2)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed through Texas Department of State Health Services:</i>			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children - Oct through Sept	2016-048747-001	10.557	\$ 25,854
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children - Oct through Sept	2017-048747-001	10.557	77,562
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			103,416
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
<i>Passed through Brazos Valley Community Action Agency (BVCAA):</i>			
Community Services Block Grant	N/A	93.569	25,000
<i>Passed through Texas Department of State Health Services:</i>			
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - CRI	2016-001505	93.069	5,716
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - CPS/Hazards	2016-001506	93.069	18,985
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - CPS/Ebola	2015-003623	93.069	1,937
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - CPS/OT-Unique	2016-004032	93.069	18,585
Subtotal for CFDA Number			45,223
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			70,223
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
<i>Passed through Texas Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management:</i>			
Emergency Management Performance Grant	16TX-EMPG-0377	97.042	38,158
State Homeland Security Program	EMW-2015-SS-00080	97.067	59,470
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			97,628
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Passed through Texas General Land Office:</i>			
Community Development Block Grant-Disaster-Non-Housing	10-5045-000-5021	14.228	5,425,798
Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Rec 2.2	13-388-000-7785	14.228	950,510
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			6,376,308
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR			
<i>Direct Awards</i>			
Coastal Impact Assistance Program - Administration	F12AF00677	15.668	10,246
Coastal Impact Assistance Program - Waterborne Education	F12AF01109	15.668	6,555
Coastal Impact Assistance Program - Erosion Control	F12AF00805	15.668	50,000
Coastal Impact Assistance Program - McCollum Park	F12AF01311	15.668	170,680
Coastal Impact Assistance Program - Levee Road	F12AF01233	15.668	562,962
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR			800,443

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (page 2 of 2)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			
<i>Passed through Texas Department of Transportation:</i>			
Airport Improvement Program - Anahuac	M1620ANAH	20.106	\$ 5,083
Airport Improvement Program - Anahuac	M1720ANAH	20.106	2,268
Airport Improvement Program - Winnie	M1620WNNI	20.106	3,678
Airport Improvement Program - Winnie	M1720WNNI	20.106	2,412
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			<u>13,441</u>
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Passed through Governor's Criminal Justice Division:</i>			
ARRA - Violence Against Women Formula Grant	2015-WF-AX-0032	16.588	32,066
ARRA - Violence Against Women Formula Grant	2016-WF-AX-0034	16.588	17,725
Subtotal for CFDA Number			<u>49,791</u>
<i>Passed through Bureau of Justice Assistance:</i>			
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	2016-AP-BX-0612	16.606	3,582
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			<u>53,373</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES			<u>\$ 7,514,832</u>

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

NOTE 1: BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Chambers County, Texas, and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *OMB Compliance Supplement*; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2: INDIRECT COST RATE

The County elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.