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SAO Executive Management



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Executive Summary

Audit Scope

Accountability audit for 2018 (see draft report).

Audit Results in Brief

• In the areas we examined, the Port operations complied, in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

Audit highlight: We appreciate the Port's commitment to the safeguarding of public funds and developing control systems that ensure compliance with laws and regulations.

Prior Year Follow-up

Compensation increases for non-represented employees

Management letter and exit recommendation

Status: Resolved

Small and attractive assets

Exit Recommendations

Status: Resolved

Industrial Development Corporation

- Reviewed controls over operations and financial statements for fiscal years 2015-2018
- Audit result: no issues

Self-insurance programs

- Reviewed controls over claims administration, contracts language,
 solvency requirements, and proper approvals from state
- Ensured accurate reporting to State (BARS schedule 21)
- Audit result: no issues

Bell Harbor Marina- petty cash/change funds

- Reviewed controls over the petty cash/change fund safekeeping procedures
- Audit results: no issues

Fire department overtime pay

- Reviewed controls over the overtime payroll process at the Fire department
- Reviewed selected overtime payments for compliance with Port policy and union requirements
- Audit results: no issues

Procurement of Professional Service (A&E) contracts

- Reviewed controls over the procurement of professional service contracts
- Tested 17 contracts for compliance with state law
- Audit results: exit recommendation

Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT)

- Reviewed controls over the creation of new vendors, modifications of vendor bank accounts, and payments
- □ Tested 33 additions/modifications of vendor information and payments
- Audit results: exit recommendation

Employees used for publics works projects

- Reviewed controls over the use of employees for publics works
 projects and compliance with state law
- Audit results: exit recommendation

Concluding Remarks

- Audit cost
 - □ Total estimated cost: \$107,000
- Next scheduled audit September 2020
 - Accountability for Public Resources
 - Review of CPA work papers
- Report publication
- Management Representation Letter

Audit highlight: we appreciate the collaboration and assistance from our Audit Liaison. She helped ensure a smooth audit process from start to finish.