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As required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, we conducted certain procedures at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) for Research and Education, a marine research and education facility within Louisiana state government. Our procedures included (1) a review of LUMCON's internal control; (2) tests of financial transactions for the period from July 1, 2004, through June 8, 2006; (3) tests of adherence to applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures governing financial activities for the period from July 1, 2004, through June 8, 2006; and (4) a review of compliance with prior year report recommendations. 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.

Specifically, we interviewed management personnel and selected other LUMCON personnel and evaluated selected documents, files, reports, systems, procedures, and policies, as we considered necessary. After analyzing the data and based on the application of the procedures referred to previously, we noted that the size of LUMCON's operation and its limited staff preclude an adequate segregation of duties and other features of an adequate system of internal control, although to employ such controls may not be cost beneficial.

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

In our prior report on LUMCON, dated March 26, 2004, we reported a finding relating to the failure to submit a document retention schedule to State Archives. This finding has been resolved by management.

Based on the application of the procedures referred to previously, we found no matters that required disclosure in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of LUMCON and its management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve J. Theriot", is written over a horizontal line.

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