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Board of Trustees Eastern Oregon University La Grande, Oregon

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and the aggregate discretely presented component unit of Eastern Oregon University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## Our responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*

Our responsibilities, as described by professional standards, are as follows:

- Forming and expressing opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Considering, as part of our financial statement audit, the entity's internal control over financial
  reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our
  opinions on the financial statements, but not to provide any assurance on the effectiveness of
  the entity's internal control over financial reporting.
- Planning and performing the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement.
- Performing, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements
  are free of material misstatement, tests of the entity's compliance with certain provisions of
  laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests is not to provide an
  opinion on compliance with such provisions.
- Communicating significant matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our
  professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting
  process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such
  matters.
- Communicating matters required by law, regulation, agreement, or other requirements.

Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.



With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we will make certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We will compare the RSI for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Our auditors' opinions, the audited financial statements, and the notes to financial statements should only be used in their entirety. Inclusion of the audited financial statements in a document you prepare, such as an annual report, should be done only with our prior approval and review of the document. Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the entity's financial statements and our auditors' report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the report. We have no responsibility for determining whether such other information is properly stated and do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in such documents. We are required by professional standards to read the other information in order to identify material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and the other information because the credibility of the audited financial statements and our report may be undermined by material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and other information.

## Scope and timing of the audit

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit of the financial statements will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters may be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We began our audit during the spring of 2015 while Eastern Oregon was a member of the Oregon University System.

## **Audits of group financial statements**

Following is an overview of the type of work to be performed on the financial information of components included in the group financial statements, including the basis for our decision to make reference to the audit of a component auditor in our auditors' report on the group financial statements:

 We will rely on the work of other auditors over the University's discretely presented component unit.

## Other planning matters

Recognizing the importance of two-way communication, we encourage you to provide us with information you consider relevant to the audit. This may include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Your views about the following matters:
  - The appropriate person(s) in the entity's governance structure with whom we should communicate.
  - The allocation of responsibilities between those charged with governance and management.
  - The entity's objectives and strategies and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
  - Matters you believe warrant particular attention during the audit and any areas for which you request additional procedures to be undertaken.
  - Significant communications with regulators.
  - Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.
- The attitudes, awareness, and actions of those charged with governance concerning (a) the
  entity's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with
  governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control, and (b) the detection or the possibility
  of fraud.
- The actions of those charged with governance in response to developments in law, accounting standards, corporate governance practices, and other related matters.
- The actions of those charged with governance in response to previous communications with the auditor.
- Your understanding of the risks of fraud and the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud, including your views on the following matters:
  - The "tone at the top" conveyed by management.
  - Programs and controls that the entity has established to mitigate identified fraud risks or that otherwise help to prevent, deter, and detect fraud.
  - How and how often you review the entity's policies on fraud prevention and detection.
  - If a fraud hotline is in place, how it is monitored and how you are notified of allegations or concerns.
  - How you exercise oversight of management's processes for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud and the programs and controls management has established to mitigate those risks.
  - The risks of fraud at the entity, including any specific fraud risks the entity has identified or account balances, classes of transactions, or disclosures for which a risk of fraud may be likely to exist.
  - o Examples of fraud-related discussions management has had with you.

- Any actual or suspected fraud affecting the entity that you are aware of, including measures taken to address the fraud.
- Any allegations of fraud (e.g., received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, grantors, or others) that you are aware of.
- Any knowledge of possible or actual policy violations or abuses of broad programs and controls occurring during the period being audited or the subsequent period.
- Any accounting policies or procedures applied to smooth earnings, meet debt covenants, minimize taxes, or achieve budget, bonus, or other financial targets that you are aware of; and whether you are aware of any accounting policies that you consider aggressive.
- How you oversee the entity's (1) compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements (2) policies relative to the prevention of noncompliance and illegal acts, and (3) use of directives (for example, a code of ethics) and periodic representations obtained from management-level employees about compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- Whether you are aware of any noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, including measures taken to address the noncompliance.
- If the entity uses a service organization, your knowledge of any fraud, noncompliance, or uncorrected misstatements affecting the entity's financial statements reported by the service organization or otherwise known to you.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustee and management of Eastern Oregon University and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

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