

WHARTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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

To the Honorable County Judge
and Commissioners Court
Wharton County, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Wharton County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Wharton County, Texas' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Wharton County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Wharton County, Texas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Wharton County, Texas' 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting 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 Wharton County, Texas' 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 statements 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 result 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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Wharton County, Texas' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
June 26, 2018



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable County Judge and
Commissioners Court
Wharton County, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Wharton County, Texas' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (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, 2017. Wharton County, Texas' 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 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 Wharton County, Texas' 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* (CFR) 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 Wharton County, Texas' 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 Wharton County, Texas' compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Wharton County, Texas 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, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Wharton County, Texas 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 Wharton County, Texas' 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 Wharton County, Texas' 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 Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Wharton County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Wharton County, Texas' basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2018, 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.

Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas

June 26, 2018

WHARTON COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title | Federal CFDA Number | Grantor's ID Number | Federal Expenditures | Pass-through Expenditures |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u> | | | | |
| Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant | 14.228 | 7216490 | \$ 23,575 | \$ - |
| Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | | | <u>23,575</u> | <u>-</u> |
| <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> | | | | |
| Crime Victim Liaison | 16.575 | 2890601 | <u>56,978</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department Justice | | | <u>56,978</u> | <u>-</u> |
| <u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u> | | | | |
| Passed through the Department of Family and Protective Services | | | | |
| Title IV-E Eligible Children - CPS | 93.658 | 23940148 | <u>3,327</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Department of Family and Protective Services | | | <u>3,327</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Passed through the Office of the Attorney General | | | | |
| Title IV-D Child Support | 93.563 | N/A | <u>33,391</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Office of the Attorney General | | | <u>33,391</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | | | <u>36,718</u> | <u>-</u> |
| <u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u> | | | | |
| Passed through the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management | | | | |
| Disaster Grants - Public Assistance | 97.036 | PA-06-TX-4223 | 629,827 | - |
| Disaster Grants - Public Assistance | 97.036 | PA-06-TX-4269 | <u>157,123</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Department of Homeland Security | | | <u>786,950</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | <u>\$ 904,221</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

WHARTON COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

1. GENERAL

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all applicable federal award programs of Wharton County, Texas. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 of the basic financial statements. Federal awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The County's significant account policies, including the modified accrual basis of accounting, are presented in Note 1 of the basic financial statements. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the 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 of the amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

3. INDIRECT COSTS

The County did not elect to apply the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

WHARTON COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements:

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| Type of auditors' report issued | Unmodified |
| Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| Material weakness(es) identified? | None |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | None reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | None |

Federal Awards:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Internal control over major programs: | |
| Material weakness(es) identified? | None |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified? | None reported |
| Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs | Unmodified |

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| Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? | None |
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Identification of major programs:

| <u>CFDA Number(s)</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster:</u> |
|-----------------------|--|
| 97.036 | Disaster Grants - Public Assistance |

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| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B federal programs | \$750,000 |
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| Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for federal single audit? | No |
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Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required to be Reported in Accordance With Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards

None

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

None