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#15

EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Lewis, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #1329-05-15

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby approve the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Questionnaire, "Exhibit "A" as attached.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lauga, Gorbaty, Lewis, Montelongo, McInnis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hunnicutt

The Chairman, Mr. Cavignac, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 19th day of May, 2015.



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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on this 19th day of May, 2015.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Audit Engagements of Government Agencies)**

May 12, 2015

Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC

One Galleria Boulevard, Suite 2100

Metairie, Louisiana 70001

In connection with your audit of our financial statements as of December 31, 2014 and for the year ended 12/31/14 (period of audit) for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to the fair presentation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to assess our system of internal control as a part of your audit, and to review our compliance with applicable laws and regulations, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations. These representations are based on the information available to us as of May 12, 2015.

PART I. AGENCY PROFILE

1. Name and address of the organization.

**St. Bernard Parish Government
8201 West Judge Perez Drive
Chalmette, Louisiana 70043**

2. List the population of the municipality or parish based upon the last official United States Census or most recent official census (municipalities and police juries only). Include the source of the information. 45,000

3. List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of entity officials. [Include elected/appointed members of the governing board, chief executive and fiscal officer, and legal counsel].

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4. Period of time covered by this questionnaire:
January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

5. The entity has been organized under the following provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute (s) (R.S.) and, if applicable, local resolutions/ordinances.

Article VI, Section 5, of the Louisiana Constitution

6. Briefly describe the public services provided:

**Public Safety, Highways and Streets, Sanitation, Utilities, Culture and Recreation,
Planning and Zoning, General Administrative Services, Fire Protection**

7. Expiration date of current elected/appointed officials' terms.
December 31, 2015

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

PART II. PUBLIC BID LAW

8. The provisions of the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office have been complied with.
- A) All public works purchases exceeding \$100,000 have been publicly bid.
- B) All material and supply purchases exceeding \$20,000 have been publicly bid.
- Yes [x] No []

PART III. CODE OF ETHICS LAW FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

9. It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [x] No []

10. It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [x] No []

PART IV. LAWS AFFECTING BUDGETING

11. We have complied with the budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-16) R.S. 39:33, or R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable:

A. Local Budget Act

1. We have adopted a budget for the general fund and all special revenue funds (R.S. 39:1305).

2. The chief executive officer, or equivalent, has prepared a proposed budget that included a budget message, a proposed budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund, and a budget adoption instrument that specified the chief executive's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority. Furthermore, the proposed expenditures did not exceed estimated funds to be available during the period (R.S. 39:1305).

3. The proposed budget was submitted to the governing authority and made available for public inspection at least 15 days prior to the beginning of the budget year (R.S. 39:1306).

4. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, we have made the budget available for public inspection and have advertised its availability in our official journal. The advertisement included the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the budget. Notice has also been published certifying that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed (R.S. 39:1307).

5. If required, the proposed budget was made available for public inspection at the location required by R.S. 39:1308.

6. All action necessary to adopt and finalize the budget was completed prior to the date required by state law. The adopted budget contained the same information as that required for the proposed budget [R.S. 39:1309].

7. After adoption, a certified copy of the budget has been retained by the chief executive officer or equivalent officer (R.S. 39:1309).

8. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, the chief executive officer or equivalent notified the governing authority in writing during the year when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year failed to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more (R.S. 39:1311).

9. The governing authority has amended its budget when notified, as provided by R.S. 39:1311. (Note, general and special revenue fund budgets should be amended, regardless of the amount of expenditures in the fund, when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year fail to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more; or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. State law exempts from the amendment requirements special revenue funds with anticipated expenditures of \$500,000 or less, and exempts special revenue funds whose revenues are expenditure-driven--primarily federal funds--from the requirement to amend revenues.).

Yes [x] No []

B. State Budget Requirements

1. The state agency has complied with the budgetary requirements of R.S. 39:33.
Yes No

C. Licensing Boards N/A

1. The licensing board has complied with the budgetary requirements of R. S. 39:1331-1342.
N/A Yes No

PART V. ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING LAWS

12. We have maintained our accounting records in such a manner as to provide evidence of legal compliance and the preparation of annual financial statements to comply with R.S. 24:513 and 515, and/or 33:463.

Yes No

13. All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes No

14. We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes No

15. We have had our financial statements audited in a timely manner in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes No

PART VI. MEETINGS

- We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R. S. 42:1 through 42:13.

Yes No

PART VII. ASSET MANAGEMENT LAWS

16. We have maintained records of our fixed assets and movable property records, as required by R.S. 24:515 and/or 39:321-332, as applicable.

Yes No

PART VIII. FISCAL AGENCY AND CASH MANAGEMENT LAWS

17. We have complied with the fiscal agency and cash management requirements of R.S. 39:1211-45 and 49:301-327, as applicable.

Yes No

PART IX. DEBT RESTRICTION LAWS

18. It is true we have not incurred any long-term indebtedness without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [x] No []

19. We have complied with the debt limitation requirements of state law (R.S. 39:562).

Yes [x] No []

20. We have complied with the reporting requirements relating to the Fiscal Review Committee of the State Bond Commission (R.S. 39:1351).

Yes [x] No []

PART X. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION LAWS

21. We have restricted the collections and expenditures of revenues to those amounts authorized by Louisiana statutes, tax propositions, and budget ordinances.

Yes [x] No []

22. It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [x] No []

23. It is true that no property or things of value have been loaned, pledged, or granted to anyone in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution.

Yes [x] No []

PART XI. QUESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Police Juries N/A (Home Rule Charter)

24. We have adopted a system of road administration that provides as follows:

- A. Approval of the governing authority of all expenditures, R.S. 48:755(A).
- B. Development of a capital improvement program on a selective basis, R.S. 48:755.
- C. Centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, R.S. 48:755.
- D. Centralized accounting, R.S. 48:755.
- E. A construction program based on engineering plans and inspections, R.S. 48:755.
- F. Selective maintenance program, R.S. 48:755.
- G. Annual certification of compliance to the auditor, R.S. 48:758.

Yes [] No []

School Boards N/A

25. We have complied with the general statutory, constitutional, and regulatory provisions of the Louisiana Department of Education, R.S. 17:51-401.

Yes [] No []

26. We have complied with the regulatory circulars issued by the Louisiana Department of Education that govern the Minimum Foundation Program.

Yes [] No []

27. We have, to the best of our knowledge, accurately compiled the performance measurement data contained in the following schedules and recognize that your agreed upon procedures will be applied to such schedules and performance measurement data:

Parish school boards are required to report as part of their annual financial statements measures of performance. These performance indicators are found in the supplemental schedules:

- Schedule 1, General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources
- Schedule 2, Education Levels of Public School Staff
- Schedule 3, Number and Type of Public Schools
- Schedule 4, Experience of Public Principals, Assistant Principals, and Full-time Classroom

Teachers

- Schedule 5, Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries
- Schedule 6, Class Size Characteristics
- Schedule 7, Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP)
- Schedule 8, Graduation Exit Examination (GEE)
- Schedule 9, IOWA and iLEAP Tests

Yes [] No []

Tax Collectors N/A

28. We have complied with the general statutory requirements of R.S. 47.

Yes [] No []

Sheriffs N/A

29. We have complied with the state supplemental pay regulations of R.S. 33:2218.8.

Yes [] No []

30. We have complied with R.S. 33:1432 relating to the feeding and keeping of prisoners.

Yes [] No []

District Attorneys N/A

31. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana Department of Social Services that relate to the Title IV-D Program.

Yes [] No []

Assessors N/A

32. We have complied with the regulatory requirements found in Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Yes [] No []

33. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana Tax Commission relating to the reassessment of property.

Yes [] No []

Clerks of Court N/A

34. We have complied with R.S. 13:751-917 and applicable sections of R.S. 11:1501-1562.

Yes [] No []

Libraries N/A

35. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana State Library.

Yes [] No []

Municipalities

36. Minutes are taken at all meetings of the governing authority. R.S. 42:7.1.

Yes [x] No []

37. Minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings of the municipalities are published in the official journal. R.S. 43:141-146 and A.G. 86-528.

Yes [x] No []

38. All official action taken by the municipality is conducted at public meetings. R.S. 42:4.1-13.

Yes [x] No []

Airports N/A

39. We have submitted our applications for funding airport construction or development to the Department of Transportation and Development as required by R.S. 2:802.

Yes [] No []

40. We have adopted a system of administration that provides for approval by the department for any expenditures of funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund, and no funds have been expended without department approval (R.S. 2:810).

Yes [] No []

41. All project funds have been expended on the project and for no other purpose (R.S. 2:810).

Yes [] No []

42. We have certified to the auditor, on an annual basis, that we have expended project funds in accordance with the standards established by law (R.S. 2:811).

Yes [] No []

Ports N/A

43. We have submitted our applications for funding port construction or development to the Department of Transportation and Development as required by R.S. 34:3452.

Yes [] No []

44. We have adopted a system of administration that provides for approval by the department for any expenditures of funds made out of state and local matching funds, and no funds have been expended without department approval (R.S. 34:3460).

Yes [] No []

45. All project funds have been expended on the project and for no other purpose (R.S. 34:3460).

Yes [] No []

46. We have established a system of administration that provides for the development of a capital improvement program on a selective basis, centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, centralized accounting, and the selective maintenance and construction of port facilities based upon engineering plans and inspections (R.S. 34:3460).

Yes [] No []

47. We have certified to the auditor, on an annual basis, that we have expended project funds in accordance with the standards established by law (R.S. 34:3461).

Yes [] No []

Sewerage Districts N/A

48. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3881-4159.10. N/A
Yes [] No []

Waterworks Districts N/A

49. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3811-3837. N/A
Yes [] No []

Utility Districts N/A

50. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:4161-4546.21. N/A
Yes [] No []

Drainage and Irrigation Districts N/A

51. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 38:1601-1707 (Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1751-1921 (Gravity Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1991-2048 (Levee and Drainage Districts); or R.S. 38:2101-2123 (Irrigation Districts), as appropriate.
Yes [] No []

Fire Protection Districts RS N/A

52. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 40:1491-1509.
Yes [] No []

Other Special Districts N/A

53. We have complied with those specific statutory requirements of state law applicable to our district.
Yes [] No []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

<u>Rosalanne Adams</u>	Clerk of Council	<u>5-19-15</u>	Date
<u>Ross Blynnley</u>	Finance Director	<u>5-12-15</u>	Date
<u>Michael A. Gorbate</u>	Chief Admin Off.	<u>05/12/15</u>	Date
<u>[Signature]</u>	President	<u>5/12/15</u>	Date