LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
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Mr. James L. Bates, Director
Office of Sponsored Programs
Office of Vice Chancellor for Finance and
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Louisiana State University and A&M College
330 Thomas Boyd Hall
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803-2701

Dear Mr. Bates:

The Office of the Legislative Auditor performs an annual single audit of the basic financial statements and the major federal award programs for the State of Louisiana. The audit of the basic financial statements is conducted 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 audit of major federal award programs complies with the Single Audit Act as amended in 1996 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. The single audit covers the state's basic financial statements, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, internal controls, and compliance. An audit report on the basic financial statements is included in the 2008 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR). Audit reports on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, internal controls and compliance are included in the 2008 Single Audit Report.

These reports meet the requirements of the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133 for each state agency and university. No additional single audit or report is required of each state agency or university, even if the agency's or university's federal award programs were not specifically reviewed during the audit year.

The audit of Louisiana State University (LSU) A&M College (Baton Rouge) is included in the 2008 Single Audit Report for the State of Louisiana. One finding reported in the 2008 Single Audit Report (page 29) related to certain campuses within the LSU System entering into energy efficiency contracts that were contrary to state law. One of those campuses includes LSU A&M College (Baton Rouge). The finding related to subrecipient monitoring for certain Research and Development programs that was reported in the previous Single Audit Report is indicated as being fully corrected in the 2008 Single Audit Report (page D-3).

As required by OMB Circular A-133, Section 320, notification letters will be distributed to all pass-through entities of the State of Louisiana (including Louisiana State University) for which no audit findings were reported related to federal award programs provided by the pass-through entities. These letters notify the pass-through entities that an audit of the subrecipient

(State of Louisiana) was conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclosed no audit findings related to the federal awards that the pass-through entity provided to the state. The letter also notifies pass-through entities that the summary schedule of prior federal audit findings did not report on the status of any audit findings relating to the federal awards that the pass-through entity provided.

The 2008 Single Audit Report and CAFR have been distributed to our federal cognizant agency for audit, the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Our contact person at the United States Department of Health and Human Services is Mr. John Fisher and he can be reached at (816) 426-3204.

The Office of the Legislative Auditor uploads the CAFR and Single Audit Report on behalf of all state agencies and universities to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse for distribution to federal agencies as required by OMB Circular A-133. The report may be accessed via the Internet at http://www.lla.la.gov under "Reports & Data" at the top right side of the home page, and then "Audit Reports" in the drop down box.

If you have any questions concerning the audit or the reports, please contact Ms. Marsha Guedry, Federal Audit Coordinator, at (225) 339-3979.

Sincerely,

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