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Thibodaux, Louisiana

Management Letter
Dated April 4, 2003

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As part of our audit of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2003, we considered the Louisiana Technical College, Lafourche Campus' internal control over financial reporting; we examined evidence supporting certain accounts and balances material to the System's financial statements; and we tested the campus' compliance with laws and regulations that could have a direct and material effect on the System's financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.

The financial information provided to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System by the Lafourche Campus is not audited or reviewed by us, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on that information. The campus' accounts are an integral part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System's financial statements, upon which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor expresses an opinion.

Based on the application of the procedures referred to previously, all significant findings are included in this letter for management's consideration.

**Failure to Submit a Document Retention
Schedule to State Archives**

The Louisiana Technical College, Lafourche Campus failed to submit a document retention schedule to State Archives as required by state law. Louisiana Revised Statute 44:411(A)(1) requires the head of every agency to submit to the state archivist record retention schedules proposing the length of time each state record series warrants retention for administrative, legal, or fiscal purposes after it has been created or received by the agency.

Neither the Lafourche Campus dean nor his administrative staff was aware of the requirement to submit the required documentation to State Archives. Failure to submit and receive an approved retention schedule increases the risk of the untimely destruction of vital information that could be needed in the future or the campus incurring excessive storage costs for documents that will never be needed.

The Louisiana Technical College, Lafourche Campus should obtain the necessary information to prepare and submit a suitable retention schedule to State Archives as soon as possible. Once the retention schedule is approved, it should be implemented immediately. Management concurred in part with the finding because it does not believe

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that campus deans are responsible for preparing or submitting a record retention schedule to State Archives. On March 12, 2003, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors adopted a policy requiring each LCTCS chancellor, including the Louisiana Technical College chancellor, to establish a formal record retention policy. The policy will require approval of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the state archivist (see Appendix A).

The recommendation in this letter represents, in our judgment, that which is most likely to bring about beneficial improvements to the operations of the campus. The nature of the recommendation, its implementation costs, and its potential impact on the operations of the campus should be considered in reaching decisions on courses of action. The finding relates to the campus' compliance with applicable laws and regulations and should be addressed immediately by management.

This letter is intended for the information and use of the campus 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 letter is a public document, and it has been distributed to appropriate public officials.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendix A

Management's Corrective Action Plan and Response to the Finding and Recommendation



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Re: Noncompliance with Record Retention Law

Dear Mr. Austin:

The Louisiana Technical College has received the audit finding referenced above relating to the Lafourche campus.

Management concurs in part with the finding and recommendations related to "Noncompliance with Record Retention Law." The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors adopted a policy on March 12, 2003, requiring each LCTCS Chancellor to establish a formal records retention policy. Accordingly, the Louisiana Technical College will prepare a formal records retention schedule for approval by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the State Archivist. Campus administrators have not been nor will be responsible for preparing or submitting a schedule to State Archives.

The contact person responsible for corrective action is Beth Sigler.

Sincerely,

James S. Clarke, Ph.D.
Acting Chancellor

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C: Dr. Walter G. Bumphus (LCTCS President)
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