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Department of Transportation  
State of Hawaii**

Single Audit Reports  
(With Independent Auditors' Reports Thereon)

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Submitted by  
**THE AUDITOR  
STATE OF HAWAII**

**HIGHWAYS DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF HAWAII**

Single Audit Reports

Year Ended June 30, 2017

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## **Section I**

### **Introduction**

January 26, 2018

The Auditor  
State of Hawaii:

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the Highways Division, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii (the Highways Division), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. We have also audited the Highways Division's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017. We submit herein our reports pertaining to our audit of the Highways Division's financial statements and federal financial assistance programs.

The audit objectives and scope of our audit were as follows.

#### **AUDIT OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide opinions on the fair presentation of the Highways Division's financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our independent auditors' report, which expressed unmodified opinions on the Highways Division's financial statements, is issued under separate cover.
2. To consider the Highways Division's internal control over financing reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements.
3. To perform tests of the Highways Division's compliance with certain provisions, laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
4. To consider the Highways Division's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, and to test and report on internal control over compliance.
5. To provide an opinion on the Highways Division's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program.

## **SCOPE OF AUDIT**

We performed an audit of the Highways Division's financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance).

## **ORGANIZATION OF REPORT**

Our report is organized into three sections as follows:

Section I, entitled "Introduction," describes the objectives and scope of our audit and the organization and contents of this report.

Section II, entitled "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters," contains our report on the Highways Division's internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based upon our audit of the Highways Division's financial statements.

Section III, entitled "Compliance and Internal Control Over Federal Awards," contains our report on the Highways Division's compliance and internal control over its major federal program in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes, and a schedule of findings and questioned costs.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the personnel of the Highways Division for the cooperation and assistance extended to us during our audit. We will be pleased to discuss any questions that you or your associates may have regarding our findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

*KKDLY LLC*

## **Section II**

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters**

**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

The Auditor  
State of Hawaii:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 and each major fund of the Highways Division, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii (the Highways Division), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Highways Division's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 26, 2018.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Highways Division's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Highways Division's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Highways Division's 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control 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 the Highways Division's 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 statement 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 results 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 results 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 the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

**KKDL LLC**

Honolulu, Hawaii  
January 26, 2018

## **Section III**

# **Compliance and Internal Control Over Federal Awards**

**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program;  
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures  
of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

The Auditor  
State of Hawaii:

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Highways Division, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii's (the Highways Division), compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Highways Division's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017. The Highways Division's major federal program is 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 the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Highways Division's major federal program 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 Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the 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 the Highways Division's 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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Highways Division's compliance.

### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the Highways Division complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017.

### ***Other Matters***

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in Appendix 1 to the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2017-001. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The Highways Division's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in Appendix 1 to the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Highways Division's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Highways Division 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 the Highways Division's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the 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 the Highways Division's 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, as described in Appendix 1 to the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2017-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The Highways Division's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in Appendix 1 to the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Highways Division's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

### **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Highways Division as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Highways Division's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated January 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 basic 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.

*KKDL Y LLC*

Honolulu, Hawaii  
January 26, 2018

**HIGHWAYS DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF HAWAII**

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2017

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>			
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster:			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	\$ 31,204,122	\$ 138,870,545
State and Community Highway Safety Program:			
Highway Safety Cluster:			
NHTSA Grant	20.600	4,346,371	5,078,915
Fatal Accident Reporting System Grant	20.600	64,827	64,827
Total 20.600		<u>4,411,198</u>	<u>5,143,742</u>
National Motor Carrier Safety Program - Assistance program grant	20.218	-	<u>351,490</u>
<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>		<u>\$ 35,615,320</u>	<u>\$ 144,365,777</u>

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and the Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2017

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the Highways Division, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii (the Highways Division), for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Highways Division, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position and changes in financial position of the Highways Division.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**3. Indirect Cost Rate**

The Highways Division has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2017

**SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS’ RESULTS**

***Financial Statements***

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

**Unmodified**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_ Yes       No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? \_\_\_ Yes       None reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_ Yes       No

***Federal Awards***

Internal control over major program:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_ Yes       No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?  Yes      \_\_\_ None reported

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major federal program:

**Unmodified**

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?

Yes      \_\_\_ No

Identification of major federal program:

**CFDA Number**

**Name of Federal Program or Cluster**

20.205

U.S. Department of Transportation –  
Highway Planning and Construction

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs?

\$3,000,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes      \_\_\_ No

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2017

**SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None noted.

**SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

Refer to Appendix 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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Single Audit Findings

June 30, 2017

**Finding 2017-001  
Davis-Bacon Act**

**U.S. Federal Highways Administration  
Highway Planning and Construction  
CFDA No. 20.205**

*Condition*

Certain Highways Division construction projects are subject to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (the Act). In order to monitor compliance with these provisions, the Highways Division has developed policies and procedures requiring contractors and subcontractors to submit weekly certified payroll reports within 7 calendar days after the pay checks are disbursed. Upon receipt of the certified payroll reports, the Highways Division would then date and time stamp the reports, and forward the reports to the respective project engineer for his or her review to determine compliance with the Act.

During our audit, we selected and tested a sample of 25 certified payroll reports. We noted that 13 of the certified payroll reports were received after the 7-day deadline. We furthermore noted that although the Highways Division's certified payroll reports contained evidence of review, there was no consistent method followed to document who the reviewer was and/or the date that the review occurred.

*Criteria*

The Highways Division must ensure that contractors and subcontractors working on construction projects funded with Federal financial assistance comply with the provisions of the Act and the U.S. Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Specifically, contractors and subcontractors must submit weekly, for each week in which any contract work is performed, a copy of the payroll and a statement of compliance (certified payroll reports), evidencing that their employees were paid wages not less than those established for locality of the project (i.e., prevailing wage rates).

*Cause*

The Highways Division did not adhere to its internal policies and procedures requiring project engineers to obtain and review certified payroll reports on a timely basis to determine that the contractor or subcontractor is complying with the prevailing wage rates. We also noted that each district office has different procedures in place to document compliance with provisions of the Act.

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Single Audit Findings

June 30, 2017

***Effect***

The Highways Division was not in compliance with the provisions of the Act requiring the timely receipt of certified payroll reports submitted by contractors and subcontractors to determine that their employees are paid prevailing wage rates.

***Identification of a Repeat Finding***

This is a report finding from the immediate previous audit reported as Finding 2016-001.

***Recommendation***

We again recommend that the Highways Division adhere to its internal policy requiring project engineers to obtain and review certified payroll reports on a timely basis (i.e., within 7 days after the pay checks are disbursed) to determine that the contractor or subcontractor is complying with the prevailing wage rate requirement. Additionally, we recommend that the Highways Division develop standardized procedures to document the date and time of receipt of the certified payroll reports, as well as the review and approval of those certified payroll reports by project engineers.

***Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action***

Management concurs with the finding. The Highways Division's existing policies on certified payroll submission, specifically Procedure 10-2-08 was revised on March 16, 2017 to emphasize the requirement of the timely submission and review of certified payrolls and outline specific review documentations. The Highways Division issued Memorandum HWY-CC 2.4408 on March 17, 2017 requiring Highway construction personnel to implement the revised procedures effective immediately. The Highways Division will schedule discussions with the General Contractors Association (GCA) to go over reporting requirements and the audit finding and discuss the consequences for future violations as indicated in section 109.10 of the 2005 Hawaii Standard Specifications. The Highways Division will address reporting requirements and the audit finding with Highway construction personnel through written correspondence and monthly statewide construction meetings. We will also remind construction personnel that section 109.10 of the 2005 Hawaii Standard Specifications allows us to withhold any or all of the monthly progress payments that are due or become due.