

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED
RESEARCH CORPORATION**

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2015

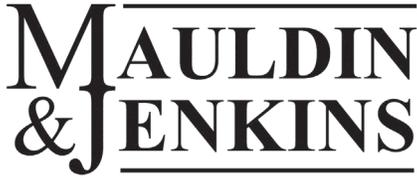
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors
Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation
Marietta, Georgia**

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation** (SPARC) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2015, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise SPARC's basic financial statements as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the presentation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation as of June 30, 2015, and the changes in its net position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, on pages 3-5, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 18, 2016, on our consideration of SPARC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering SPARC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Atlanta, Georgia
February 18, 2016

SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED RESEARCH CORPORATION

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

The Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation ("SPARC") was incorporated under the laws of the state of Georgia as a nonprofit corporation May 11, 2011. SPARC qualifies as a tax exempt Corporation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Fiscal activities of SPARC began on July 1, 2011.

SPARC operates as a cooperative organization of Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia.

SPARC was organized to fulfill broad scientific, literary, educational, and charitable purposes and operates to enhance the mission of SPSU of teaching, applied research, and public service.

SPARC contributed to the applied research function of SPSU by securing research contracts, grants, and awards from individuals, institutions, private organizations, and government agencies for the performance of applied research. SPARC administers grants and contracts to assure compliance with the Georgia Board of Regents, State, and Federal requirements as well as the terms of each specific grant or contract. SPARC also identified and managed Intellectual Property for SPSU that may have arisen as a result of work done under grants or contracts.

On January 6, 2015 the Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Southern Polytechnic State University into Kennesaw State University with the financial consolidation completing on June 30, 2015. It is anticipated that the Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation will resolve any outstanding issues and transfer all remaining Assets and Liabilities over to the Kennesaw State University Research and Service Corporation as voted and approved by both the SPARC and KSURSF Boards of Directors as soon as possible.

Description of the Financial Statements

The statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and the statement of cash flows are designed to provide information which will assist in understanding the financial condition and performance of SPARC. SPARC's net position is one indicator of SPARC's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in net position are one indicator of the changes in SPARC's financial condition when considered with other non-financial facts.

The statement of net position presents the assets, liabilities, and net position of SPARC.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents the revenues earned and the expenses incurred during the year. Activities are reported as either operating or non-operating.

The statement of cash flows presents information in the form of cash inflows and outflows summarized by operations.

Condensed financial statements are presented for the year ended June 30, 2015. In the following discussion, Fiscal Year 15 refers to the year ended June 30, 2015.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Statements of Net Position (Table 1)

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2014</u>
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 1,861,623	\$ 1,299,411
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,861,623</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,411</u>
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,142,406	\$ 810,085
Total Liabilities	<u>1,142,406</u>	<u>810,085</u>
Net Position		
Unrestricted	<u>719,217</u>	<u>489,326</u>
Total Net Position	<u>719,217</u>	<u>489,326</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 1,861,623</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,411</u>

Current assets consist of monies held at SunTrust Bank, petty cash and current accounts receivable.

Liabilities consist of accounts payable that are largely composed of monies due to the University for subaward dollars not yet invoiced but currently due. Liabilities also include deferred revenue: Income received in Fiscal Year 2015 but not recognizable until Fiscal Year 2016 in the form of prepaid continuing education course registrations.

Net position represents the difference between SPARC's assets and liabilities.

The condensed statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position is shown below:

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Table 2)

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2014</u>
Operating revenues:		
Program fees	\$ -	\$ 29,118
Grants and contracts	<u>2,392,461</u>	<u>1,523,806</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>2,392,461</u>	<u>1,552,924</u>
Operating expenses:		
Sub-awards to University	821,336	988,525
Payments to and on behalf of KSU	1,256,541	622,699
Management and general	<u>84,693</u>	<u>117,054</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,162,570</u>	<u>1,728,278</u>
Change in net position	229,891	(175,354)
Net position beginning of year	<u>489,326</u>	<u>664,680</u>
Net position end of year	<u>\$ 719,217</u>	<u>\$ 489,326</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Operating revenues consist primarily of sponsored research and sales and service. At this time SPARC does not have any investment assets or intellectual property holdings.

Operating assets consist primarily of sponsored research and sales and service.

Operating expenses primarily are subawards to the University, Professional services; Contractual to SPSU (ELS Program); consultants, administration expenses (postage, Insurance, IT, Dues and Subscriptions) and other expenses.

The condensed statement of cash flows is shown below:

Statement of Cash Flows (Table 3)

	<u>Year ended June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Year ended June 30, 2014</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ <u>691,223</u>	\$ <u>(300,324)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, Beginning of year	<u>484,593</u>	<u>784,917</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, End of year	\$ <u><u>1,175,816</u></u>	\$ <u><u>484,593</u></u>

Economic Outlook

Due to the consolidation of Southern Polytechnic State University into Kennesaw State University, SPARC ceased accepting new grants and contracts as of January 6, 2015. The financial consolidation of the two Universities begins on July 1, 2015 and SPARC will be turning all assets and liabilities over to the Kennesaw State University Research and Service Foundation with the effective date of July 1, 2015 with the understanding it will remain open to clear up any accounts receivables, accounts payables, and outstanding checks and deposits.

Questions concerning this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Ruston Hunt, Chief Operating Officer, SPARC, at (470) 578-7338 or at Building M – Room 123, 1100 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060.

Changes in Accounting Procedures

At the a request from the Georgia Board of Regents all indirect costs held for Southern Polytechnic State University's Centers, Departments, Schools and Administration for FY's 12, 13, & 14 were turned over to the University. Beginning in January of 2015 the accounting of indirect costs collected on behalf of the University and paid when billed will show on the General Ledger account of the project instead of an individual account of the University's Centers, Departments, Schools and Administration.

The University is required to report to the federal government in the Schedule of Expenditures for various federal grants including indirect costs. The state auditors audit this schedule which includes the flow-through dollars to the University from Grants and Contracts as well as invoiced indirect costs. The administrators at KSURSF created new GL codes for the indirect costs beginning on January 1, 2015 to coincide with the processes of Kennesaw State University and the Kennesaw State University Research and Service Foundation. Prior to January 1, 2015 indirect costs were allocated to their own activity codes for tracking.

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED
RESEARCH CORPORATION**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015**

Assets

Current assets	
Cash	\$ 1,175,816
Accounts receivable	685,807
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Total current assets	1,861,623
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Total assets	\$ 1,861,623
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Liabilities and Net Position

Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 141,531
Due to related parties	939,594
Deferred revenue	7,785
Other liabilities	53,496
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Total current liabilities	1,142,406
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Net position	
Unrestricted	719,217
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Total liabilities and net position	\$ 1,861,623
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED
RESEARCH CORPORATION**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Revenues and other support	
Federal grant revenue	\$ 1,503,187
State grant revenue	328,006
Contractual private	462,225
Other revenues	<u>99,043</u>
Total revenues and other support	<u>2,392,461</u>
Expenses	
Subawards	821,336
Payments to and on behalf of KSU	1,256,541
Management and general	<u>84,693</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,162,570</u>
Change in net position	229,891
Net position, beginning of year	<u>489,326</u>
Net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ 719,217</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Change in net position	\$	229,891
Net change in:		
Accounts receivable		129,011
Accounts payable		52,244
Due to related parties		226,581
Other liabilities		53,496
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Net cash provided by operating activities		691,223
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Increase in cash		691,223
Cash, beginning of year		484,593
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Cash, end of year	\$	<u><u>1,175,816</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED RESEARCH CORPORATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation (the "Research Corporation") was established in 2011 to contribute to the educational, research, and service functions of Southern Polytechnic State University (the "University") in securing gifts, contributions, and grants from individuals, private organizations, and public agencies and in obtaining contracts with such individuals or entities for the performance of sponsored research, development, education, or other programs by the various colleges, schools, departments, or other units of the University.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Research Corporation's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

The GASB has issued Statement No. 35, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for Public Colleges and Universities" and Statement No. 38, "Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures." The financial statement presentation required by these statements provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the Research Corporation's assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, expenses, changes in net position, and cash flows and replaces the fund-group perspective previously required. In addition, these statements require the Research Corporation to present a Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"). The MD&A is considered to be required supplemental information and precedes the financial statements.

Reporting Entity

The Research Corporation has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units." The Research Corporation qualifies for treatment as a component unit of the University; therefore, the Research Corporation's financial statements are included in the University's combined financial statements as a discretely presented component unit.

Basis of Accounting

For financial reporting purposes, the Research Corporation is considered a special-purpose government entity engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the Research Corporation's financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred.

In accounting and reporting for its proprietary operations, the Research Corporation applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Commission implemented GASB Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements", and GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position". Statement No. 62 incorporated into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance issued on or before November 30, 1989 which does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Statement No. 63 identified net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Position

The Research Corporation's net position is unrestricted. Unrestricted amounts are not subject to donor or other stipulations imposed by outside sources.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from sponsored research is recognized as expenditures are made for approved research activities. A sponsored research receivable is recorded for amounts expended for authorized purposes but not yet reimbursed by research sponsors. The Research Corporation has not established any allowances for uncollectible accounts, because all amounts are considered collectible.

Income Taxes

The Research Corporation is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), whereby only unrelated business income, as defined by Section 512(a)(1) of the Code, is subject to federal income tax. In addition, the Research Corporation is not classified as a private foundation based on a determination received from the Internal Revenue Service.

The Research Corporation evaluated the Research Corporation's tax positions and concluded that the Research Corporation had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Research Corporation maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Atlanta, Georgia. Accounts at the financial institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for up to \$250,000.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3. FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COST REVENUE

The Research Corporation receives reimbursement from research sponsors for facilities and administrative ("F&A") costs incurred. Of the total received, 80% is held for the University for reimbursement of F&A costs incurred by the University.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. SUMMARY OF SPONSORED RESEARCH ACTIVITY

The activity for sponsored research awarded to the Research Corporation is summarized for the year ended June 30, 2015 as follows:

Sponsored research awarded but not recognized - beginning of year	\$ 4,467,720
Sponsored research awarded during the year (including facilities and administrative cost reimbursements)	577,076
Sponsored research recognized during the year (including facilities and administrative cost reimbursements)	<u>(2,338,553)</u>
Sponsored research awarded but not recognized – end of year	<u>\$ 2,706,243</u>

The total number of sponsored research awards was thirty for the year ended June 30, 2015. The \$2,338,553 of sponsored research recognized during the year is included in federal grant revenue, state grant revenue, contractual private, and partially in other revenues on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

NOTE 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of June 30, 2015, the Research Corporation owes the University \$939,594 related to compensation paid up front by the University for research projects. Additionally, \$1,256,541 in payments were made to and on behalf of the University during Fiscal Year 2015.

NOTE 6. SIGNIFICANT FUNDING SOURCES

The Research Corporation had total revenues and other support of \$2,392,461 during Fiscal Year 2015. Of this amount, \$1,503,187 is federal grant revenue and \$462,225 is contractual private revenue.

NOTE 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Research Corporation has evaluated events occurring through February 18, 2016, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

On January 6, 2015 the Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Southern Polytechnic State University into Kennesaw State University with the financial consolidation completing on June 30, 2015. It is anticipated that the Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation will resolve any outstanding issues and transfer all remaining Assets and Liabilities over to the Kennesaw State University Research and Service Corporation as voted and approved by both the SPARC and KSURSF Boards of Directors as soon as possible.

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED
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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

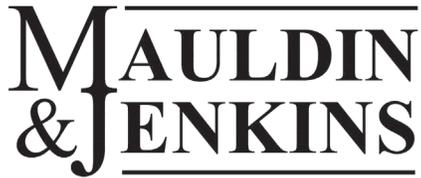
	Federal CFDA #	Federal Expenditures
Research & Development Cluster		
Environmental Protection Agency		
National Student Design Competition for Sustainability	66.516	\$ 7,400
Total Environmental Protection Agency		7,400
 National Science Foundation		
I-Corps	47.041	44,182
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation	47.076	88,367
Collaborative Research : Portable Laboratory	47.076	4,895
Strengthening the STEM Pipeline	47.076	43,952
Mobile Threat Analysis	47.076	12,473
Mobile Security	47.076	21,491
Total National Science Foundation		215,360
 Department of Transportation		
<i>Passthrough : Governor's Office of Highway Safety</i>		
State Planning and Research Program : Development of Guidelines for Selection of Finer Graded Aggregate Base for Georgia Pavements	20.505	14,155
State Planning and Research Program : Direct Cost Survey	20.505	9,420
State Planning and Research Program : Vehicle Detection	20.505	107,882
State Planning and Research Program : Improving Transportation	20.505	214,940
State Planning and Research Program : Forensic Guide to Pavement	20.505	262
State Planning and Research Program : Reclaimed Asphalt	20.505	37,960
Total Department of Transportation		384,619
Total Research & Development Cluster		\$ 607,379
 Nuclear Regulatory Commission		
Scholarship and Fellowship Program : Scholarship Program	77.008	67,588
Scholarship and Fellowship Program : Faculty Development	77.008	59,622
Total Nuclear Regulatory Commission		127,210
 Department of State		
<i>Passthrough : Georgia Tech Research Corporation</i>		
Public Diplomacy Program : Communication Design	19.501	206,093
Public Diplomacy Program : US-Afghan Partnership to Establish GIS Department	19.501	407,955
Total Department of State		614,048
 Department of the Interior		
<i>Passthrough : University of West Georgia</i>		
American View - State View	15.815	1,776
Total Department of the Interior		1,776
 Department of Education		
The College Access Challenge Grant Program - Soldiers to Scholars	84.378	14,540
Race to the Top : SPSU UTEACH Program Replication	84.395	575,018
Total Department of Education		589,558
		\$ 1,939,971

See Note to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC APPLIED RESEARCH CORPORATION
NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF
FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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***

**To the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors
Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation
Marietta, Georgia**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States or 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 Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2015, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 or 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

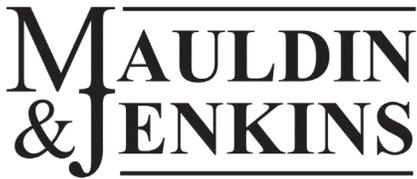
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with 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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
February 18, 2016



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

**To the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors
Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation
Marietta, Georgia**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation'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 each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation 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 June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation 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 Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation's 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 OMB Circular A-133, 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 Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation'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. 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.

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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
February 18, 2016

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

NONE REPORTED

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

NONE REPORTED

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

NONE REPORTED

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

NONE REPORTED