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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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Michigan Technical Education Centers

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Michigan Technical Education Centers (M-TECs) were created to address Michigan's shortage of workers in technical occupations. M-TECs' focus is to deliver training programs in high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations in order to increase the number of skilled workers in these fields. There are 18 M-TECs operated by 16 community colleges. The M-TECs are administered by the Bureau of Workforce Transformation, Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG).

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of community colleges' efforts to evaluate M-TECs' needs to provide occupational training for high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that community colleges' efforts were effective in evaluating M-TECs' needs to provide occupational training for high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of community colleges' efforts to develop and implement occupational training programs that result in viable and sustainable employment.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that community colleges' efforts were effective in developing and

implementing occupational training programs. However, we could not determine what effect the programs had in providing viable and sustainable employment. We noted one reportable condition (Finding 1).

Reportable Condition:

Community colleges need to establish performance goals by which management can assess the effectiveness of occupational training programs provided through M-TECs (Finding 1).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of community colleges' efforts to provide proposed activities and fulfill selected M-TEC grant requirements.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that community colleges' efforts were moderately effective in providing proposed activities and fulfilling selected M-TEC grant requirements. We noted one reportable condition (Finding 2).

Reportable Condition:

Community colleges need to devise and implement measures to maximize utilization of their M-TECs for providing occupational training for high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations (Finding 2).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of DLEG's efforts to evaluate M-TECs.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DLEG's efforts were moderately effective in evaluating M-TECs. We noted three reportable conditions (Findings 3 through 5).

Reportable Conditions:

DLEG needs to enhance its community college reporting and validation processes (Finding 3).

DLEG needs to implement a comprehensive mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of M-TECs (Finding 4).

DLEG did not execute a grant agreement with Lansing Community College to operate its M-TEC (Finding 5).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 2 findings and 2 corresponding recommendations addressed to the community colleges. We discussed our audit findings with the management of each community college visited during our audit. These community colleges' preliminary responses indicate that 5 community colleges agree, 1 community college partially agrees, and 1 community college disagrees with the first recommendation. These preliminary responses also indicate that all 7 community colleges agree with the second recommendation. In addition, our audit report includes 3 findings and 3 corresponding recommendations addressed to DLEG. DLEG's preliminary response indicates that it agrees with 1 recommendation and partially agrees with 2 recommendations.

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