

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*

State of Michigan  
Office of the Auditor General,  
Office of Financial Management, and  
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity,  
Unemployment Insurance Agency

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 Unemployment Compensation Fund of the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Unemployment Insurance Agency (Fund) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2020.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fund'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 the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund'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 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 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 Fund'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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2019-001.

## **Fund's Response to Findings**

The Fund's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Fund's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## **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.

*Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC*

Auburn Hills, Michigan  
February 20, 2020

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

### Finding 2019-001

**Criteria:** Offsets of future unemployment compensation payments to recover prior overpayments are limited to the recovery of the prior overpayment amount in accordance with Federal guidance.

**Condition:** Unapplied offset recoveries attributable to subsequent period adjustments to the original benefit overpayment were used to recover penalties and interest.

**Cause:** A parameter was not established in the benefit system to prevent the allocation of unapplied recoveries to penalties and interest after overpayment amounts due were satisfied.

**Effect:** Interest and penalties due under Federal and state law were recovered from offsets of unemployment compensation payments.

**Recommendation:** We recommend that the Agency add a parameter to the automated system to ensure adjustments to benefit offsets are only applied to the recovery of prior overpayment amounts.

**Response:** Management agrees with the finding. The details of the unapplied recoveries issue were reviewed by Agency Services and SQR 29541 was submitted. The estimated completion date of the resulting SQR is the end of the 2020 fiscal year.