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Report on Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters

Self-Insurers' Security Fund

Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

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the conduct of audits.

Article IV, Section 53 of the Michigan Constitution



Report Summary

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Self-Insurers' Security Fund

Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

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Generally accepted government auditing standards require an auditor to report on internal control over financial reporting; compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that have a material effect on the financial statements; and other matters coming to the attention of the auditor during the completion of a financial audit. We are issuing this report in conjunction with our independent auditor's report on the Self-Insurers' Security Fund's financial statements dated March 24, 2022.

Findings Related to Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters	Material Weakness	Significant Deficiency	Agency Preliminary Response
None reported.	Not applicable.		

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

Ms. Lee Anne Fontaine, Chair Board of Trustees for the Funds Administration and Ms. Susan R. Corbin, Director Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity 300 North Washington Square Lansing, Michigan

Dear Ms. Fontaine and Ms. Corbin:

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 Self-Insurers' Security Fund (Fund), Funds Administration, Workers' Disability Compensation Agency, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2022.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing 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 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on 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 financial statements. 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.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Hirst, CPA Deputy Auditor General

Laura & Hirst

March 24, 2022

Below is the status of the reported finding from the prior year 2020 Self-Insurers' Security Fund report on internal control, compliance, and other matters (186-0101-21):

Prior Audit Finding Number	Topic Area	Current Status	Current Finding Number
1	Improvement needed in the financial reporting process to ensure the complete and accurate presentation of SISF financial statements.		Not applicable



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