BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2018 and 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 30, 2018

To the Board of Trustees
Pawnee County Public Programs Authority
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pawnee County Public Programs Authority (PCPPA), a component unit of Pawnee County, Oklahoma, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Pawnee County Public Programs Authority as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pawnee County Public Programs Authority September 30, 2018

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Pawnee County Public Programs Authority, a component unit of Pawnee County, Oklahoma, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Pawnee County, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the changes in its financial position and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

PCPPA has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2018, on our consideration of the Pawnee County Public Programs Authority'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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 the Pawnee County Public Programs Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION As of June 30, 2018 and 2017

	_	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017
Assets:			_	
Cash and investments:				
	\$		\$	1,957,963
Temporary investments		2,024,136		1,016,645
Accounts receivable		150,375		140,695
Due from Pawnee County		-		2,708
Accrued interest receivable		-		-
Restricted assets:				
Bond fund/cash & investments (Note 3)		479,280	-	640,301
Capital assets:				
Buildings, improvements and equipment		5,916,917		5,916,917
Less accumulated depreciation		(1,392,264)		(1,195,097)
	-	(1,002,204)	-	(1,100,037)
Other assets:				
Other costs	_	-	_	
Total assets		8,513,569		8,480,132
	=		=	
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Total deferred outflows	_		_	- ` `
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable		167		167
Deferred rent revenue		542		-
Accrued interest payable		37,572		40,203
Current portion of revenue bonds payable		345,000		335,000
Total current liabilities	-	383,281	-	375,370
Long-term liabilities:				
Revenue bonds payable (Note 3)		4 575 000		4.040.000
Less: current portion		4,575,000		4,910,000
Total long-term liabilities	-	(345,000) 4,230,000	_	(335,000) 4,575,000
Total long-total habitates	-	4,230,000	-	4,575,000
				
Total liabilities	_	4,613,281	_	4,950,370
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Total deferred inflows				- ·
Net position:	•		_	
Net investment in capital assets		/EO 0 47\		(400 400)
Restricted		(50,347)		(188,180)
Unrestricted .		479,280		640,301
om odulotou .	-	3,471,355	-	3,077,641
Total net position	\$	3,900,288	\$ _	3,529,762

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

		June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Revenues:	-		
Sales tax revenue (Note 1)	\$	813,396 \$	801,697
Rent Income		6,500	6,500
	-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total revenues	_	819,896	808,197
Expenses:			
Audit		4,600	4,100
Depreciation		197,167	197,167
Total expenses	-	201,767	201,267
	-	-	
Operating income (loss)	_	618,129	606,930
Other income and expense:			
Interest income		57,118	24,746
Interest expense		(302,721)	(206,343)
Loan costs		(002,721)	(279,336)
Trustee fees		(2,000)	(2,083)
Total other income and expense	-	(247,603)	(463,016)
,	-		
Net income (loss)		370,526	143,914
Net position - beginning of year	-	3,529,762	3,385,848
Net position - end of year	\$	3,900,288 \$	3,529,762

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

	· 	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash received from sales tax	\$	803,716	\$	798,723
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and				
contractors and other services		(4,600)		(9,241)
Other operating revenues		9,750		3,250
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	808,866	_	792,732
Cash flows from investing activities				
(Purchase) liquidation of investments		(1,007,491)		(5,438)
Interest income		57,118		24,746
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	_	(950,373)	_	19,308
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Bond proceeds		_		5,115,000
Principal paid on debt		(335,000)		(5,300,000)
Interest expense		(305,352)		(257,502)
Bond costs		-		(279,336)
Trustee fees		(2,000)		(2,083)
Net cash provided (used) for capital and		(642,352)	-	(723,921)
related financing activities		<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash		(783,859)		88,119
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,598,264		2,510,145
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ =	1,814,405	\$ =	2,598,264
Reconciliation of operation income to net				
cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$_	618,129	. \$ _	606,930
Adjustments to reconcile operating income				
to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation Change in assets and liabilities:		197,167		197,167
(Increase) decrease in due from Pawnee County		2,708		(2,708)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(9,680)		(2,974)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	÷			(5,141)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenues		542		(542)
Total adjustments	_	190,737	· -	185,802
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ =	808,866	\$	792,732

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018 and 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Management

Pawnee County Public Programs Authority (PCPPA) is a public trust created August 3, 1981 under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of Title 60, Oklahoma Statutes 1981, Sections 176-180.4, as amended in the Oklahoma Trust Act.

PCPPA by virtue of common control and dependence is a component unit of Pawnee County, Oklahoma. Prior to July 1, 1992, the Board of County Commissioners, acting as trustees for the Authority, provided management. On June 30, 1992, the Board of County Commissioners amended the Trust Indenture dated August 3, 1981 to provide for the appointment of trustees. A three-member board was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve as Trustees of the Authority. Pawnee County maintains beneficial interest in PCPPA. The financial activities of Pawnee County and its other component units are not included in the financial statements of PCPPA.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation – Fund Accounting

The accounts of the PCPPA are organized as a proprietary fund that is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of the fund are summarized by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that include its assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses. A proprietary fund is used to account for operations that are financed in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing facilities is financed through user charges. Funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included in the balance sheet.

Financial activity is accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

Oklahoma Statutes authorize PCPPA to invest in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, passbooks, bankers' acceptances, and other available bank investments provided that all deposits are fully covered by approved securities pledged to secure those funds. In addition, PCPPA can invest in direct debt securities of the United States unless law expressly prohibits such an investment.

For financial statement presentation and for purposes of the statement of cash flows, PCPPA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be; cash on hand, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit with a maturity date of three months or less. Debt instruments with a maturity date of more than three months are considered to be investments.

Custodial Credit Risk

At June 30, 2018 and 2017, PCPPA held unrestricted deposits of approximately \$3,359,261 and \$2,974,608, respectively, at financial institutions. PCPPA's cash deposits, including interest-bearing certificates of deposit, are entirely covered by Federal Depository Insurance (FDIC) or direct obligation of the U.S. Government insured or collateralized with securities held by PCPPA or by its agent in PCPPA's name.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018 and 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investment Interest Rate Risk

PCPPA does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Investment Credit Risk

PCPPA has no policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- a. Direct obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities to which the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government is pledged, or obligations to the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State is pledged.
- b. Certificates of deposits or savings accounts that are either insured or secured with acceptable collateral with in-state financial institutions, and fully insured certificates of deposit or savings accounts in out-of-state financial institutions.
- c. With certain limitation, negotiable certificates of deposit, prime bankers acceptances, prime commercial paper and repurchase agreements with certain limitations.
- d. County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgments, or bond or revenue anticipation notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is a county, municipality or school district.
- e. Notes or bonds secured by mortgage or trust deed insured by the Federal Housing Administrator and debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administrator, and in obligations of the National Mortgage Association.
- f. Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous paragraphs (a.-d.).

The cash and investments held at June 30, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

	Weighted Average			
	Maturity	Credit	Market	
Туре	(Months)	Rating	Value	Cost
As of June 30, 2018			 	
Cash and investments				
Money Market	N/A	NA	\$ 1,335,125	\$ 1,335,125
Certificates of deposit	1.67	N/A	\$ 2,024,136	\$ 2,024,136
Total cash and investments			\$ 3,359,261	\$ 3,359,261
As of June 30, 2017				
Cash and investments				
Money Market	N/A	NA	\$ 1,957,963	\$ 1,957,963
Certificates of deposit	1.67	N/A	\$ 1,016,645	\$ 1,016,645
Total cash and investments			\$ 2,974,608	\$ 2,974,608

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018 and 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk

PCPPA places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. PCPPA has the following of credit risk in 2018: 60% in Certificates of deposit (\$2,024,136) and 40% in Money Market accounts (\$1,335,125) and 2017: 34% in Certificates of deposit (\$1,016,645) and 66% in Money Market accounts (\$1,957,963).

2. Restricted Cash and Investments

The restricted bond fund cash and investments are the result of financial requirements of bond issues and consist of funds held in accounts with the Trustee bank. Under the terms and provisions of the Bond Indenture, these special accounts and reserve funds are maintained for the benefit of the holders of the bonds and are not subject to lien or attachment by any other creditors. These accounts and reserve funds are to be maintained so long as any bonds are outstanding. Monies contained in the accounts and reserve funds held by the Trustee are required to be continuously invested in authorized securities that mature not later than the respective dates when the funds shall be required for the purpose intended by the trust indenture. The County has levied a sales tax in which all related revenues are to be applied to the balance of the bond.

3. Fair Value Measurement

PCPPA's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable. PCPPA's estimate of fair value of all financial instruments does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial condition. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates fair value of their short maturity.

4. 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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Inventories

Inventories consist of minimal amounts of expendable supplies held for consumption. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

6. Capital Assets

Additions to the buildings and equipment are recorded at cost or, if contributed property, at their estimated acquisition value at time of contribution. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses; renewals and betterments are capitalized. The sale or disposal of fixed assets is recorded by removing cost and accumulated depreciation from the accounts and charging the resulting gain or loss to income. The Authority maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500. Depreciation for major movable equipment and building and improvements is computed on the straight-line method over useful lives of 5-20 years for equipment and 30 years for buildings and improvements.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018 and 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

7. Compensated Absences

PCPPA has no employees and thus does not provide sick leave or vacation. There is no recorded liability for compensated absences.

8. Comparative Data

Comparative information for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in PCPPA's financial position and operations. Certain reclassifications have been made for comparability.

2. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in property and equipment:

		Balance 7/1/17		Additions		Deletions		Balance 6/30/18
Buildings & Improvements	\$	5,911,789	\$ _	-	\$ _		- \$	5,911,789
Equipment		5,128	_	· <u>-</u>	_			5,128
Total		5,916,917		- '		_		5,916,917
Less accumulated depreciation		(1,195,097)	_	(197,167)	_	-	_	(1,392,264)
Net	\$_	4,721,820	\$	(197,167)	\$	-	\$	4,524,653
	_	Balance 7/1/16		Additions	-	Deletions		Balance 6/30/17
Buildings & Improvements	_ \$	7/1/16	· _	Additions	- \$	Deletions	 \$	6/30/17
Buildings & Improvements Equipment	_ \$		\$	Additions -	\$	Deletions - -	 \$	
	\$ -	7/1/16 5,911,789	\$ • •	Additions - -	\$	Deletions - -	 \$ 	6/30/17 5,911,789
Equipment	\$ -	7/1/16 5,911,789 5,128	\$ • •	Additions (197,167)	\$	Deletions - - -	 \$ 	6/30/17 5,911,789 5,128

3. LONG-TERM DEBT

PCPPA's Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2009 were issued to fund construction of the Pawnee County jail. The County shall levy a \$0.01 sales tax as of January 1, 2011, which was approved by voters on October 13, 2009. Sales tax funding is to be used for the sole purpose of all related costs for the construction of the jail. 75% of the sales tax shall be collected through January 1, 2030. The remaining 25% of sales tax is to be collected until repeal.

On September 1, 2016, PCPPA refinanced their Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2009 by unanimous vote of the Board.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018 and 2017

3. LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

PCPPA's long-term debt and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities are described below:

\$5,115,000 Sales Tax Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2016 dated September 1, 2016 due in annual installments of \$205,000 to \$425,000 through February 1, 2030 with interest payable semi-annually at 1.50% to 2.25%.

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of PCPPA:

		•		Retired,	
		Balance		or Defeased	Balance
	Original	Outstanding		During	Outstanding
	Amount	6/30/17	Issued	Year	6/30/18
PCPPA:					
Series 2016 Debt	5,115,000	4,910,000	-	335,000	4,575,000
Total	\$ 5,115,000 \$	4,910,000 \$	0 \$	335,000 \$	4,575,000

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ending			
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Totals
2019	345,000	90,174	435,174
2020	350,000	83,274	433,274
2021	355,000	76,274	431,274
2022	365,000	69,174	434,174
2023	370,000	61,874	431,874
2024-2027	1,545,000	185,073	1,730,073
2028-2030	1,245,000	55,969	1,300,969
Total Liability	\$ 4,575,000	\$ 621,810	\$ 5,196,810

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

PCPPA is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability and torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Property insurance coverage is being provided through the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma Self-Insurance Group.

5. CONCENTRATIONS

Approximately 99% and 99% of the Authority's revenues were derived from sales tax collections for June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Any significant change in sales tax appropriations by Pawnee County could have a significant impact on operations.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018 and 2017

6. LEASE AGREEMENT

On February 4, 2013, PCPPA entered into a lease agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Pawnee County. The lease term is for one year, with option to renew, and semiannual payments of \$3,250 are due May 30 and November 30 for each year the lease is in effect. In 2017, PCPPA did not receive rent for February through July until July 2017, thus, a receivable is recorded for \$2,708. In 2018, PCPPA received rent payment for February through July 2018 in May for \$3,250. Of the \$3,250 received amount, \$542.00 is considered unearned.

REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
June 30, 2018



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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

September 30, 2018

To the Board of Trustees
Pawnee County Public Programs Authority
Pawnee, Oklahoma

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 Pawnee County Public Programs Authority (PCPPA), a component unit of Pawnee County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise PCPPA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2018. PCPPA did not present the Management's Discussion and Analysis required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered PCPPA'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 PCPPA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of PCPPA'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be material weaknesses (Finding 2018-001).

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether PCPPA's financial statements are free of 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*.

Pawnee County Public Programs Authority September 30, 2018

PCPPA's Response to Finding

PCPPA's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. PCPPA'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.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

2018-001. Internal Control - Material Adjusting Journal Entries

Criteria: The authority's management is responsible for internal controls over financial reporting. This responsibility includes the design and implementation of controls over the fair and complete presentation of the authority's annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) from trial balances derived from the authority's accounting records. For trial balances to be both complete and accurate, the authority must have effective internal controls over recording, processing, summarizing, and adjusting accounting data. As evidence of effective internal controls over accounting and financial reporting, there should generally be few, if any, material adjustments to the trial balances required that are detected and corrected solely as a result of the financial statement audit. In other words, authority management should not rely on the external auditor to detect and correct material misstatements in the books and records as part of its internal controls, but rather should have it own procedures designed and in place that are independent of the external auditor to provide reasonable, although not absolute, assurance that material misstatements will be detected and corrected in its trial balances prior to audit.

<u>Condition</u>: The authority's trial balances for the year ended June 30, 2018, required a number of material adjusting journal entries in order for the financial statements to be prepared in accordance with GAAP. These necessary adjusting entries, identified solely as a result of the financial statement audit, included such adjustments as the following: payments on bonds, interest expense, receivables and depreciation. This condition was also reported in 2017.

<u>Cause</u>: The Authority's Board has the necessary knowledge, expertise and education, relative to the complex nature of applying GAAP applicable to state and local authorities, to provide reasonable assurance that the trial balances used for preparing the GAAP financial statements are complete and accurate prior to audit. Management has relied on the external auditors to identify and correct a number of material misstatements in the trial balances. However, as required by professional standards, management had the capacity to review, understand and accept the adjusting entries proposed by the auditor in order to take full responsibility for them and the related financial statements.

Effect or Potential Effect: As a result of this condition, without assistance on its external auditors, the authority did not apply appropriate internal controls over the completeness and accuracy of the trial balances that are used in the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. This condition can result in undetected and uncorrected material misstatements in the financial statements that are not detected by management and may also not be detected by the financial statement audit.

<u>Recommendation:</u> The authority should consider designing and implementing sufficient internal controls over the completeness and accuracy of trial balances by obtaining the necessary knowledge, expertise, and continuing education to apply GAAP in the development of working trial balances that will be used to prepare the authority's annual financial statements. This could be achieved through employment of qualified accounting staff or the outsourcing of these control activities to a qualified accounting firm other than the external auditor.

<u>Responsible Official's Response:</u> The authority concurs with the recommendation, and will strive to expand their knowledge and understanding to identify and correct material misstatements timely in order to prepare complete and accurate financial statements.