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The Office of Auditor of State today released a report on the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the year ended June 30, 2016.

The Authority's purpose is to enhance the economic development of Iowa and provide for job creation and increased prosperity and opportunities for citizens.

Mosiman recommended the Authority ensure information reported in its GAAP package is complete and accurate. In addition, the Authority should review controls over cash and investments to obtain the maximum internal control possible and ensure bank reconciliations are completed timely.

A copy of the report is available for review at the Iowa Economic Development Authority, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1760-2690-0R00>.

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**REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

JUNE 30, 2016

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To Deborah V. Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority:

The Iowa Economic Development Authority is a discretely presented component unit of the State of Iowa and, as such, has been included in our audits of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the State's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2016.

In conducting our audits, we became aware of certain aspects concerning the Authority's operations for which we believe corrective action is necessary. As a result, we have developed recommendations which are reported on the following pages. We believe you should be aware of these recommendations, which include those reported in the State's Report on Internal Control as well as other recommendations pertaining to the Authority's internal control. These recommendations have been discussed with Authority personnel and their responses to these recommendations are included in this report. While we have expressed our conclusions on the Authority's responses, we did not audit the Iowa Economic Development Authority's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Economic Development Authority may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Authority during the course of our audits. Should you have questions concerning the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience. Individuals who participated in our audits of the Authority are listed on page 6 and they are available to discuss these matters with you.

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cc: Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor
David Roederer, Director, Department of Management
Glen P. Dickinson, Director, Legislative Services Agency

June 30, 2016

Findings Reported in the State's Single Audit Report:

No matters were noted.

Findings Reported in the State's Report on Internal Control:

Financial Reporting

Criteria – The Authority records receipts and disbursements in the Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) system throughout the year, including the accrual period. Activity not recorded on the I/3 system is reported to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services – State Accounting Enterprise (DAS–SAE) in a GAAP package. The GAAP package is to be submitted to DAS–SAE by the first week of September each year.

Condition – The Authority overstated the amount of contractual commitments by \$867,625. This was properly adjusted for reporting purposes.

Cause – Although policies and procedures are in place to review GAAP package information, the review did not certify the overstatement of contractual commitments.

Effect – The amount reported as contractual commitments by the Department were overstated.

Recommendation – The Authority should develop and implement additional procedures to ensure the footnote information reported to DAS-SAE is accurate.

Response – The Authority will develop additional procedures to improve both the calculation and subsequent review of entity wide adjustments to ensure these items are correct for financial statement purposes.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Other Findings Related to Internal Control:

Foundation Segregation of Duties

Criteria – The Iowa Department of Economic Development Foundation is a separate, nonprofit corporation incorporated under Chapter 504 of the Code of Iowa. The purpose of the Iowa Department of Economic Development Foundation is “receiving and disbursing funds from public or private sources to be used to further the overall development and well-being of the State.”

During our review of internal control, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same individual. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and, therefore, maximizes the accuracy of the financial statements.

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Condition – Generally, one individual has control over each of the following areas for which no compensating controls exist:

- (a) Bank Reconciliation – Bank statements are opened by an individual who signs checks and has access to the accounting records. Additionally, the bank reconciler does not have access to redeemed checks.
- (b) Investments – The individual responsible for the detailed record keeping of investments is not independent of the custodian. Investment records are not periodically inspected by an individual having no responsibility for the custody or record keeping of investments.

Additionally, bank accounts were not reconciled timely.

Cause – The Iowa Department of Economic Development Foundation has a limited number of individuals and procedures have not been designed to adequately segregate duties or provide compensating controls through additional oversight of transactions and processes.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the Foundation’s ability to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, errors or misappropriation on a timely basis by individuals in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation – We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of individuals. However, control activities should be reviewed to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances. Bank statements and redeemed checks should be delivered, unopened, directly to the individual preparing the bank reconciliations. Bank account reconciliations should be prepared and reviewed by an independent person in a timely manner. Reviews should be performed by independent persons to the extent possible and should be documented by the reviewer’s signature or initials and the date of the review.

Response – The Foundation bank reconciliations and investments will add a second level of review beginning in fiscal year 2017. A member of the Iowa Economic Development Authority legal team, who is completely separate from any matters related to the IEDA Foundation, will review bank reconciliations and the investment summary prepared each year and document their review on the monthly bank reconciliations and on the annual investment summary prepared for the Authority’s financial statements.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Findings Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:

No matters were noted.

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Staff

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