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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Net Position, and the related Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and Cash Flows, of Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, (Iowa State University) and its discretely presented component unit as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise Iowa State University's basic financial statements 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit, the Iowa State University Foundation, the Iowa State University Achievement Fund and the Original University Foundation (the "Foundation"), discussed in Note 1, which represent 100% of the assets, net position and revenues of the discretely presented component unit. We also did not audit the financial statements of the blended component units, Iowa State University Research Foundation, Incorporated and Iowa State University Veterinary Services Corporation, discussed in Note 1, which represent 1.5% and .1%, respectively, of the assets and .7% and .3%, respectively, of the revenues of the University. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the discretely presented and blended component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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. The financial statements of the Foundation and Iowa State University Research Foundation, Incorporated were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

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 Iowa State University'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 Iowa State University'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 the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Iowa State University and its discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of Iowa State University are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and cash flows, of only that portion of the financial reporting entity of the State of Iowa that is attributable to the transactions of Iowa State University. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Iowa as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.


Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of University Contributions and the Schedule of Funding Progress on pages 3 through 9 and 54 through 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We and the other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

Our report on Iowa State University's internal control over financial reporting and other tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters required by Government Auditing Standards will be issued under separate cover. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the 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 and should be considered in assessing the results of our audits.


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