

John Keel, CPA State Auditor

The Audit of the Teacher Retirement System's Fiscal Year 2013 Financial Statements

November 19, 2013

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

In our audit report dated November 15, 2013, we concluded that the Teacher Retirement System's (Retirement System) basic financial statements for fiscal year 2013 were materially correct and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Retirement System published our audit report as part of its basic financial statements, which it intends to post on its Web site at http://trs.state.tx.us.

We also issued a report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters as required by auditing standards. Our procedures did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting or any noncompliance with laws or regulations that materially affected the financial statements. In addition, the major internal controls that we tested for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements were operating effectively.

Our procedures were not intended to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or to provide an opinion on compliance with laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance with laws and regulations.

Auditors communicated certain issues that were not material or significant to the audit objectives in writing to the Retirement System's management.

As required by auditing standards, we will also communicate to the Retirement System's Board of Trustees certain matters related to the conduct of a financial statement audit.

We appreciate the Retirement System's cooperation during this audit. If you have any questions, please contact Angelica Ramirez, Audit Manager, or me at (512) 936-9500.

Sincerely,

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