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To The Board of Directors  
Education Service Center, Region 20

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Education Service Center Region 20 (the Center) for the year ended August 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2009. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

I. Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 22, 2009, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Center's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Center's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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. Also in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about the Center's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement applicable to each of its major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the Center's compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the Center's compliance with those requirements.

## II. Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter dated June 22, 2009.

## III. Qualitative Aspects of the Significant Accounting Practices

### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Center are described in Note B to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year ended August 31, 2009. We noted no transactions entered into by the Center during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statement was:

Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on estimated useful lives. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

## IV. Difficulties in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

## V. Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

## VI. Disagreements with Management

For purpose of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

VII. Management Representations

We have requested representation from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 16, 2009.

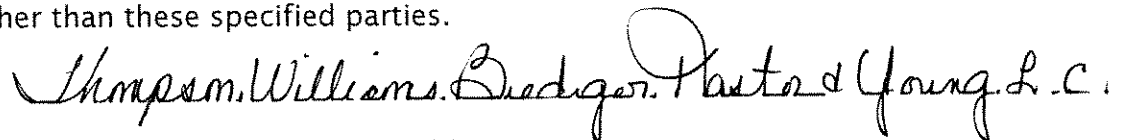
VII. Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

VIII. Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Education Service Center Region 20 and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Certified Public Accountants

San Antonio, Texas

December 16, 2009