

December 17, 2014

Board of Control
Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9
Tomahawk, Wisconsin

Dear Board Members:

We have audited the financial statements of the Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (the "Agency") for the year ended June 30, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibilities Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States and OMB Circular A-133

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 19, 2014, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions 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 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 Agency's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. 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 Agency's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of 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 Agency's compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the Agency's compliance with those requirements.

Required Supplementary Information Accompanying Audited Financial Statements

We applied certain limited procedures to the schedules of funding progress and employer contributions – other post-employment benefit plan, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Supplementary Information Accompanying Audited Financial Statements

We were engaged to report on the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

The auditor's responsibility for other information in documents containing audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in our report and we have no obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in a document. Our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with information, or the manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

We are not aware of any documents or other information containing audited financial statements and, furthermore, management has not requested us to devote attention to any documents containing audited financial statements.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to your representative, Mr. Jerry Fiene, in our engagement letter dated June 19, 2014, accepted by Dr. Karen Wendorf-Heldt.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Agency are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the period under audit.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Agency during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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 management's expectations. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is the actuarially determined contribution for other post-employment benefits.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. We proposed no audit adjustments that could, in our judgment, either individually or in aggregate, have a significant effect on the Agency's financial reporting process.

Disagreements With Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is 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.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the representation letter dated December 17, 2014, a copy of which accompanies this letter.

Management Consultations With Other 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 the application of an accounting principle to the Agency'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 the consultant has all of the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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 Agency's auditors for the preceding year. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not, in our judgment, a condition of our retention.

Internal Control Matters

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Agency in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing our auditing 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 the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Agency's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Internal Control Matters (Continued)

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. We consider the following deficiencies in the Agency's internal control to be significant deficiencies:

Financial Accounting and Reporting - An organization's internal control over financial reporting does not end at the general ledger, but extends to the financial statements and notes. As part of our professional services for the year ended June 30, 2014, we were requested to draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements. The circumstance is not unusual in an organization of your size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. The completeness of the financial statement disclosures and the accuracy of the overall financial presentation are negatively impacted as outside auditors do not have the same comprehensive understanding of the Agency as its internal financial staff. Because the Agency relies on Wipfli LLP to provide the necessary understanding of current accounting and disclosure principles in the preparation of the financial statements, a significant deficiency exists in the Agency's internal controls.

Segregation of Duties - The size of the office staff precludes a proper segregation of functions to assure adequate internal control. The basic premise is that no one employee should have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction. This is not unusual in an organization of your size, but the Board should continue to be aware of this condition and to realize the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable for an effective system of internal control. Without adequate segregation of duties, the likelihood that unauthorized or false transactions will be prevented or detected in a timely fashion is significantly diminished which may result in misstated financial statements. Under those conditions, the most effective controls lie in the Board's knowledge of matters relating to the Agency's operations; however, a significant deficiency exists in the Agency's internal controls.

Other Matters

Federal Regulations

In December 2013, the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") released final guidance for grants and other awards entitled *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Also referred to as the "Super Circular" or the "Omni Circular," this final guidance supersedes current guidance applicable to government agencies including OMB Circulars A-50, A-87, A-102, and the Grants Management Common Rule. Federal agencies have until December 26, 2014, to promulgate regulations to implement this new guidance.

Other Matters (Continued)

Federal Regulations (Continued)

Such regulations will then be effective for new grants awarded after the date agencies publish the new regulations. Despite some effort required with the implementation of the new regulations, the resulting streamlined rules and procedures should result in a significant improvement over the multitude of different, sometimes conflicting or duplicative, guidance currently applicable.

In an effort to increase the likelihood of successful outcomes, there will also be significant changes at the federal level within the grant-making process. Federal agencies will be required to conduct a risk assessment of potential recipients of competitive grants and cooperative agreements prior to making the awards. This will include reviewing information such as prior audit results, the quality of the applicant's financial management systems, and an assessment of the applicant's financial stability. Federal agencies will also have the option to modify the terms and conditions of the awards to address identified risks.

We recommend that Agency management review the new guidance and prepare for implementation. Significant changes will likely be required for the Agency's internal controls and written policies and procedures. Work should begin soon to ensure compliance with the new rules by the effective date. We also recommend that Agency personnel receive training on the new requirements to ensure compliance. Wipfli has trained over 1,500 people on the new circular and is also able to assist with written policies and procedures.

Affordable Care Act

The continuing delays in provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as well as the IRS' delay in releasing forms and guidance, has resulted in employers delaying planning and taking action for compliance with the law. The law applies to all employers - private, public, and not-for-profit. It applies to all employers offering health insurance, regardless of size, and it applies to all employers with over 50 full-time equivalent (FTEs) employees, regardless if they offer health insurance.

Starting January 1, 2015, new reporting requirements for employers with 50 or more FTE employees will be in effect. The Employer Mandate to offer health insurance will be effective for these employers for 2015 plan years. Employers can no longer delay.

Many employers are planning in some way or form, but we are finding that there are some misconceptions on how to comply. Some are not planning at all, perhaps still hoping for some sort of repeal. There are a number of insurance provisions that will increase costs (many of the delays have also delayed significant premium increases), additional fees will be imposed on or passed through to employers with health plans, and new filing requirements.

Other Matters (Continued)

Affordable Care Act (Continued)

Failure of an employer to comply with many provisions of the ACA is a \$100 per employee, per day penalty (if an employer offers a non-compliant plan). Employers with over 50 FTE employees could face a \$2,000 per employee, per year penalty if they don't comply with the Employer Mandate.

We have individuals in each office who have become local "experts" on the ACA. Please contact your Wipfli Partner and they can put you in touch with these experts if you have questions regarding compliance.

We thank the employees and administration of the Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 for the cooperation and assistance given us during our engagement. Should you require additional information on the above communications, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss it with you.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, board of control, others within the Agency, and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and includes a description of the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the results of that testing. The communication related to considering the Agency's internal control over financial reporting is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Agency's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wipfli LLP".

Wipfli LLP



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December 17, 2014

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (the "Agency"), which comprise the respective financial position as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 19, 2014, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in accordance with GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by GAAP to be included in the financial reporting entity.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.



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4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GAAP.
7. Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
8. We agree with the adjusting journal entries proposed by you and which are given effect to in the financial statements.
9. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
10. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Agency is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

11. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Agency from who you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Minutes of the meetings of the Agency Board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet prepared.
12. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.
13. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
14. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Agency involving:
 - a. Management.
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or

- c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
15. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Agency's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
 16. We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financials statements.
 17. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
 18. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Agency's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
 19. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
 20. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or fund equity.
 21. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
 22. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
 23. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
 24. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
 25. There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting noncompliance.
 26. As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance. We have designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee your services and have made all management decisions and

performed all management functions. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

27. The Agency has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any material asset been pledged as collateral.
28. The Agency has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
29. We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
30. The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
31. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.
32. All funds that meet the qualitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial users.
33. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
34. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
35. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
36. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
37. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
38. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk, and investments are properly valued and disclosed.
39. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
40. We have appropriately disclosed the Agency's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available and have determined that net position was properly recognized under the policy.

41. The Agency has identified all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements, including the key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances.
42. There are no estimates that may be subject to a material change in the near term that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements. We understand that near term means the period within one year of the date of the financial statements. In addition, we have no knowledge of concentrations existing at the date of the financial statements that make the Agency vulnerable to the risk of severe impact that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements.
43. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
44. In regards to the depreciation services performed by you, we have:
 - a. Made all management decisions and performed all management functions.
 - b. Designated a management-level individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
 - c. Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d. Accepted responsibility for the results of services.
 - e. Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.
45. We agree with the findings of specialists in evaluating the Other Post-Employment Benefits and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialist in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.
46. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances. We do not plan to make frequent amendments to the other postretirement benefit plans.
47. With respect to the supplementary information which includes the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP, and we believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
48. With respect to federal and state award programs:
 - a. We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and*

Non-Profit Organizations and State of Wisconsin Single Audit Guidelines including requirements relating to preparation of the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

- b. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 §310.b and *State of Wisconsin Single Audit Guidelines*, and we believe the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, including their form and content, are fairly presented in accordance with the Circular and *State of Wisconsin Single Audit Guidelines*. The methods of measurement of the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.
- c. If the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and auditor's report thereon.
- d. We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to OMB Circular A-133 and *State of Wisconsin Single Audit Guidelines*, and included in the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.
- e. We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal and state programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal and state programs.
- f. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance requirements applicable to federal and state programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal and state awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal and state programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended.
- g. We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal and state agencies or pass-through entities relating to major federal and state programs and related activities.
- h. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.

- i. We have complied with direct and material compliance requirements, including when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and *State of Wisconsin Single Audit Guidelines*, relating to federal and state awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal and state awards.
- j. We have disclosed any communications from grantors and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- k. We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- l. Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for Statement, Local, and Tribal Governments*, and OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments*.
- m. We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- n. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance with the direct material compliance requirements, including information related to federal and state program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- o. We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- p. There are no such known instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
- q. No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the date as of which compliance was audited.
- r. Federal and state program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
- s. The copies of federal and state program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- t. We have charged costs to federal and state awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- u. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by OMB Circular A-133

and *State of Wisconsin Single Audit Guidelines* and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.

- v. We are responsible for and have reviewed the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by OMB Circular A-133.

Sincerely,

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9

Karen Wendorf-Heldt

Karen Wendorf-Heldt, Agency Administrator

Patricia Beals

Patricia Beals, Interim Fiscal Administrator