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Overview of Recent Audit Reports

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
December 6, 2023

BACKGROUND

The department undergoes routine annual audits by the following entities:

1. State Auditor's Office (SAO) – The SAO determines which funds have the most significant amount of activity and tests transactions from those funds during its annual Statewide Financial Statements Audit (SEFA). Within DHEWD, the loan program, the state financial aid funds, and federal funds administered by the Office of Workforce Development typically have activity at a level that the SAO considers significant. The SAO conducts the SEFA of these funds and includes the findings in its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).
2. CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP (CLA) – Through a contract awarded by the Office of Administration, CLA audits the Missouri Student Loan Program's annual comparative financial statements. An independent audit is required by the United States Department of Education (USDE) of all guaranty agencies; the department must submit a copy of its audited financial statements to the USDE each year.

CURRENT STATUS

State Auditor

The SAO began work on the fiscal year 2023 SEFA and CAFR. Staff are working with the SAO and providing all requested information.

CLA

CLA completed the fiscal year 2022 audit of the loan program financial statements. A copy of the audit report is attached. There were no findings against DHEWD. CLA identified one material weakness related to the loan program internal controls over financial reporting. The auditors identified and resolved the noted issue and requires no further action from DHEWD. The attached audit is the last audit of the loan program.

NEXT STEPS

Continue to work with the SAO on the fiscal year 2023 audits.

RECOMMENDATION

Information item only.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: CLA FY 2022 Audit Report