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Jim T. O’Hallaron, CAE President & CEO
Alice Evans, CPA, Peer Review Committee Chair
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Dear Mr. O’Hallaron and Ms. Evans:

On April 2, 2019, the AICPA Peer Review Board Oversight Task Force accepted the report and letter of procedures and observations on the most recent oversight visit for the Missouri Society of CPAs, the administering entity for the AICPA Peer Review Program, and the administering entity’s response thereto. A copy of this acknowledgement, the two oversight visit documents, and your response have now been posted to the AICPA Peer Review Program website.

The next administering entity oversight visit will be in 2020.

The AICPA Peer Review Board appreciates your cooperation and efforts in making the peer review program a success.

Sincerely,

Brian Bluhm

Brian Bluhm, CPA
Chair – Oversight Task Force
AICPA Peer Review Board

cc: Kathleen Meyer, CPA, CFO
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Laurel Gron, CPA, Senior Manager – Peer Review
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Oversight Visit Report

October 10, 2018

To the Missouri Society of CPAs
Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed Missouri Society of CPAs’ administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program (program) as part of our oversight program. Missouri Society of CPAs is responsible for administering the program in Missouri. Our procedures were conducted in conformity with the guidance established by the AICPA Peer Review Board (board) as contained in the AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Handbook.

Administering Entity’s Responsibility
The administering entity is responsible for administering the AICPA Peer Review Program in compliance with the AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews, interpretations, and other guidance established by the board.

Oversight Task Force’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to determine whether (1) administering entities are complying with the administrative procedures established by the board as set forth in the AICPA Peer Review Program Administrative Manual, (2) the reviews are being conducted and reported upon in accordance with the standards, (3) the results of the reviews are being evaluated on a consistent basis by all administering entity peer review committees, and (4) information disseminated by administering entities is accurate and timely.

Conclusion
Based on the results of the procedures performed, we have concluded that the Missouri Society of CPAs has complied with the administrative procedures and standards in all material respects as established by the board.

As is customary, we have issued a letter of oversight visit procedures and observations that details the oversight procedures performed and sets forth recommendations that were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect the conclusions expressed in this report.

Albert Denny, Member, Oversight Task Force
AICPA Peer Review Program
October 10, 2018

To the Missouri Society of CPAs
Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed Missouri Society of CPAs’ administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program as part of our oversight program and have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2018. That report should be read in conjunction with the observations in this letter, which were considered in determining our conclusions. The observations described below were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect the conclusions expressed in that report.

The oversight visit was conducted according to the procedures in the AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Handbook. An oversight program is designed to improve the administering entity’s administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program through feedback on its policies and procedures, and to provide resource assistance from an AICPA Peer Review Board Oversight Task Force member on both technical and administrative matters.

In conjunction with the oversight visit of the Missouri Society of CPAs, the administering entity for the program, conducted on October 9 and 10, 2018, the following observations are being communicated.

Administrative Procedures
On the morning of October 9, 2018, Nicole Welman, AICPA Peer Review Program Operations Manager, and I met with the Peer Review Director and Peer Review Manager to review the program's administration. We believe the administrative processes were being handled in a manner consistent with peer review standards.

We reviewed the files, which were still open due to follow-up actions, which had not yet been completed. We found that the follow-up actions were being effectively monitored for completion by the administrative staff and the peer review committee.

We also reviewed the policies and procedures for the granting of extensions. We found that the Peer Review Director handles short-term extension requests with discussion from the committee when the circumstances warrant.

We also reviewed the timeliness of technical reviews and the preparation of committee decision letters. We found no problems in these areas.

The administering entity has developed a backup plan to support the administrator and technical reviewers if they become unable to serve in their respective capacities.
Website Information
We met with the website manager to review the administering entity's procedures to determine if the information disseminated regarding the AICPA Peer Review Program by the administering entity on their website is accurate and timely.

After the AICPA staff's review of the website material, we noted that the administering entity has a policy in place that is not in accordance with AICPA Peer Review Program guidance.

Working Paper Retention
According to discussions with the Peer Review Manager, we found compliance with the working paper retention policies for completed reviews.

Technical Review Procedures
We met with the technical reviewers to discuss procedures. They perform all technical reviews.

We reviewed the reports, letters of response, if applicable, and the working papers for several reviews. We believe that all review issues were addressed properly by the technical reviewers before reviews were presented to the committee. This helped the acceptance process to be effective and efficient.

Review Presentation
Reviews are brought to the committee without open technical issues. Accordingly, it was not necessary for the committee to spend a great deal of time reviewing specific technical issues.

Committee Procedures
We met with the committee chair and discussed their procedures for disseminating the comments resulting from RAB observation reports to the appropriate individuals.

On October 10, 2018 we attended the on-site East Report Acceptance Body (RAB) meeting. We observed the RAB's acceptance process and offered our comments at the close of discussions.

The RAB meeting was very orderly. It was apparent that the RAB members had reviewed the reports and working papers prior to the meeting and had a good understanding of the program to reach an appropriate decision for each review.

Appropriate decisions were made in the acceptance process, including assigned corrective actions and reviewer monitoring. Reviews were being presented to the RABs on a timely basis.
Oversight Program
The Missouri Society of CPAs’ peer review committee has adopted a formal oversight program that is well documented. We reviewed the document and procedures performed and found it to be comprehensive.

Summary
Our observation to enhance the Missouri Society of CPAs’ administration of the program is summarized as follows:

The administering entity should review policies and procedures to ensure compliance with current AICPA Peer Review Program guidance.

Albert Denny, Member, Oversight Task Force
AICPA Peer Review Program
March 11, 2019

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Re: Oversight Visit to Missouri Society of CPAs

Dear Mr. Bluhm,

This letter represents our response to the report and letter of procedures and observations issued in connection with the review of the Missouri Society of CPAs administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program (program) performed on October 9 and 10, 2018. The matters discussed herein were brought to the attention of all peer review program committee members, administrative staff, and technical reviewers. In addition, the matters discussed in this letter have already been addressed and will be monitored to ensure they are effectively implemented as part of our administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program.

Observations that did not affect the report:
The administering entity should review policies and procedures to ensure compliance with current AICPA Peer Review Program guidance.

We appreciate Albert Denny’s time and suggestions for best practices and constructive advice.

Sincerely,

Alice Evans, CPA

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