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Enclosed is our risk assessment of the Department's programs for fiscal year 2014-2015. This project was undertaken to update our prior risk assessment which was performed in FY2006 and develop a long-term audit plan for the Department.

The first audit to be performed under this risk assessment is that of Title II as listed in the ranking of audit areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document contains the audit risk assessment for the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) for the fiscal years beginning in 2014-15 through 2018-19. The objective of assessing risk exposure is to identify those areas considered essential to LDE operations when developing an audit plan and reasonably ensuring activities with the greatest risk are audited. The risk assessment strengthens the audit planning and scheduling process; however, it is not intended to replace professional judgment, but, rather, to supplement it.

This risk assessment is based on the following factors:

1. Financial Analysis
2. Public Disclosure Implications
3. Length of Time Since Last Audit

The first audit to be performed based on this risk assessment is Title II.

DESCRIPTION of RISK FACTORS

Financial Analysis

This represents the amount of funds flowing through an entity, department, or division, and the related accounts. This evaluation includes the actual annual budget and/or the amount of federal funds received. It also considers the possible impact a diversion or misapplication of funds may have on the Department.

Public Disclosure Implications

The potential public relations impact if an error is made or if confidential, sensitive information is made public. The types of issues addressed include formal policy, confidentiality of information, and external factors such as reporting requirements, political changes, and regulations.

Length of Time Since Last Audit

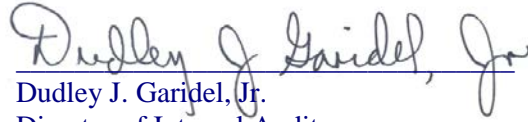
As the title suggests, this is the length of time since the program was last audited. In general, risk increases in direct relation to the increase in time since the last audit.

Ranking of Audit Areas

Title II, Part A	\$65,991,760.00
The Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program	39,621,219.00
The Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program, TANF	34,956,588.00
21st Century Community Learning Centers	28,109,309.00
Education Excellence	13,990,861.00
Teacher Incentive Fund	11,687,350.00
Secondary Vocational Education	9,418,903.00
Race to the Top	8,887,500.00
Safe and Supportive Schools	8,867,449.00
Nonpublic Early Childhood Development Program	7,184,800.00
Rural Education Achievement Program	6,608,207.00
Professional Improvement Program	4,379,312.00
Jobs for America's Graduates, TANF	3,950,000.00
Hurricane Educator Assistance Program	3,803,212.00
Hurricane Katrina Foreign Contributions Awards	3,551,475.00
Special Education Extended School Year Program	3,033,140.00
Language Acquisition Grant	2,944,412.00
Math and Science Partnerships	2,840,731.00
Migrant Education	2,213,224.00
Education for Homeless Children & Youth Grants	1,123,610.00
School Choice Program	787,661.00
Teach for America Program	468,468.00
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Program	459,240.00
Advanced Placement Fee Program	63,000.00
8(g)	1,888,840.00
LA 4 Early Childhood, CDBG	1,888,840.00
Distance Learning/LA Virtual School, 8(g)	2,106,542.00
Expanding High School Choice, 8(g)	2,340,000.00
Everybody Graduates! 8(g)	4,059,020.00
LA Renaissance Language Immersion, 8(g)	293,000.00
New School Incubation - 8(g)	2,264,770.00
Teacher Advancement Program - 8(g)	500,000.00
Title I School Improvement	12,933,045.00
School Improvement Grants, 1003g	10,341,377.00
Child & Adult Food and Nutrition	85,734,146.00
IDEA Part B	188,452,008.00
IDEA Preschool	7,360,712.00
School Food and Nutrition Program	273,575,237.00
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	304,097,103.00
Minimum Foundation Program (MFP)	3,510,142,422.00

This risk assessment was conducted in accordance with policies and procedures of the Bureau of Internal Audit.

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