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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees  
Employees Retirement System of Texas  
Austin, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the general fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Employees Retirements System of Texas (ERS), a component unit of the State of Texas, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the ERS' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2020.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the ERS' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit 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 ERS' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the ERS' internal control.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the ERS' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Baltimore, Maryland  
December 18, 2020

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS  
SCHEDULE OF STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2020**

<b>2019-1 The Employees Retirement System Had a Significant Error in Its Unsettled Investment Payables and Receivables Line Item</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
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**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2020**

**A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FINDINGS**

None