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OF

LAKE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

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To: The Officials of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau
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This report is supplemental to the audit report of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau (Bureau), for the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Examination Findings that pertain to the Bureau. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statement audit report of the Bureau, which provides an opinion on the Bureau's financial statements. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we engaged private examiners under our review to perform the audit of the Bureau and perform procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

We have reviewed the Supplemental Audit Report for the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau prepared by Crowe LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. In our opinion, the Supplemental Audit Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

The report is filed with this letter in our office as a matter of public record.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy R. White".

Tammy R. White, CPA
Deputy State Examiner

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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
President/ CEO	Speros A. Batistatos	01-01-18 to 07-15-21
	Cathy Svetanoff	07-15-21 to 06-03-22
	David Uran	06-03-22 to 12-31-22
Treasurer	John Kiernan	01-01-18 to 12-31-19
	Nikki Lopez	01-01-20 to 01-01-21
	Matt Maloney	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
Chief Financial Officer	Cathy Svetanoff	01-01-18 to 12-31-22
Chairman of the Board of Directors	Robert Forster	01-01-18 to 08-14-19
	Andrew Qunell	08-14-19 to 12-31-22

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and
Management of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau

We have examined the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau's ("Unit") compliance with the Indiana State Board of Accounts' *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Special Districts* during the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. Management of the Unit is responsible for the Unit's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Unit's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Unit complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Unit complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Unit's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Unit complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.

Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana
November 21, 2023

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The contents of this report were discussed on November 21, 2023 with David Uran, CEO, Nicole Wolverton, CFO, Greg Falkawski, COO, and Andy Qunell, Board Chairman.