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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
University of New Orleans
Research and Technology Foundation, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc., (a nonprofit organization) (the Foundation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 19, 2017, on our consideration of the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Postlethwaite & Lettenville

Metairie, Louisiana
May 19, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
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Statements of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1 and 16)	\$ 1,762,187	\$ 4,579,376
Receivables (Note 3 and 12)	3,035,846	3,630,753
Financing lease receivable, current (Note 14)	900,000	825,000
Investments (Note 1, 2 and 6)	6,562,651	5,057,465
Other current assets	194,913	97,225
Total current assets	12,455,597	14,189,819
Non-current assets:		
Investments (Note 1, 2 and 6)	753,882	251,273
Financing lease receivable (Note 14)	34,275,000	35,175,000
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$34,324,844 and \$31,948,236, respectively (Note 4)	51,996,522	56,499,068
Other non-current assets	548,292	628,971
Total non-current assets	87,573,696	92,554,312
Total assets	\$ 100,029,293	\$ 106,744,131
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 638,138	\$ 534,045
Due to affiliates (Note 12)	501,850	596,458
Prepaid rent	706,226	621,519
Amounts held in custody for others (Note 1)	79,747	70,373
Amounts held in custody for affiliates (Note 1)	374,228	447,804
Compensated absences	138,911	145,257
Interest payable	519,510	532,535
Notes payable, current (Note 7)	442,996	397,261
Bonds payable, current (Note 8)	1,127,728	1,065,170
Other current liabilities	1,692,603	5,251,380
Total current liabilities	6,221,937	9,661,802
Non-current liabilities:		
Notes payable (Note 7)	4,088,331	4,533,141
Prepaid rent, net of current portion	3,322,712	3,828,665
Bonds payable, net (Note 8)	35,676,418	36,804,145
Total non-current liabilities	43,087,461	45,165,951
Total liabilities	49,309,398	54,827,753
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	50,584,764	51,778,637
Temporarily restricted (Note 1)	135,131	137,741
Total net assets	50,719,895	51,916,378
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 100,029,293	\$ 106,744,131

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Changes in unrestricted net assets:		
Revenues and support:		
Federal grants and contracts	\$ 1,230,615	\$ 1,701,077
Non-federal grants and contracts	535,893	564,739
International programs	1,003,521	734,825
Property operations	6,356,883	6,290,475
Amortized tenant improvements	505,953	480,426
Student housing	1,549,100	1,555,844
Technology transfer	425,947	339,973
Investment earnings (Note 2)	111,118	27,747
Gain on insurance receivable (Note 3)	305,921	-
Other revenues	30,068	30,054
Total unrestricted revenues and other support	12,055,019	11,725,160
Net assets released from restrictions:		
Net assets released from restriction	2,610	2,609
Net assets released from restrictions	2,610	2,609
Total unrestricted revenues and other support	12,057,629	11,727,769
Expenses (Note 15):		
Program services:		
International programs (Note 12)	770,937	588,317
Property operations	6,056,031	5,711,779
Student housing (Note 12)	1,320,794	1,336,703
Federal grants and contracts	1,173,191	1,641,378
Other University support	374,314	719,511
Technology transfers (Note 12)	322,504	304,614
Loss on insurance receivable (Note 3)	-	418,655
Building donation to University (Note 4)	1,912,187	-
Total program expenses	11,929,958	10,720,957
Supporting services:		
General and administrative expenses	1,321,544	1,399,219
Total expenses	13,251,502	12,120,176
Decrease in unrestricted net assets	(1,193,873)	(392,407)
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets:		
Net assets released from restrictions:		
Net assets released from restriction	(2,610)	(2,609)
Total temporarily restricted revenues and other support	(2,610)	(2,609)
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	(2,610)	(2,609)
Change in net assets	(1,196,483)	(395,016)
Net assets, at beginning of year	51,916,378	52,311,394
Net assets, at end of year	\$ 50,719,895	\$ 51,916,378

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,196,483)	\$ (395,016)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows from operating activities:		
Amortization of cost of bond issuance and bond insurance	37,452	37,450
Amortization of bond premium	(277,621)	(277,192)
Depreciation expense	2,600,640	2,624,986
Loss on insurance receivable	-	418,655
Building donation to University	1,912,187	-
Realized loss (gain) on investments	5,260	-
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	22,538	163,374
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	594,907	(395,034)
Other current assets	(97,688)	(3,645)
Other non-current assets	80,679	80,680
Compensated absences	(6,346)	(2,065)
Payables and accrued liabilities	104,093	(449,604)
Due to affiliates	(94,608)	527,221
Prepaid rent	(421,246)	18,374
Amounts held in custody for others and affiliates	(64,202)	(45,717)
Interest payable	(13,025)	(14,648)
Other current liabilities	(3,558,777)	66,736
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>(372,240)</u>	<u>2,354,555</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net (purchases) sales of investments	(2,035,593)	1,661,008
Purchases of fixed assets	(10,281)	(491,651)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(2,045,874)</u>	<u>1,169,357</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments on notes payable	(399,075)	(382,148)
Receipts on capital leases	825,000	-
Principal payments of bonds payable	(825,000)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(399,075)</u>	<u>(382,148)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(2,817,189)	3,141,764
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>4,579,376</u>	<u>1,437,612</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 1,762,187</u>	<u>\$ 4,579,376</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH FLOW DISCLOSURE:		
Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>\$ 1,747,327</u>	<u>\$ 1,823,972</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) *History and Organization*

The University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation), a registered non-profit corporation in Louisiana, was established on March 3, 1997 to accomplish the following purposes:

- 1) As its principal purpose, to support any and all appropriate programs, facilities and research and educational opportunities offered by the University of New Orleans (the University) and the University of Louisiana System (the UL System);
- 2) To promote and support the well-being and advancement of the University and all the colleges, schools, departments, and divisions comprising it, and to develop, expand, and improve the University's curricula, programs, and facilities so as to provide greater educational advantages and opportunities; encourage teaching, research, scholarship, and service, and increase the University's benefits to the citizens of the State of Louisiana, the United States of America and the world; be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Foundation pursuant to those stipulations;
- 3) To engage in scientific research carried on for the purpose of aiding a community or geographical area by attracting new industry to the community or area or by encouraging the development of or retention of, an industry in the community or area;
- 4) To promote the development of high technology industries and research in Louisiana;
- 5) To create, develop, construct, operate, manage and finance one or more research and technology parks, technology enterprise centers and other facilities and operations which promote development of research, development and high technology in Louisiana;
- 6) To increase employment opportunities in Louisiana;
- 7) To promote research and development in Louisiana;
- 8) To promote cooperation between the public and private sector with respect to research and development;
- 9) To attract nationally prominent scientists and researchers to the University;
- 10) To maximize research capabilities in Louisiana;

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(a) History and Organization (continued)

- 11) To solicit and accept, whether by way of outright, limited or conditional gifts, grants and bequests, in trust or otherwise, donations of all kinds, including property, both real and personal, whether principal or income, tangible or intangible, vested or contingent, for the purpose of providing funds or property for the general purposes of the corporation and for research, instructional activities, scholarships, public service activities, and such other designated benefits for the University and its faculty, staff and students as may be prescribed by donors or testators to the corporation;
- 12) To exercise all such powers and authority as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives and purposes herein set forth and to do any and all other things related to or connected therewith which are not forbidden by law.

Significant sources of revenue to the Foundation include grants, contracts, tenant rents, and property operations revenues and support to carry out these objectives. The Foundation did not receive any state or local governmental funds to support its operations or its programs during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements are described below.

(b) Financial Statement Presentation

The Foundation follows the provisions for not-for-profit organizations and includes three basic financial statements and the classifications of resources into three separate classes of net assets as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. The revenues received and expenses incurred in conducting the mission of the Foundation are included in this category. The Foundation has determined that any donor-imposed restrictions for current or developing programs and activities are generally met within the operating cycle of the Foundation, and therefore, the Foundation's policy is to record these net assets as unrestricted. Also, the Foundation considers the revenues received from the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements (the Agreements) to be exchange transactions, since each party to the Agreements receives and sacrifices something of approximately equal value.
- Temporarily restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Foundation and/or the passage of time. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, temporarily restricted net assets consist of a private donation made in 2012 of property to house an urban art gallery with a carrying amount of \$135,131 and \$137,741 respectively.
- Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by the passage of time nor can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Foundation pursuant to those stipulations. The Foundation has no permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

(d) Amounts Held in Custody For Others and Affiliates

Amounts held in custody for others consist of security deposits from building tenants. The tenants are required to pay a security deposit at the beginning of their lease. Amounts held in custody for affiliates consist of amounts held for use in support of the University.

(e) Receivables

Accounts receivable and financing receivables are considered delinquent after a period of nonpayment of 90 days. Although credit risks associated with tenants for accounts receivable or lessees for financing receivables are considered minimal, a review is routinely made of accounts receivable balances, and provisions for doubtful accounts are made. In circumstances where management is aware of a specific inability to meet their financial obligations (e.g., bankruptcy filings), a specific reserve is recorded to reduce the receivable to the amount expected to be collected. For all others, an allowance for bad debts is established by management based on historical trends. Receivables are written off when management deems collectability is doubtful. Bad debt expense, if any, and any related recoveries are included in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets.

(f) Investments

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are measured at fair value in the statement of financial position. Income or loss on investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, interest and dividends, is recorded in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets.

Realized gains and losses, and declines in value judged to be other than temporary, are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Realized gains and losses on the sales of securities are determined using the specific-identification method. A decline in the fair value of investments below cost that is deemed to be other than temporary results in a charge to change in net assets and the establishment of a new cost basis for the investment.

In accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-07, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), the Foundation does not categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(g) Property and Equipment

Assets acquired are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Assets donated are carried at fair market value on the date of donation, net of accumulated depreciation. Plant, property, and equipment with a unit cost of greater than \$5,000 and a useful life of greater than 1 year is capitalized and depreciated. Depreciation of buildings, furnishings, and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on the straight-line basis ranging from 3 to 10 years for vehicles and equipment to 10 to 40 years for building improvements and 30 to 40 years for buildings and associated structures.

Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized. When items of property or equipment are sold or retired, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any gain or loss is included in income.

(h) Bond Issuance Costs and Prepaid Bond Insurance

Bond issuance costs and prepaid bond insurance incurred in the relationship to the bond indebtedness have been capitalized and are amortized over the life of the bond liability which is thirty years. In accordance with ASU No. 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, the Foundation presents debt issuance costs as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability, consistent with the presentation of debt discounts. Bond issuance costs amortization for the fiscal years 2016 and 2015 were \$27,630 and \$27,628, respectively, and amortization of prepaid bond insurance for each fiscal year was \$9,822.

(i) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Impairment of long-lived assets is tested whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. The carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired when the anticipated undiscounted cash flow from such asset is separately identifiable and is less than its carrying value. In that event, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair market value of the long-lived asset. Fair market value is determined primarily using the anticipated cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. Losses on long-lived assets to be disposed of are determined in a similar manner, except that fair market values are reduced for the cost to dispose.

(j) Income Taxes

Income taxes have not been provided for in the financial statements as the Foundation was organized as a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is, therefore, of tax exempt status.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(j) Income Taxes (continued)

The Foundation applies a “more-likely-than-not” recognition threshold for all tax uncertainties. This approach only allows the recognition of those tax benefits that have a greater than 50% likelihood of being sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities. As a result of implementing this approach, the Foundation has reviewed its tax positions and determined there were no outstanding or retroactive tax positions with less than a 50% likelihood of being sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities. Therefore, the implementation of this standard has not had a material effect on the Foundation.

(k) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the useful lives of fixed assets, the valuation of fixed assets, and investments.

(l) Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

(m) Reclassification

Certain reclassifications from prior year information were made to conform to current year presentation.

(n) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases. This accounting standard requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities related to lease arrangements longer than 12 months on the balance sheet as well as additional disclosures. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The Foundation is currently assessing the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(n) Recent Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

On August 18, 2016, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. Under the ASU, the number of net asset classes is decreased from three to two; enhanced disclosures of underwater endowments are required; reporting of expenses by function and nature, as well as an analysis of expenses by both function and nature is required; and qualitative information in the notes to the financial statements on how it manages its liquid available resources and liquidity risks is required. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application of the standard is permitted. The Foundation is currently assessing the impact of this pronouncement on the financial statements.

(2) Investments

Investment income consists of the following for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Interest and dividends	\$ 138,916	\$ 191,121
Realized losses	(5,260)	-
Unrealized losses	(22,538)	(163,374)
Total	\$ 111,118	\$ 27,747

Investments consist of the following at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Federated treasury obligations	\$ 17	\$ 11
Certificates of deposit	1,743,625	1,325,795
Mutual funds	5,572,891	3,982,932
Total	\$ 7,316,533	\$ 5,308,738

(3) Receivables

Receivables consist of the following at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Accounts receivable	\$ 471,158	\$ 104,738
Grants receivable	134,536	161,530
Due from affiliates	673,719	1,397,587
Tenants receivables	50,467	163,728
Insurance proceeds receivable	1,705,966	1,803,170
Total	\$ 3,035,846	\$ 3,630,753

Due from affiliates represents amounts due from the University.

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(3) Receivables (continued)

The Foundation recorded a gain of \$305,921 on the collection of an insurance receivable during the year ended December 31, 2016 related to damages incurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The original receivable amount was based upon the estimated cost to repair the impaired property which was less than the actual cost, resulting in a gain.

The Foundation recorded a loss of \$418,655 on the write down of an insurance receivable during the year ended December 31, 2015 related to damages incurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The original receivable amount was based upon the estimated cost to repair the impaired property. During 2015 the actual costs to repair the damage were finalized, resulting in a loss.

There is no allowance recorded on the receivables above as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

(4) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land improvements	\$ 258,573	\$ 258,573
Building - Avondale	12,754,737	12,754,737
ITC buildings and parking garage	62,321,065	62,321,065
Building - ATC	9,186,680	9,186,680
Building - Shea Penland CERF	894,842	894,842
St. Claude Gallery	145,500	145,500
Homer Hitt Alumni Center	-	2,136,218
Construction in progress	708,665	705,896
Office furniture and equipment	44,304	36,793
Artwork	7,000	7,000
	<u>86,321,366</u>	<u>88,447,304</u>
Total fixed assets		
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(34,324,844)</u>	<u>(31,948,236)</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>\$ 51,996,522</u>	<u>\$ 56,499,068</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 totals \$2,600,640 and \$2,624,986, respectively.

The Foundation contributed leasehold improvements to the University of New Orleans dated April 30, 2016 related to the Homer L. Hitt Alumni Center with a book value totaling \$1,912,187.

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(5) Lease Agreements and Cooperative Endeavor Agreements

University of New Orleans/Avondale Maritime Technology Center of Excellence

Obligations

Avondale, a subsidiary of Huntington-Ingalls, (Avondale) donated certain property to the University which is leased to the Foundation pursuant to the terms of a Ground Lease. A ship design facility (Facility), including a laboratory and support area for the UNO School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, has been built on such property by the Foundation and is sub-leased to Avondale.

Also, the Foundation has equipped the Facility and leased such equipment to Avondale. Avondale agreed that it will utilize the Facility for the design and construction of vessels pursuant to the Navy LPD-17 Contract and other contracts. Furthermore, Avondale agrees that it will provide support to the University of New Orleans School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering by providing to the University a Right of Use of space constituting 21,000 square feet in the Facility subleased by Avondale from the Foundation.

On May 16, 1997, the Foundation and Avondale entered into a sub-lease agreement, for a term of 50 years which expires in 2047, which provides for Avondale to lease from the Foundation the land located in Jefferson Parish together with the facilities to be constructed on the land, the facility equipment and the right of uninterrupted access to and from all streets and roads adjoining the land.

This property is subject to the ground lease discussed in Note 9.

National Center for Advanced Manufacturing/MAF Research Administration Building

General

On December 18, 2007, the State, the Foundation, and NASA entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the CEA) for a period of thirty (30) years.

The CEA provides for the use of State funds to pay approximately \$40 million of project costs associated with the planning, design, construction and equipping of a new NASA Research Administration Building (the Building) to be built at MAF. The Building will be used collaboratively by the Foundation and NASA for research and development administration, production work on the Orion Project, education, training and related matters for NASA, its contractors, the University, other Federal and State agencies, other higher educational institutions and private industry.

Obligations

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the activities related to this project are placed on hold by the State of Louisiana. The Foundation has a balance of \$705,896 in construction in progress as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 related to this CEA. Management will reassess this project annually to determine if such costs are impaired. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, no impairment has been recognized on this facility by the Foundation.

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(6) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Financial Accounting Standard Board (“FASB”) authoritative guidance for fair value measurements defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value. The asset’s or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the guidance are described below:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Foundation has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Federated treasury obligations: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Mutual funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded or at the net asset value (“NAV”) of shares held at year end as applicable.

Certificates of deposit: The fair value of certificates of deposits and term deposits is estimated using third-party quotations.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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(6) Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Foundation's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2016. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Federated treasury obligations	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17
Certificates of deposit	-	1,743,625	-	1,743,625
Mutual funds	1,519,266	-	-	1,519,266
Subtotal	<u>1,519,283</u>	<u>1,743,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,262,908</u>
High quality bond fund at NAV	-	-	-	2,022,535
Multi strategy bond fund at NAV	-	-	-	2,031,090
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 1,519,283</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,625</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,316,533</u>

The Foundation's investment in the high quality bond fund and the multi strategy bond fund, as of December 31, 2016, represents .93% and 1.28%, respectively, of all ownership interests in the fund. The high quality bond fund invests primarily in U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade bonds and other fixed income securities. The high quality bond fund may also invest up to 20% of its assets in securities rated below investment grade and certain derivatives, and may use currency hedging. The multi strategy bond funds invest directly or indirectly in U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade bonds and other fixed income securities. The high quality bond fund may also invest in global bonds, inflation indexed bonds, high yield bonds, emerging markets debt, and opportunistic fixed income strategies. The multi strategy bond fund also has investments in certain funds affiliated with the investment manager. Fair values of the investments in these classes have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAV) per share as of December 31, 2016.

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
High quality bond fund	\$2,022,535	Not applicable	Weekly	5 business days prior
Multi strategy bond fund	\$2,031,090	Not applicable	Monthly	5 business days prior to month end

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(6) Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Foundation's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2015. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2015.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Federated treasury obligations	\$ 11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11
Certificates of deposit	-	1,325,795	-	1,325,795
Mutual funds	999,832	-	-	999,832
Subtotal	999,843	1,325,795	-	2,325,638
High quality bond fund at NAV	-	-	-	1,488,537
Multi strategy bond fund at NAV	-	-	-	1,494,563
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 999,843</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,795</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,308,738</u>

The Foundation's investment in the high quality bond fund and the multi strategy bond fund, as of December 31, 2015, represents .83% and .96%, respectively, of all ownership interests in the fund. The high quality bond fund invests primarily in U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade bonds and other fixed income securities. The high quality bond fund may also invest up to 20% of its assets in securities rated below investment grade and certain derivatives, and may use currency hedging. The multi strategy bond funds invest directly or indirectly in U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade bonds and other fixed income securities. The high quality bond fund may also invest in global bonds, inflation indexed bonds, high yield bonds, emerging markets debt, and opportunistic fixed income strategies. The multi strategy bond fund also has investments in certain funds affiliated with the investment manager. Fair values of the investments in these classes have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAV) per share as of December 31, 2015.

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
High quality bond fund	\$1,488,537	Not applicable	Weekly	5 business days prior
Multi strategy bond fund	\$1,494,563	Not applicable	Monthly	5 business days prior to month end

(7) Notes Payable

Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Note Payable

On October 19, 1999, the Foundation entered into a Construction Loan Agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000 with the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority. The loan bears no interest. The first annual payment was due October 1, 2001 and continued through October 1, 2014. The payments were conditioned upon the establishment of a \$500,000 operating reserve.

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(7) Notes Payable (continued)

In March 2014, the Foundation and LFPA entered into a third amendment. The third amendment requires the Foundation to make quarterly payments commencing December 2014 in the amount of \$34,700 through September 2024, the maturity date of this note. An annual payment will be due March 15th each year, commencing on March 15th 2016, in an amount equal to 87.35% of cash flow of the ATC building for the immediately preceding fiscal year minus the amount of quarterly payments paid on the note during the preceding fiscal year. As of December 31, 2016, the Foundation has made payments totaling \$426,126 in principal on the note. The carrying amount of the note is \$1,073,874 as of December 31, 2016. The condition of maintaining an operating reserve has been released. Following this release in 2014, the operating reserve balance of \$428,721 was donated to the University.

This note has debt covenants which are required to be met by the Foundation, including submission of audited financial statements within 180 days of year end. The Foundation is in compliance with the debt covenants as described.

The note is secured by a collateral note signed by the Foundation in the amount of \$2,000,000. This note is subordinate to the bank loan and is secured by a security interest in all of the Foundation's accounts receivable, inventory, and fixtures as well as an assignment of leases and rents, and the ATC building, which is included in property and equipment in the Statement of Financial Position and has a net book value of \$5,424,406 at December 31, 2016.

Local Bank Note Payable

On April 19, 2001, the Foundation entered into a Loan Agreement with a local bank. The balance of the loan at December 31, 2016 is \$3,457,453. The loan was amended in 2011 with an interest rate of 6.5% to mature on April 12, 2016, and again amended in 2016 with an interest rate of 4.5% to mature on April 12, 2021, at which time the remaining unpaid balance of principal and interest will be due. Monthly payments of principal and interest total \$37,969. Although the amendment to the loan covers a five year period, the loan payments are based on a ten year amortization schedule resulting in a final payment in the amount of \$2,071,261, representing all outstanding principal and interest, which is due on April 12, 2021.

This note has debt covenants which are required to be met by the Foundation, including submission of audited financial statements by May 31st following each year end, a debt service coverage ratio of 1.25 to 1, the outstanding principal not to exceed 75% of the fair market value, as appraised of the related property, as well as other negative covenants. The Foundation is in compliance with the debt covenants as described.

The note is collateralized by a collateral note signed by the Foundation in the amount of \$12 million, which is secured by a first lien and security interest in all of the Foundation's accounts receivable, inventory, and fixtures as well as an assignment of leases and rents, and the ATC building, which is included in property and equipment in the Statement of Financial Position and has a net book value of \$5,424,406 at December 31, 2016.

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(7) Notes Payable (continued)

Future Payments

The following is a summary of all notes payable at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Louisiana Public Facilities Authority	\$ 1,073,874	\$ 1,214,486
Local bank	3,457,453	3,715,916
Less: current portion	(442,996)	(397,261)
Total non-current	\$ 4,088,331	\$ 4,533,141

The notes are required to be repaid as follows as of December 31, 2016:

2017	\$ 442,996
2018	457,169
2019	472,002
2020	487,210
2021	2,292,068
2022 - 2024	379,882
	\$ 4,531,327

(8) Bonds Payable

On August 8, 2006, the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority issued \$38,500,000 of Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Series 2006) to the public on behalf of the Foundation. The proceeds of the bonds were used for the financing, planning, design, construction, furnishing and equipping of resident facilities for use by the University, including all equipment, furnishings, fixtures and facilities incidental or necessary in connection therewith. The proceeds were also used to pay the costs associated with the issuance of the bonds.

On August 28, 2014, the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (the Authority) issued \$36,000,000 of its Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2014 (the Series 2014 Bonds) on behalf of the Foundation to advance refund and defease the Authority's outstanding Series 2006 Bonds. As a result of the advanced refunding and defeasance of the Series 2006 Bonds, the Foundation achieved interest rate savings which resulted in an undiscounted cash savings of \$5,456,855 over the life of the Series 2014 Bonds.

The Series 2014 Bonds were issued at a premium, which totaled \$2,974,068 on the date of issuance of the Series 2014 Bonds. The premium is being amortized over the life of the Series 2014 Bonds. The total amount of premium relating to the Series 2014 Bonds amortized during year ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 respectively was \$277,621 and \$277,192, and the unamortized premium relating to the Series 2014 Bonds as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 respectively was \$2,328,223 and \$2,605,844.

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(8) Bonds Payable (continued)

The interest rates on the 2014 Bonds range from 3% to 5% per annum with the first interest payment due on March 1, 2015. The first principal payment was due September 1, 2016 with the final principal payment due in 2035.

The 2014 bond issue has debt covenants which are required to be met by the Foundation. Additionally, the bond issue is collateralized by the resident facilities which are recorded as a financing lease receivable from the University (see Note 14). The Foundation is in compliance with the debt covenants.

Bonds payable consists of the following as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Bond payable	\$ 35,175,000	\$ 36,000,000
Bond premium	2,328,223	2,605,844
Less: prepaid bond insurance	(183,348)	(193,170)
Less: cost of bond issuance	(515,729)	(543,359)
Bonds payable, net	\$ 36,804,146	\$ 37,869,315

The outstanding Series 2014 bonds are required to be repaid as follows for the next five years and five year periods thereafter.

2017	\$ 900,000
2018	980,000
2019	1,055,000
2020	1,135,000
2021	1,220,000
2022-2026	7,845,000
2027-2031	11,070,000
2032-2036	10,970,000
	\$ 35,175,000

(9) Ground Leases

University of New Orleans Ground Lease 1

On May 16, 1997, the University of New Orleans (the University) entered into a non-transferable ground lease agreement with the Foundation. The terms of the lease agreement provide that the University will lease a tract of approximately 4.57 acres of land that is located in Jefferson Parish to the Foundation that will in turn develop construct, maintain, operate, manage, and lease improvements on such land for the purpose set forth in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. The lease agreement is for a term of fifty years.

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(9) Ground Leases (continued)

At the expiration of the lease, the facilities and all furniture, fixtures, equipment, and furnishings permanently affixed to the facilities shall become the property of the University which is recorded in property and equipment in the Statement of Financial Position, with a remaining net book value of \$6,731,290 and \$7,059,320 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

University of New Orleans Ground Lease 2

On December 1, 1997, the University entered into a non-transferable ground lease agreement with the Foundation which was amended on October 1, 1999. The terms of the lease agreement and related amendment provide that the University will lease a tract of approximately 30 acres of certain lakefront property that is located in Orleans Parish to the Foundation which will develop, construct, maintain, operate, manage, and/or lease improvements on such land. The lease agreement is for a term of ninety-nine years.

At the expiration of the lease, the facilities and all furniture, fixtures, equipment, and furnishings permanently affixed to the facilities shall become the property of the University. The facilities and related fixtures, equipment, and furnishings are recorded in property and equipment in the Statement of Financial Position, with a remaining net book value of \$43,717,256 and \$45,939,030 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Coastal Education and Research Facility Ground Lease

On December 22, 2009, the Foundation was assigned leases for four boat slips and received a donation for related leasehold improvements (the Property). \$215,000 was provided by the Foundation towards improvements to the Property. The Foundation entered into an agreement with the University making the Property available to the University for use as the University of New Orleans Shea Penland Coastal Education and Research Facility (CERF) to support the University's mission to establish a wetlands research and education field station.

The CERF building is recorded in property and equipment in the Statement of Financial Position, with a remaining net book value of \$648,828 and \$715,265 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

(10) Other Lease Agreements

On January 15, 1998, the Foundation entered into a sub-lease agreement with the United States of America (the Government) to lease space at the Information Technology Center from the Foundation comprising of approximately 300,000 square feet of administrative space, 1,050 hard surface parking spaces, and 11.82 acres of land located at the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park. As of October 2013, the Government leases two buildings of administrative space totaling approximately 200,000 square feet and 700 hard surface parking spaces.

The terms of the facility lease agreement provide that the Government will have and hold the noted facility for the term beginning on the date of completion of the facility for an initial ten year term with fifteen individual one year renewal terms. The lease is renewed annually per the agreement.

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(10) Other Lease Agreements (continued)

On August 8, 2014, the Foundation entered into a lease agreement with a private tenant (the Private Tenant) to lease the entire Information Technology Center No. 4 building from the Foundation comprising of approximately 104,000 rentable square feet, located at the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park. The commencement date of the lease was January 1, 2015 with an initial term of ten years with the option to extend the lease for three additional five-year terms.

(11) Future Lease Rent

Future rent from all lease agreements is as follows. The schedule below does not include the future rent to be received from the Avondale arrangement described in Note 5 of \$100,000 per year through 2047.

2017	\$ 5,354,677
2018	3,134,523
2019	2,787,499
2020	2,548,339
2021	2,540,741
2022-2025	5,940,972
	<u>\$ 22,306,751</u>

(12) Due To/From Affiliates/Related Party Transactions

University of New Orleans Foundation

The Foundation received \$525,000 for administrative support provided to the University of New Orleans Foundation (UNOF) during both 2016 and 2015.

The University received \$56,131 in subsidies from the Foundation which was passed through the UNOF during 2016. At December 31, 2016, funds due from the UNOF totaled \$0, and funds due to the UNOF totaled \$2,464.

The University received \$73,397 in subsidies from the Foundation which was passed through the UNOF during 2015. At December 31, 2015, funds due from the UNOF totaled \$0, and funds due to the UNOF totaled \$946.

University of New Orleans

The Foundation enters into certain contracts, and makes the related contract payments, on behalf of the University. The University reimburses the Foundation for such contract payments made on its behalf. The University also makes payments to the Foundation for property management of the Center for Energy Resources Management building.

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(12) Due To/From Affiliates/Related Party Transactions (continued)

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Foundation incurred \$4,983,916 and \$3,147,200 respectively related to the aforementioned contract payments and property management services included on the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets as detailed below.

	2016	2015
Property Operations	\$ 360,068	\$ 430,004
International Programs	770,937	588,317
Student Housing	1,320,794	1,336,703
Technology Transfer	322,504	304,614
Donations to University	1,944,306	335,024
Other payments on behalf of University	265,307	152,538
	\$ 4,983,916	\$ 3,147,200

The balance due from the University related to these contracts and services as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 total \$673,719 and \$1,397,587 respectively. Payables to the University as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are \$499,386 and \$595,512 respectively, as recorded on the Statement of Financial Position.

The Foundation paid to the University \$73,576 and \$138,669 during the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 related to the Memorandum of Understanding related to National Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The Foundation holds a remaining \$374,228 and \$447,804 as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 which is included on the Statement of Financial Position as amounts held in custody for affiliates.

(13) National Collegiate Athletic Association

The Foundation has an affiliation agreement with the University which requires the presentation of a supplemental schedule illustrating revenue, support, expenses, and capitalized expenditures made to or on behalf of the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Program for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Foundation incurred no such amounts.

(14) Financing Lease Receivable

The Foundation entered into a ground lease dated August 8, 2006, and amended in August 2014 with the University for the purpose of financing, planning, constructing, and equipping a student residence facility. Pursuant to a facility lease, the Foundation leased the completed facility to the University. Rent payments from the University are sufficient to pay debt services on the Series 2014 Bonds, which is collateralized by the student residence facilities.

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(14) Financing Lease Receivable (continued)

The lease was determined to meet the requirements of a financing lease and as such, the asset was then transferred from construction in progress to a financing lease receivable. The total financing lease receivable is required to be repaid as follows for the next five years and five year periods thereafter.

2017	\$ 900,000
2018	980,000
2019	1,055,000
2020	1,135,000
2021	1,220,000
2022-2026	7,845,000
2027-2031	11,070,000
2032-2036	10,970,000
	<u>\$ 35,175,000</u>

(15) Expenses

Expenses by natural classification have been incurred for the following for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Amortization	\$ 108,308	\$ 108,308
Depreciation	2,600,640	2,624,986
Interest expense	1,456,682	1,532,133
Rentals and leases	515,552	411,309
Equipment	17,817	33,876
Consulting and legal fees	95,665	203,858
Accounting fees	53,748	42,106
Contract services	2,357,423	2,797,829
Building related operations	1,157,208	1,095,307
Donations to University/Affiliates	2,000,437	630,733
Operating expenses	1,953,437	1,840,706
Supplies/maintenance	934,585	380,370
Loss on insurance receivable	-	418,655
	<u>\$ 13,251,502</u>	<u>\$ 12,120,176</u>

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(16) Concentrations of Risk and Contingencies

The Foundation has concentrated its credit risk for cash by maintaining deposits in financial institutions in New Orleans, Louisiana, which may at times exceed amounts covered by insurance provided by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The Foundation has not experienced any losses and does not believe that significant credit risk exists as a result of this practice.

The Foundation is involved in certain claims and legal actions arising in the normal course of activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Foundation's financial position.

(17) Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, May 19, 2017, and determined that there were no subsequent events requiring disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

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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**

To the Board of Directors
University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation
New Orleans, Louisiana

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 University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) (the Foundation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 19, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Foundation'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 Foundation's financial statements are free of 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 Foundation'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 Foundation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Robert W. White & Nettenville

May 19, 2017
Metairie, Louisiana

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Directors
University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Foundation's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Independent Auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Foundation's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Foundation's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Foundation's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Foundation complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Foundation is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Foundation's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses deficiencies or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the Foundation as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated May 19, 2017, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance, and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Posthumus & Lettenville

May 19, 2017
Metairie, Louisiana

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION, INC.
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the year ended December 31, 2016

<u>Federal Grantor/Program Name</u>	<u>Federal CFDA or Other Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>	<u>Passed through to Sub-recipients</u>
<u>Research and Development Cluster</u>				
<i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>				
<i>Direct Awards</i>				
Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP)	66.125	N/A	<u>\$ 1,230,615</u>	<u>\$ 1,173,191</u>
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			<u>1,230,615</u>	<u>1,173,191</u>
Total Research and Development Cluster			<u>1,230,615</u>	<u>1,173,191</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,230,615</u>	<u>\$ 1,173,191</u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

December 31, 2016

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2016. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Foundation, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Foundation.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

(3) Relationship to Federal Financial Reports

Amounts reported in the Schedule agree with the amounts reported in the related federal financial reports, except for the amounts in reports submitted as of a date subsequent to December 31, 2016.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended December 31, 2016

(1) Summary of the Independent Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial report:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major program: Unmodified

Did the audit disclose any audit findings which the independent auditor is required to report under the Uniform Guidance? No

Identification of major program:

Research and Development Cluster:
Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program - CFDA #66.125

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance: Yes

(2) Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*: None

(3) Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards: None

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Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

None noted.