

**AGENDA**  
Executive Committee

Council on Postsecondary Education

Friday, November 13, 2015

8:00 AM

Gateway Community & Technical College, Florence, KY (Boone campus) - CAM Building,  
Room B104A

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1. Welcoming and Roll Call
2. Review FY 2014-15 Agency Audit Report 2
3. Other Business
4. Adjourn



**KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON  
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

MATTERS TO BE COMMUNICATED TO

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

JUNE 30, 2015



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November 6, 2015

To the Council Members  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
Frankfort, Kentucky

We have audited the financial statements of the Council on Postsecondary Education (the Council) for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated as of the date of this letter. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards* and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 23, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## **SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS**

### **QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Council are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 15, during 2015, the Council implemented **GASB Statement No. 68**, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and **GASB Statement No. 71**, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. We noted no transactions entered into by the Council during the year for which there was a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. We noted no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of compensated leave is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. Only the accumulated annual and compensatory leave that is estimated to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate pertaining to compensatory leave in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

We believe the disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

#### **DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### **CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

#### **MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated as of the date of this letter.

## **MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Council's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations.

## **OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Council's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

## **OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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This communication is intended solely for the use of management, the Council Members, others within the Council, and the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service and extend our thanks to everyone at the Council for their cooperation and assistance. We would be pleased to discuss any of the above matters with you at your convenience.

*Blue & Co., LLC*



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POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Council Members  
Council on Postsecondary Education

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council on Postsecondary Education (the Council), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with auditing standards 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.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 auditor's 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 Council'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 Council'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 opinions.

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### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Change in Accounting Principles

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, in 2015, the Council adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Report on Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 12, the schedules of the proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedules of contributions on pages 49 through 52, and the budgetary comparison information on pages 53 through 58, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by *Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* is presented on pages 66 and 67 for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information included in the accompanying schedules on pages 59 through 65 is also presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and supplementary information are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and supplementary information are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2015 on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 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 Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Blue & Co., LLC*

Lexington, Kentucky  
November 6, 2015

# **COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2015**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education (the Council) was established by the passage of House Bill 1 during the first 1997 extraordinary session of the Kentucky General Assembly. As a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Council provides direction and oversight to Kentucky's postsecondary education system, including Adult Education.

The Council's management offers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial performance of the Council for the fiscal year (FY) ended June 30, 2015. Readers are encouraged to read this management discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Council's financial statements and the accompanying notes.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The liabilities of the Council exceeded its assets at the close of FY 2015 by \$9,316,152.
- Net position decreased \$19,700,683 between FY 2014 and FY 2015.
- As of the close of FY 2015, the Council's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$7,136,214, which includes balances in the strategic investment and incentive funding programs appropriated to the Council on behalf of the public postsecondary education institutions and agency operations.
- Total fund revenues for FY 2015 were \$59,076,495, representing a 10% decrease from FY 2014.
- Total fund expenditures for FY 2015 were \$61,433,658, representing a less than 1% decrease from FY 2014.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audit report consists of four parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the government-wide financial statements, the fund financial statements, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Council has established separate accounts to track appropriations from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to ensure they are used solely for the purposes for which they were appropriated. Activities of the Council are accounted for as governmental and fiduciary funds.

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### **Government-wide Financial Statements:**

The Council's financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Council's finances, with an emphasis on the major funds within the governmental category.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Council's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Council's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13 and 14 of this report.

### **Governmental Fund Financial Statements:**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Council, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to segregate appropriations designated for specific purposes. The Council reports on two fund types, governmental and fiduciary.

Under the governmental fund type, the Council's finances are displayed by discrete program or activity that also may be described as a fund group. The grouping of programs and discrete activities provides useful information by using a grouping that is more easily recognized by the reader.

Because the focus of the governmental fund financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented in the governmental fund financial statements with similar information presented in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Council's near-term financial decisions. Both the fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison. These two reconciliations can be found on pages 16 and 18 of this report.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements:**

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found beginning on page 20.

During 2015, the Council adopted GASB 68 and 71 as described in Note 15. The adoption of the new standards required the beginning net position to be restated for the current year and retroactively restate all prior period if practical. It was not practical to determine the impact of GASB 68 implementation on fiscal year 2014 as an allocation of the June 30, 2013 actuarial study has not been performed. As such, the 2014 year financials are stated as they were in the previous report.

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### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNCIL

#### Government-wide Financial Analysis:

#### Condensed Financial Information Statements of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current	\$ 9,757,589	\$ 13,882,775
Noncurrent	5,273,840	7,577,767
Total assets	<u>15,031,429</u>	<u>21,460,542</u>
Deferred outflow of resources	<u>994,884</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total assets and deferrals	<u>\$ 16,026,313</u>	<u>\$ 21,460,542</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current	5,558,080	10,257,107
Noncurrent	18,789,501	256,700
Total liabilities	<u>24,347,581</u>	<u>10,513,807</u>
Deferred inflow of resources	<u>432,680</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total liabilities and deferrals	<u>\$ 24,780,261</u>	<u>\$ 10,513,807</u>
<b>Net position (deficit):</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	213,654	240,364
Restricted	5,587,911	6,764,309
Unrestricted deficit	<u>(14,555,513)</u>	<u>3,942,062</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (8,753,948)</u>	<u>\$ 10,946,735</u>

Current assets consist primarily of program cash and cash equivalents, intergovernmental receivables, amounts due from the Federal government under the Council's Federal programs, and prepaid expenses. Noncurrent assets consist primarily of investments.

Current liabilities consist primarily of operating accounts payable, intergovernmental payables, accrued payroll, and accrued compensated absences. As of June 30, 2015, current liabilities also include amounts due to the state investment pool (amounts temporarily advanced by the state pending reimbursement from Federal grantor agencies). The portion of accrued compensated absences not expected to be liquidated

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with expendable financial resources has been estimated and included as a noncurrent liability.

Net position is divided into three components: *net investment in capital assets*, which represents the Council's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation; *restricted net position*, which primarily consists of cash and cash equivalents and investments related to the Council's strategic trust funds and other funding programs, net of outstanding liabilities; and *unrestricted net position*, which consists primarily of cash and cash equivalents and investments related to the Council's Operations and Technology Initiative Trust Funds, net of outstanding liabilities.

As of the close of the fiscal year, net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities mentioned above. Liabilities exceeded assets by approximately \$9.3 million. Total assets decreased by approximately \$6.4 million, primarily in the cash and cash equivalents and due from the federal government categories. Total liabilities increased by approximately \$13.8 million primarily related to the recording of the net pension liability as required by GASB 68. Therefore, net position decreased \$19.7 million between FY 2014 and FY 2015.

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	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
<b>Condensed Financial Information Statements of Activities For the Fiscal Years Ended</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 784,519	\$ 2,305,291
Operating grants and contributions	15,488,864	17,798,330
Capital grants and contributions	638,360	632,934
General revenues:		
State appropriations	42,164,752	45,617,495
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-0-	(28,194)
Total revenues	<u>59,076,495</u>	<u>66,325,856</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Strategic investment and incentive funding programs	39,052,384	35,141,879
Agency, Kentucky Adult Education, and KYVC/KYVL Operations	8,404,811	8,934,441
Federal Programs	12,990,108	16,787,289
Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund	600,000	532,163
Other	46,086	42,476
Total expenses	<u>61,093,389</u>	<u>61,438,248</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>	(2,016,894)	4,887,608
<b>Net position, beginning of year (as previously stated)</b>	<u>10,946,735</u>	<u>6,059,127</u>
<b>Adjustment for net pension liability</b>	<u>(17,683,789)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>Net position (deficit), beginning of year (as adjusted)</b>	<u>(6,737,054)</u>	<u>6,059,127</u>
<b>Net position (deficit), end of year</b>	<u>\$ (8,753,948)</u>	<u>\$ 10,946,735</u>

General Fund appropriations from the Commonwealth of Kentucky are the primary funding source for the activities of the Council. The Kentucky General Assembly, through the appropriations bill and other statutory provisions, directs the use of those appropriations to specific activities. The most significant changes in this year's funding was a decrease in state appropriations by approximately \$3.5 million and a decrease in revenues from the Council's Federal grant programs of approximately \$4.1 million. The

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decrease in appropriations is mostly within the Research Challenge Trust Fund. The decrease in Federal Program revenues is primarily related to decreases in the Adult Education - State Administered federal grant program and the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs federal grant program.

Appropriations to the Council give the agency varying discretion in implementing the significant reforms adopted in 1997 and 2000. In particular, the Strategic Investment and Incentive Funding Programs are directed toward specific reform activities and implementation of the Council's strategic agenda for postsecondary education. Expenses for these programs comprise 57% of the Council's total expenses. The Strategic Investment and Incentive Funding Programs are the primary vehicles for implementation of the postsecondary education reform. Recipients include: the postsecondary institutions, adult education service providers and other recipients of adult education services, and providers and businesses participating in the new economy initiatives.

### **Governmental Fund Financial Analysis:**

As noted earlier, the Council uses fund accounting to ensure and to demonstrate compliance with finance-related and legal requirements. The focus of the Council's fund financial statements is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Council's financing requirements. In particular, fund balances may serve as a useful measure of an agency's net resources available for program purposes at the end of the fiscal year.

### **Condensed Financial Information Balance Sheets**

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 12,847,433</u>	<u>\$ 19,984,712</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	5,711,219	10,491,335
<b>Fund balances</b>	<u>7,136,214</u>	<u>9,493,377</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 12,847,433</u>	<u>\$ 19,984,712</u>

The fund balance primarily represents the cash balances, investment balances, amounts due from the Federal government, and intergovernmental receivables. The fund balances of the Council decreased approximately \$2.4 million between fiscal years. This decrease is primarily related to an increase in contractual obligations.

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### Condensed Financial Information Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Fiscal Years Ended

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
<b>Revenues:</b>		
State appropriations	\$ 42,164,752	\$ 45,617,495
Charges for services	784,519	2,305,291
Intergovernmental revenues	638,360	632,934
Federal programs	13,311,905	17,374,830
Other	2,173,869	422,028
Income from investments	3,090	1,472
Total revenues	<u>59,076,495</u>	<u>66,354,050</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Personnel services	16,886,077	18,658,169
Grants and subsidies	37,752,498	40,139,175
Intergovernmental expenditures	500,000	122,050
Other	6,295,083	3,553,254
Total expenditures	<u>61,433,658</u>	<u>62,472,648</u>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	(2,357,163)	3,881,402
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>9,493,377</u>	<u>5,611,975</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 7,136,214</u>	<u>\$ 9,493,377</u>

The most significant change in this year's revenue is with state appropriation revenues and federal program revenues. State appropriations decreased approximately \$3.5 million, primarily in the Research Challenge Trust Fund. Federal program revenues decreased approximately \$4.1 million. This was primarily related to decreases in the Adult Education - State Administered federal grant program and decreases in the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs federal grant program.

Grants and subsidies primarily consist of payments to institutions, state agencies, and other service providers for costs related to discrete authorized activities. The most significant change in this year's expenditures is with grants and subsidies, resulting from a decrease in grants and subsidies in federal programs of approximately \$2.5 million. Approximately \$0.9 million of the decrease in grants and subsidies for federal programs was related to the decrease in the Adult Education - State Administered federal grant program and approximately \$1.2 million of the decrease was related to the decrease in the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs federal grant program.

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Other expenses represent all other operating expenses of the Council such as postage and related services, rentals and equipment leases, supplies, travel, and dues and subscriptions, as well as contractual obligations for the Kentucky Virtual Campus/Library databases and courier services.

### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Final budgeted revenues increased from original budgeted amounts by approximately \$1.3 million. The total increase is primarily related to the additional funds awarded under the Federal Programs and additional funding for the Technology Initiative Trust Fund.

Final budgeted expenditures increased from original budgeted expenditures by approximately \$1.0 million. The total increase is primarily related to the additional funds awarded under the Federal Programs and additional funding for the Technology Initiative Trust Fund.

### **CURRENTLY KNOWN FACTS, DECISIONS, OR CONDITIONS**

During the 2015 Regular Session, the General Assembly enacted House Bill (HB) 235, which provides appropriations for FY 2015 - 2016. HB 235 also provides for a one time transfer of \$500,000 to the general fund of the Commonwealth during FY 2015.

### **CONTACTING THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Council's finances. If you have any questions concerning the information provided in this report or need additional financial information, contact Ms. Lee Nimocks, Vice President for Operations and Senior Policy Advisor, Council on Postsecondary Education, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601. Ms. Nimocks can be contacted by phone at (502) 573-1555, ext. 244.

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## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
<b>Current assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 289,416
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	2,661,284
Accounts receivable	40,740
Intergovernmental receivables	1,873,689
Due from the Federal government	2,768,979
Prepaid expenses	2,123,481
Total current assets	9,757,589
<b>Noncurrent assets:</b>	
Investments	3,729,808
Investments - restricted	1,330,378
Capital assets - net	213,654
Total noncurrent assets	5,273,840
Total assets	15,031,429
Deferred outflow of resources	994,884
Total assets and deferrals	\$ 16,026,313
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	
<b>Current liabilities:</b>	
Accounts and other payables	\$ 4,229,342
Intergovernmental payables	-0-
Due to the state investment pool	108
Accrued expenses	681,615
Unearned revenue	18,325
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	628,690
Total current liabilities	5,558,080
<b>Noncurrent liabilities:</b>	
Accrued compensated absences - noncurrent portion	223,900
Net pension	18,565,601
Total noncurrent liabilities	18,789,501
Total liabilities	24,347,581
Deferred inflow of resources	432,680
Total liabilities and deferrals	\$ 24,780,261
<b><u>NET POSITION (DEFICIT)</u></b>	
<b>Net investment in capital assets</b>	\$ 213,654
<b>Restricted</b>	5,587,911
<b>Unrestricted deficit</b>	(14,555,513)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (8,753,948)

See accompanying notes  
to the financial statements.

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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2015

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:	Program Revenues				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Operations	\$ 8,404,811	\$ 640,840	\$ 352,487	\$	\$ (7,411,484)
Federal Programs	12,990,108		12,959,418		(30,690)
Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund	600,000			638,360	38,360
Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program	18,559,641				(18,559,641)
Science and Technology Funding Program	5,292,285				(5,292,285)
Research Challenge Trust Fund	5,386,600		1,226		(5,385,374)
Technology Initiative Trust Fund	5,476,243	143,679	2,175,733		(3,156,831)
Capital Projects	2,940,500				(2,940,500)
Assessment and Professional Development	1,397,115				(1,397,115)
Unallocated depreciation expense	46,086				(46,086)
Total governmental activities	\$ 61,093,389	\$ 784,519	\$ 15,488,864	\$ 638,360	\$ (44,181,646)
<b>General revenues:</b>					
State appropriations					\$ 42,164,752
Change in net position					(2,016,894)
Net position, beginning of year (as previously stated)					10,946,735
Adjustment for net pension liability					(17,683,789)
Net position, beginning of year (as adjusted)					(6,737,054)
Net position, end of year					\$ (8,753,948)

See accompanying notes  
to the financial statements.

# COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

## BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2015

	Operations	Federal Programs	Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program	Research Challenge Trust Fund	Technology Initiative Trust Fund	Other (Non-major) Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 117,897	\$	\$	\$ 1,207,700	\$ 1,601,959	\$ 23,144	\$ 2,950,700
Investments	2,656,966			808,803	1,072,844	521,573	5,060,186
Accounts receivable	20				40,720		40,740
Intergovernmental receivables	40,168	174,212	1,638,249			21,060	1,873,689
Due from the Federal government	201,691	2,567,288					2,768,979
Interfund receivable					153,139		153,139
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,016,742</u>	<u>\$ 2,741,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,638,249</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,503</u>	<u>\$ 2,868,662</u>	<u>\$ 565,777</u>	<u>\$ 12,847,433</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>							
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
Accounts and other payables	\$ 32,005	\$ 2,418,204	\$ 1,638,249	\$ 7,344	\$ 112,480	\$ 21,060	\$ 4,229,342
Due to the state investment pool		108					108
Accrued expenses	477,603	141,635	11,486		26,762	24,129	681,615
Unearned revenue					18,325		18,325
Accrued compensated absences	552,203	43,529	11,601		12,290	9,067	628,690
Interfund payable		153,139					153,139
Total liabilities	<u>1,061,811</u>	<u>2,756,615</u>	<u>1,661,336</u>	<u>7,344</u>	<u>169,857</u>	<u>54,256</u>	<u>5,711,219</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>							
<b>Restricted:</b>							
for Adult Education		28,031					28,031
for SHEEHO Multi-State Collaborative Agreement					35,784		35,784
for Technology Initiative					1,226,106		1,226,106
for Accelerating Opportunity Kentucky					70,000		70,000
for Automated residency application system					63,156		63,156
for Gear Up Research Triangle Institute					8,473		8,473
for Core to College					8,596		8,596
for University Equine programs						544,717	544,717
for Lung Cancer Research				2,009,159			2,009,159
<b>Assigned:</b>							
for agency operations	1,954,931						1,954,931
for Technology Trust Fund					1,405,533		1,405,533
Unassigned		(43,146)	(23,087)		(118,843)	(33,196)	(218,272)
Total fund balances	<u>1,954,931</u>	<u>(43,146)</u>	<u>(23,087)</u>	<u>2,009,159</u>	<u>2,698,805</u>	<u>511,521</u>	<u>7,136,214</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,016,742</u>	<u>\$ 2,741,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,638,249</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,503</u>	<u>\$ 2,868,662</u>	<u>\$ 565,777</u>	<u>\$ 12,847,433</u>

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## RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

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<b>Fund balances - total governmental funds</b>			\$ 7,136,214
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
The deferred outflow of resources are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
			994,884
Prepaid expenses are accounted for in the governmental funds as expenditures in the period of acquisition and, therefore, are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Prepaid expenses			2,123,481
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Governmental capital assets	570,267		
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(356,613)</u>		213,654
The noncurrent portion of accrued compensated absences is not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.			
Accrued compensated absences - noncurrent portion			(223,900)
The deferred inflow of resources is not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.			
			(432,680)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.			
			<u>(18,565,601)</u>
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>			<u>\$ (8,753,948)</u>

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## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2015

	Operations	Federal Programs	Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program	Research Challenge Trust Fund	Technology Initiative Trust Fund	Other (Non-major) Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>							
State appropriations	\$ 6,914,325	\$	\$ 18,569,715	\$ 2,908,967	\$ 4,075,300	\$ 9,696,445	\$ 42,164,752
Charges for services	640,840				143,679		784,519
Intergovernmental revenues						638,360	638,360
Federal programs	352,487	12,959,418					13,311,905
Other revenues					2,173,869		2,173,869
Income from investments				1,226	1,864		3,090
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>7,907,652</u>	<u>12,959,418</u>	<u>18,569,715</u>	<u>2,910,193</u>	<u>6,394,712</u>	<u>10,334,805</u>	<u>59,076,495</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>							
Personnel services	6,314,908	3,562,887	288,492	7,344	4,812,288	1,900,158	16,886,077
Utilities, rental, and other services	959,344	353,837	518,275		410,596		2,242,052
Commodities and supplies	257,365	92,856	24,310		312,153	525	687,209
Grants and subsidies	20,000	8,880,615	17,731,416	5,590,506	113,576	5,416,385	37,752,498
Travel	149,060	138,115	11,369		50,992	56,410	405,946
Capital expenditures	19,376						19,376
Capital projects						2,940,500	2,940,500
Intergovernmental expenditures	500,000						500,000
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>8,220,053</u>	<u>13,028,310</u>	<u>18,573,862</u>	<u>5,597,850</u>	<u>5,699,605</u>	<u>10,313,978</u>	<u>61,433,658</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>(312,401)</u>	<u>(68,892)</u>	<u>(4,147)</u>	<u>(2,687,657)</u>	<u>695,107</u>	<u>20,827</u>	<u>(2,357,163)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>							
Interfund transfers in (out)	<u>(762,589)</u>				<u>762,589</u>		<u>-0-</u>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	(1,074,990)	(68,892)	(4,147)	(2,687,657)	1,457,696	20,827	(2,357,163)
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>3,029,921</u>	<u>53,777</u>	<u>(18,940)</u>	<u>4,696,816</u>	<u>1,241,109</u>	<u>490,694</u>	<u>9,493,377</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,954,931</u>	<u>\$ (15,115)</u>	<u>\$ (23,087)</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,159</u>	<u>\$ 2,698,805</u>	<u>\$ 511,521</u>	<u>\$ 7,136,214</u>

See accompanying notes  
to the financial statements.

# COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

## RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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**Net change in fund balances -**

**total governmental funds** \$ (2,357,163)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report as expenditures for certain payments that benefit future periods. In the statement of activities, this future benefit is deferred until the service has been received.

Change in prepaid expenses 653,787

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Current year expenditures for capital assets	19,376	
Current year depreciation expense	<u>(46,086)</u>	(26,710)

Pension expenses not payable from current year resources are not reported as expenditures of the current year. In the statement of activities these costs represent expenses of the current year. (319,608)

Accrued compensated absences not payable from current year resources are not reported as expenditures of the current year. In the statement of activities these costs represent expenses of the current year.

Change in the noncurrent portion of accrued compensated absences		<u>32,800</u>
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**Change in net position of governmental activities** \$ (2,016,894)

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## STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

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	<u>Agency Fund</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ 602,577
Intergovernmental receivables	862
Investments - restricted	58,074
Prepaid expenses	<u>137,350</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 798,863</u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	
 Accounts payable	 <u>\$ 798,863</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015

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### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Financial Reporting Entity

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Council on Postsecondary Education (the Council) is presented to assist in understanding the Council's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Council's management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements of the Council are included in the general purpose financial statements of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a discretely presented component unit (within component units - universities and colleges).

#### *Council on Postsecondary Education:*

The Council was created by the passage of House Bill 1 during the 1997 Extraordinary Session of the Kentucky General Assembly to provide direction and oversight to all of Kentucky's postsecondary education institutions. The Council was established as an agency, instrumentality, and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Council is composed of the Commissioner of Education (nonvoting ex officio member), a faculty member, a student member, and thirteen citizen members. Citizen Council members are selected from a list of nominees provided to the Governor under the nominating process set forth in the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 164 provides that the Council has the responsibility to develop a strategic plan for postsecondary education with advice from the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education; to develop an accountability system to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the State's postsecondary education system and its compliance with the strategic plan; to revise and approve the missions of the State's universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System; and to determine the compliance of the postsecondary institutions with their academic, service, and research missions. The Council shall determine tuition and approve the minimum qualifications for admission to the postsecondary educational system. The Council shall review and approve all capital construction projects including real property acquisitions. The Council shall define and approve the offering of all postsecondary education technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree, certificate, or diploma programs in the public postsecondary education institutions. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to, promoting employee and faculty development statewide; ensuring coordination, transferability, and connectivity of technology among the State's postsecondary educational institutions; and identifying standardized degree

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programs and eliminating or making changes in existing academic programs at the State's postsecondary educational institutions.

### *Kentucky Virtual Campus:*

In accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164.800, the Council has established the Commonwealth Virtual Campus to make academic programs available to the citizens of the Commonwealth through the use of modern methods of communications and information dissemination as determined by the Council after consideration of the recommendations of the Distance Learning Advisory Committee and the needs expressed by regional advisory groups. The Council has established a Distance Learning Advisory Committee to advise the Council on matters relating to the Kentucky Virtual Campus. The members of the advisory committee include the Presidents of each of the nine State postsecondary education institutions, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Educational Television Network, a representative of the Association on Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, and other representatives as the Council deems appropriate. Regional universities shall be the primary developers and deliverers of baccalaureate and master's degree programs to be delivered by the Kentucky Virtual Campus. The Council shall determine the allocation of tuition, course offerings, source of courses, technology to be used, and other matters relating to the use of distance learning to promote education through the Kentucky Virtual Campus. The accounts of the Kentucky Virtual Campus (KYVC) include the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) and are included in the accompanying financial statements.

### *Kentucky Adult Education:*

The Adult Education Reform Act of 2000 provided the foundation for improving the educational status of adult Kentuckians who do not have a high school diploma, who function at low levels of literacy, or who want to learn the English language. With the passage of Senate Bill 105 during the 2006 Regular Session, all functions and activities associated with adult education and literacy were assigned to the Council to facilitate the program's next level of achievement. Kentucky Adult Education has developed and incorporated ten priorities for its programs and activities: Base Funding for Students, Corrections Education, English Literacy/Civics, Family Literacy, Go Higher/P-16 Communities, Kentucky Virtual Adult Education, Professional Development, Tuition Discounts, Employer Contributions, and Workforce Education Initiatives. Kentucky Adult Education will continue to create new avenues for reaching adult learners, helping them transition to postsecondary education.

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### Basis of Presentation

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, "*Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*," the financial statements include a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Council's overall financial position and results of operations. The Council also presents two sets of financial statements: government-wide financial statements and governmental fund financial statements.

### *Government-Wide Financial Statements:*

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Council. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. *General revenues* include appropriations and other items not included in program revenues.

### *Fund Financial Statements:*

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Funds reported by the Council are organized into two major categories: governmental and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Council or total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund are at least ten percent of the total for all governmental funds combined. In addition, any other fund that management feels has importance to the financial statement users may be reported.

Governmental funds are those through which most of the Council's functions are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Council's major governmental funds:

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*Operations* - Includes general agency operations for the whole agency, including those associated with KYVC/KYVL and adult education. This fund represents the general operations of the Council and accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The Operations fund balance is available to the Council for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

*Federal Programs* - This fund represents all programs financed by a federal agency, including both grants directly awarded to the Council and grants passed through to the Council from another entity (i.e. pass-through). The Council is the recipient of the Adult Education State Administered Program, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR-UP), Improving Teacher Quality State Grant (IEQ), pass-through funds from the Kentucky Department of Education for Statewide Data Systems and Career and Technical Education-Basic Grants to States, and pass through funds from the Office of Employment and Training for Incentive Grants - WIA Section 503.

*Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program* - Policy leadership and planning responsibility for adult education and literacy has been assigned to the Council. The Council's responsibility is to establish guidelines for the use, distribution, and administration of the fund and for the fiscal agents to assess area needs and to develop strategies to meet those needs.

*Research Challenge Trust Fund* - The goal of this fund is to encourage research activities at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. This fund is used to administer two main programs: the Endowment Match Program and the Lung Cancer Research Program.

*Technology Initiative Trust Fund* - This fund is intended to support investments in electronic technology to improve student learning throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The fund also is designed to promote other programs consistent with purposes of the postsecondary education reform. The Council may establish subsidiary programs to be funded from this fund.

Other governmental funds of the Council account for appropriations, grants, and other resources whose use may be restricted for a particular purpose and include all governmental funds not meeting the criteria of a major fund. These include the Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund, the Science and Technology Funding Program, the Postsecondary Workforce Development Trust Fund, the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund, the Technology Initiative Trust Fund, and the Assessment and Professional Development Fund.

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Fiduciary funds (not included in the government-wide financial statements) include:

*Agency Funds* - Agency funds account for monies held by the Council for custodial purposes only. Pass-through programs currently accounted for through agency funds include:

- Cancer Research Institutions Matching Fund
- Contract Spaces Program
- Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program
- Professional Education Preparatory Program
- Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program
- Kentucky Autism Training Center
- Washington Internship Program

### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

#### *Measurement Focus:*

The government-wide financial statements of the Council (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Council. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of changes in net position and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as the measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Fiduciary funds consist of Agency Funds which are custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Accordingly, they present only a statement of fiduciary net position and do not present a statement of changes in fiduciary net position.

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### *Basis of Accounting:*

The government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Grants are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are susceptible to accrual and are recognized in the financial statements when they are measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. The Council defines "available" as revenues to be collected within 30 days, except for intergovernmental revenues, which are available if expected receipt is within one year. Revenues from federal, state, and other grants designated for payment of Council expenditures are recognized when the related expenditures are incurred; accordingly, when such funds are received, they are reported as deferred revenues until earned. Material revenues susceptible to accrual primarily include Federal grants. Expenditures and liabilities are recognized when obligations are incurred, except noncurrent accrued compensated absences which are accounted for in the governmental funds balance sheet and recorded as expenditures of the period when used.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Restricted Cash

Restricted cash and cash equivalents principally consist of funds relative to the Council's Federal and strategic investment and incentive funding programs, as well as its pass-through (fiduciary) programs.

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### Investments

Investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The equity position of the Council in the long-term portion of the Commonwealth's investment pool is reported as investments of the Council. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the government-wide statement of activities (primarily program revenues) and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances (income/loss from investments). Restricted investments principally consist of funds relative to the Council's Federal and strategic investment and incentive funding programs, as well as its pass-through (fiduciary) programs.

### Intergovernmental Transactions

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur with other State governmental entities that may result in amounts due to/from and revenues from/expenditures to other governmental entities. See Note 10 for details of such transactions.

### Due from the Federal Government

Amounts due from the Federal government represent the amounts due to the Council under its Federal awards programs. At June 30, 2015, the balance consists of amounts due under the Council's Adult Education State Administered Federal Grant Program, GEAR-UP, and IEQ.

### Prepaid Expenses

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements. Prepaid expenses are accounted for in the governmental funds as expenditures in the period of acquisition and, therefore, are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

### Capital Assets

General capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital outlay is reflected as an expenditure of the respective governmental fund, and the related assets are reported in the statement of net position. Capital assets are defined by the Council as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. All capital assets are valued at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, ranging from five to thirty years, and is recorded in the statement of activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of

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the assets or materially extend assets' lives are reported as expenditures of the respective governmental fund.

### Interfund Transactions

During the course of operations, transactions may occur between funds within Council activities that may result in amounts owed between funds. Interfund receivables and payables are eliminated in the statement of net position.

### Unearned Revenue

The Council reports unearned revenue to the extent that resources have been received before the applicable revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue in the governmental funds. When the eligibility requirements are met, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

### Compensated Absences

All annual and compensatory leave is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. Only the accumulated annual and compensatory leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. No liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

### Equity Classifications

#### *Government-Wide Financial Statements:*

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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- c. Unrestricted - All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Council's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

As of June 30, 2015, Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund net position totaling \$544,717 is restricted by enabling legislation.

### *Fund Financial Statements:*

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the Council. Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the Council members. Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories. Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The Council generally segregates restricted, committed, and assigned resources by account. When resources meeting more than one of these spendable classifications are commingled in an account in the state's accounting system, the assumed order of spending is restricted first, committed second, and finally assigned. Once restricted resources have been exhausted, unrestricted resources will then be spent on the specific purpose.

### Program Revenues

The primary sources of the Council's program revenues are revenues received from the United States Department of Education under the Council's four Federal programs and the intergovernmental revenues primarily associated with the funding of the Postsecondary Equine Trust and Revolving Fund (see Note 10).

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### State Appropriations

The primary funding source for the activities of the Council is legislative General Fund appropriations from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Except for those prescribed by statute or other legislation, unexpended allotments lapse to the General Fund. The Council may, subject to appropriations from the General Fund of the Commonwealth or from funds made available to it from any other public source, provide program support restricted to the extent of its remaining unexpended funds. The Council's unexpended allotments are maintained by the Commonwealth's Finance and Administration Cabinet.

### Expenses/Expenditures

Expenses are classified by function/program in the government-wide financial statements. Expenditures are classified by object category (personnel services, travel, etc.) in the governmental fund financial statements. Indirect expenses are not allocated to functions in the statement of activities.

### Total Columns on the Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The total columns on the governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns does not present financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, nor is such data comparable to a consolidation.

## 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

For purposes of budgeting, the Commonwealth's budgetary structure and accounting principles differ from those utilized to present financial statements in conformity with GAAP.

The budget for the biennium is prepared with two-year projections being made in light of long-range program requirements and revenue estimates. The biennial budget request is prepared by the Council and presented to the Governor for submission to the Kentucky General Assembly.

The Kentucky General Assembly is required to enact a balanced budget. Budgetary control is exercised by the Finance and Administration Cabinet on the basis of appropriation to the various cabinets. For purposes of managing budgeted appropriations, the Council controls expenditures on a functional basis. Except for those prescribed by statute or other legislation, unexpended allotments lapse to the Commonwealth's General Fund.

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The Council's budgeting is dependent upon undesignated fund balances and estimated revenues in determining available funds for statutory programs and operating requirements. The budget is developed from the analysis of the above factors, prior-year performance, and new data modifying or expanding the postsecondary education program for the fiscal period in question.

### Deficit Fund Balances

The Federal Programs fund had a negative fund balance on June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$15,115. The Assessment and Professional Development Fund had a negative fund balance on June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$33,196. The Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program had a negative fund balance on June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$23,087. The negative fund balances above are due to revenue recognition of the Council under the modified accrual basis of accounting. Additional revenues received in fiscal year 2016 are expected to eliminate the deficits.

### 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

All Council receipts are deposited directly in the Commonwealth's general depository or depositories designated by the State Treasurer, which has statutory responsibility and authority to safeguard the funds. At June 30, 2015, the Council's share of deposits in the Commonwealth's general depository (State investment pool) totals \$8,010,886. Agency funds held by the Council in the Commonwealth's general depository total \$660,651 at June 30, 2015. At June 30, 2015, the statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet reflect an amount due to the State investment pool totaling \$108. This liability reflects the amount of overdrawn deposits as of year-end. However, subsequent collections on amounts due from the Federal government will be used by the Council to satisfy its obligation to the investment pool.

The Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2015 should be referred to for disclosures required by GASB Statement No. 3, "*Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*" and GASB Statement No. 40, "*Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*" (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 3).

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### 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity during the year ended June 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2015
<b>Capital assets:</b>				
Telephone system	\$ 27,996	\$	\$	\$ 27,996
Office equipment	23,056	19,376		42,432
Data processing equipment	382,939			382,939
Vehicles	116,900			116,900
<b>Capital assets at cost</b>	<u>550,891</u>	<u>19,376</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>570,267</u>
<b>Less accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Telephone system	14,035	2,798		16,833
Office equipment	21,283	630		21,913
Data processing equipment	158,309	42,658		200,967
Vehicles	116,900			116,900
<b>Total accumulated depreciation:</b>	<u>310,527</u>	<u>46,086</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>356,613</u>
 Capital assets - net	 <u>\$ 240,364</u>	 <u>\$ (26,710)</u>	 <u>\$ -0-</u>	 <u>\$ 213,654</u>

Depreciation expense for 2015 totals \$46,086.

### 5. ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the Council's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave, compensatory leave, and sick pay benefits. The policy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is to only record the cost of annual and compensatory leave.

#### *Annual and Compensatory Leave:*

Annual leave is accumulated at amounts ranging from 7.50 to 15.00 hours per month, determined by length of service, with maximum accumulations ranging from 30 to 60 days. The calendar year is the period used for determining accumulated leave. Compensatory leave is granted to authorized employees.

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Activity in the liability for accrued compensated absences during the year ended June 30, 2015 is summarized as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2015
Accrued compensated absences	\$ 868,836	\$ 612,754	\$ 629,000	\$ 852,590

As of June 30, 2015, the amount estimated to be due within one year totals approximately \$629,000.

*Sick Leave:*

It is the policy of the Council to record the cost of sick leave when paid. Generally, sick leave (earned one day per month with unlimited accumulation) is paid only when an employee is absent due to illness, injury, or related family death. There is no liability recorded for sick leave at June 30, 2015. The estimated accumulated amount of unused sick leave at June 30, 2015, totals approximately \$1,487,000.

## 6. FIDUCIARY FUND

The changes in assets and liabilities of the fiduciary fund during the year ended June 30, 2015 are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2015
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ 25,046	\$ 10,412,649	\$ 9,835,118	\$ 602,577
Intergovernmental receivables	-	862	-	862
Investments - restricted	312,878	58,074	312,878	58,074
Prepaid expenses	1,000	137,350	1,000	137,350
Total assets	\$ 338,924	\$ 10,608,935	\$ 10,148,996	\$ 798,863
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 338,924	\$ 798,863	\$ 338,924	\$ 798,863

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### 7. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Council leases certain equipment with terms in excess of one year. Future minimum rentals remaining under these non-cancelable operating leases for the year ending June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Year ending June 30

2016	\$ 100,750
2017	100,750
2018	79,957
2019	8,790
2020	<u>-0-</u>
	<u>\$ 290,247</u>

The Council also leases office space under a lease agreement with an initial lease term that ended June 30, 2009. The lease agreement provided for three yearly automatic extension periods through June 30, 2012. However, the Council gave the lessor written notice thirty days prior to the expiration, renewing for an additional four yearly automatic extension periods through June 30, 2016. Future rentals remaining under this cancelable office space lease (through June 30, 2016 assuming the Council does not exercise its right to terminate the lease) are \$350,404 for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Rentals paid under all operating leases (including the office space lease) during 2015 totaled approximately \$427,000.

### 8. RETIREMENT PLANS

*Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund:*

In accordance with KRS 61.520(2)(a) and Executive Order 74-762, professional staff may elect upon joining the staff of the Council to participate in the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) or elect to participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (see below).

In order to provide the opportunity to continue participation in the TIAA-CREF, the Council has established a tax-deferred annuity plan, which requires electing participants to enter into a written salary reduction agreement with the Council in order to participate. All eligible employees may begin participation in the plan on a voluntary basis on the first day after beginning employment at the Council. Electing participants are required by the plan to contribute 5.00% of their salaries to the plan.

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Currently, the Council is required to contribute 8.03% of the covered employees' salaries. The contribution requirement for the year ended June 30, 2015 totals approximately \$236,000, consisting of approximately \$145,000 from the Council and \$91,000 from employees. The contribution requirement for the year ended June 30, 2014 totaled approximately \$259,000, consisting of approximately \$160,000 from the Council and \$99,000 from employees. The contribution requirement for the year ended June 30, 2013 totaled approximately \$292,000, consisting of approximately \$180,000 from the Council and \$112,000 from employees.

Participants may also elect to make contributions on an after-tax basis. Total contributions to the plan will not exceed limits imposed by section 415 and section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. These limits may be adjusted from time to time. In addition, salary reduction contributions to the Plan will be further limited by Code section 402(g).

### *Kentucky Employees Retirement System*

All employees who work more than one hundred hours per month participate in a defined benefit plan administered by the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS), a cost-sharing multi-employer public employee retirement system per Kentucky Revised Statute 61.565(3). Payroll for the employees of the Council totaled approximately \$2,989,000 and \$2,839,000 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

	<b>Tier 1</b> Participation Prior to 9/1/2008	<b>Tier 2</b> Participation 9/1/2008 through 12/31/2014	<b>Tier 3</b> Participation on or after 1/1/2014
<b>Covered Employees:</b>	Substantially all regular full-time members employed in non-hazardous and hazardous duty positions of any state department, board, or any agency directed by Executive Order to participate in KERS.		
<b>Contributions:</b>	Employee: 5% Council: 38.88%	Employee: 6% Council: 38.88%	Employee: 6% Council: 38.88%
<b>Benefit Formula:</b>	Final Compensation X Benefit Factor X Years of Service		Cash Balance Plan

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<b>Final Compensation:</b>	<b>Tier 1</b> Participation Prior to 9/1/2008	<b>Tier 2</b> Participation 9/1/2008 through 12/31/2014	<b>Tier 3</b> Participation on or after 1/1/2014
Average of the highest 5 fiscal years (must contain at least 48 months). Includes lump-sum compensation payments (before and at retirement).		5 complete fiscal years immediately preceding retirement; each year must contain 12 months. Lump-sum compensation payments (before and at retirement) are not to be included in creditable compensation.	No Final Compensation
<b>Benefit Factor:</b>	1.97% - If do not have 13 months of credit for 1/1/1998 - 1/1/1999. 2.00% - If have 13 months of credit for 1/1/1998 - 1/1/1999	10 years or less = 1.10%. Greater than 10 years, but no more than 20 years = 1.30%. Greater than 20 years, but no more than 26 years = 1.50%. Greater than 26 years, but no more than 30 years = 1.75%. Additional years above 30 = 2.00% (2.00% benefit factor only applies to service earned in excess of 30 years).	No benefit factor. A life annuity can be calculated in accordance with actuarial assumptions and a method adopted by the board based on member's accumulated account balance.
<b>Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA):</b>	No COLA unless authorized by the Legislature with specific criteria. This impacts all retirees regardless of Tier.		
<b>Unreduced Retirement Benefit:</b>	Any age with 27 years of service. Age 65 with 48 months of service. Money Purchase for age 65 with less than 48 months based on contributions and interest.	Rule of 87: Member must be at least age 57 and age plus earned service must equal 87 years at retirement to retire under this provision. Age 65 with 5 years of earned service. No Money Purchase calculations.	

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<b>Reduced Retirement Benefit:</b>	Any age with 25 years of service. Age 55 with 5 years of service.	Age 60 with 10 years of service. Excludes purchased service (exception: refunds, omitted, free military).	No reduced retirement benefit
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At June 30, 2015, the Plan reported a liability of \$15,243,442 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Plan's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating entities for the year ended June 30, 2014. At June 30, 2015, the Plan's proportion was 0.169904 percent.

### Actuarial Assumptions

<b>Employer Contribution</b>	26.79%
<b>Member Contribution</b>	5.00%
<b>Actuarial Valuation Date</b>	June 30, 2014
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>	Entry age
<b>Amortization Method</b>	Level percent closed
<b>Remaining amortization period</b>	29 years
<b>Asset valuation method</b>	Five-year smoothed Market
<b>Actuarial assumptions:</b>	
<b>Investment rate of return</b>	7.75%
<b>Inflation rate</b>	3.50%
<b>Projected salary increases</b>	4.50%
<b>Mortality Tables</b>	1983 Group Annuity Table for all retired members and beneficiaries as of June 30, 2006 and the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table for all other members. The Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 5 years is used for the period after disability retirement.
<b>Date of Experience Study</b>	The period July1, 2005 - June 30 2008

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For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Plan recognized pension expenses of \$1,152,000 and deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments \$	-0-	\$ 195,906
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	921,837	-0-
Total	\$ 921,837	\$ 195,906

The \$921,837 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2016	\$	872,860
2017	\$	(48,977)
2018	\$	(48,976)
2019	\$	(48,976)

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years for KERS. The most recent analysis, performed was for the period covering fiscal years 2005 through 2008, and is outlined in a report dated August 25, 2009. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return. Assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log – normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation

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assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Kentucky Retirement Systems		
<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Nominal Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	30%	8.45%
International Equity	22%	8.85%
Emerging Market Equity	5%	10.5%
Private Equity	7%	11.25%
Real Estate	5%	7%
Core U.S. Fixed Income	10%	5.25%
High Yield U.S. Fixed Income	5%	7.25%
Non U.S. Fixed Income	5%	5.5%
Commodities	5%	7.75%
TIPS	5%	5%
Cash	1%	3.25%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that local employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 29 year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarial determined contribution rate is adjusted to reflect the phase in of anticipated gains on actuarial value of assets over the first four years of the projection period.

June 30, 2014 is the actuarial valuation date upon which the total pension liability is based. No update procedures were used to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014. The discount rate is defined as the single rate of return that when applied to all projected payments results in an actuarial value of projected benefits payments. A municipal bond rate was not used. Projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2116.

The following presents the net pension liability of the Council, calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the Council's net position liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75%) or one percentage point higher (8.75%):

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	Decrease (6.75%)	Discount (7.75%)	Increase (8.75%)
The Council's proportionate share	\$ 17,148,489	\$ 15,243,481	\$ 13,525,947

Detailed information about the KERS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Kentucky Employees' Retirement System's Annual Financial Report (which is a matter of public record). The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be referred to for additional disclosures related to KERS.

### *Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System:*

Certain Council professional staff had participated in the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS), a cost-sharing multi-employer public employee retirement system, prior to joining the staff of the Council. These certified employees, all employees occupying a full-time position requiring certification by the State Department of Education or graduation from a four-year college or university as a condition of employment, are required to participate in the multiple-employer cost sharing defined benefit retirement plan sponsored by the KTRS. The KTRS is governed by Chapter 161, Sections 220 through 990, of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Payroll for the employees of the Council totaled approximately \$593,000 and \$625,000 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Covered employees under KTRS are employees of local school districts, Department of Education Agencies, universities, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and other educational organizations, who are a regular or a special teacher, or professional occupying a position requiring certification or graduation from a four year college or university.

### For Members Before July 1, 2008:

Members become vested when they complete 5 years of credited service. To qualify for monthly retirement benefits, payable for life, members must either:

1. Attain age 55 and complete 5 years of Kentucky service, or
2. Complete 27 years of Kentucky service.

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Non-university members receive monthly payments equal to 2% (service prior to July 1, 1983) and 2.5% (service after July 1, 1983) of their final average salaries for each year of credited service. Non-university members who became members on or after July 1, 2002 will receive monthly benefits equal to 2% of their final average salary for each year of service if, upon retirement, their total service is less than 10 years. New members after July 1, 2002 who retire with 10 or more years of total service will receive monthly benefits equal to 2.5% of their final average salary for each year of service, including the first 10 years. In addition, non-university members who retire July 1, 2004 and later with more than 30 years of service will have their multiplier increased for all years over 30 from 2.5% to 3% to be used in their benefit calculation.

University employees receive monthly benefits equal to 2% of their final average salary for each year of credited service.

The final average salary is the member's 5 highest annual salaries except members at least age 55 with 27 or more years of service may use their 3 highest annual salaries. For all members, the annual allowance is reduced by 5% per year from the earlier of age 60 or the date the member would have completed 27 years of service. The minimum annual service allowance is for all members is \$440 multiplied by credited service.

### For Members On or After July 1, 2008:

Members become vested when they complete 5 years of credited service. To qualify for monthly retirement benefits, payable for life, members must either:

1. Attain age 60 and complete 5 years of Kentucky service, or
2. Complete 27 years of Kentucky service, or
3. Attain age 55 and complete 10 years of Kentucky service.

The annual retirement allowance for non-university members is equal to: (a) 1.7% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is 10 years or less; (b) 2% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 10 years but no more than 20 years; (c) 2.3% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 20 years but no more than 26 years; (d) 2.5% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 26 years but no more than 30 years; (e) 3% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 30 years.

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The annual retirement allowance for university members is equal to: (a) 1.5% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is 10 years or less; (b) 1.7% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 10 years but no more than 20 years; (c) 1.85% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 20 years but less than 27 years; (d) 2% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than or equal to 27 years.

The final average salary is the member's 5 highest annual salaries except members at least age 55 with 27 or more years of service may use their 3 highest annual salaries. For all members, the annual allowance is reduced by 6% per year from the earlier of age 60 or the date the member would have completed 27 years of service.

At June 30, 2015, the Plan reported a liability of \$3,322,159 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Plan's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Plan's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating organizations and the State, actuarially determined liability. At June 30, 2015, the Plan's proportion was 0.0161 percent.

<b>Actuarial Assumptions</b>	
<b>Employer Contribution</b>	14.105%
<b>Member Contribution</b>	10.855%
<b>Actuarial Valuation Date</b>	June 30, 2013
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>	Entry age
<b>Amortization Method</b>	Level percent closed
<b>Remaining amortization period</b>	29 years
<b>Asset valuation method</b>	Five-year smoothed Market
<b>Actuarial assumptions:</b>	
<b>Investment rate of return</b>	7.5%
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	3.50%
<b>Projected salary increases</b>	4% – 8.2%

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<b>Post-retirement benefit increases</b>	1.5% annually
<b>Mortality Tables</b>	RP-2000 combined mortality table for males or females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection of scale AA to 2020 with a setback of 1 year for females.
<b>Date of Experience Study</b>	The period July 1, 2005 - June 30 2010

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Plan recognized pension expenses of \$162,492 and deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pension from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments \$	-0-	\$	236,774
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>73,047</u>		<u>-0-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 73,047</u></u>	<u><u>\$</u></u>	<u><u>236,774</u></u>

The \$73,047 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ended June 30, 2016. For the year ended June 30, 2015 employees were required to contribute 7.680 percent or 12.105 percent, depending on the participant's personnel classification; the Council contributes 15.360 percent or 15.355 percent. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2016	\$	13,853
2017	\$	(59,194)
2018	\$	(59,193)
2019	\$	(59,193)

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The long-term expected return on plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Kentucky Teachers' Retirement Systems		
<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Nominal Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	45%	6.4%
Non U.S. Equity	17%	6.5%
Fixed Income	24%	1.6%
High Yield Bonds	4%	3.1%
Real Estate	4%	5.8%
Alternatives	4%	6.8%
Cash	2%	1.5%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

June 30, 2013 is the actuarial valuation date upon which the total pension liability is based. An expected total pension liability is determined as of June 30, 2014 using standard roll forward techniques. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.23%. The projected cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at current contributions rates and the Employer contributions will be made at statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members until 2035 plan year. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments through 2035 and a municipal bond index rate of 4.35% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments after 2035. The Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) that discounts the entire projected benefit stream to the same amount as the sum of the present values of the two separate benefit payment streams was used to determine total pension liability.

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The following presents the net pension liability of the Council, calculated using the discount rate of 5.23%, as well as what the Council's net position liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (4.23%) or one percentage point higher (6.23%):

	<u>Decrease (4.23%)</u>	<u>Discount (5.23%)</u>	<u>Increase (6.23%)</u>
The Council's proportionate share	\$ 4,155,835	\$ 3,308,434	\$ 2,609,097

Detailed information about the KTRS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System's Annual Financial Report (which is a matter of public record). The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be referred to for additional disclosures related to KTRS.

### *Deferred Compensation Retirement Plans:*

In addition to the above plans, employees are also eligible to participate in two deferred compensation plans sponsored by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These plans are organized as a Section 457 plan and as a Section 401(k) plan under the Internal Revenue Code. During the past year, employees contributed approximately \$232,000 to these plans. Both plans permit employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or financial hardship. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be referred to for additional disclosures related to the deferred compensation plans.

## 9. POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Retired Council employees receive some health care benefits depending on their length of service. In accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes, these benefits are provided and advanced-funded on an actuarially determined basis through the KERS. Kentucky Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the KERS. The report may be obtained by writing to Kentucky Retirement System, Perimeter Park West, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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### 10. INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSACTIONS

At June 30, 2015, intergovernmental receivables consist of the following:

Due from the General Fund of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Appropriations for Agency Operations	\$ 40,168
Appropriations for the Kentucky Adult Education and Literacy Incentive Funding Program	1,638,249
Appropriations for Assessment and Professional Development	<u>21,060</u>
Total due from the General Fund of the Commonwealth of Kentucky	<u>1,699,477</u>

Due from other state agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Reimbursement of expenses from the Department of Education under the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System program	112,758
Reimbursement of expenses from the Department of Education under the Perkins Grant	<u>61,454</u>
Total due from the other state agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky	<u>174,212</u>
Total intergovernmental receivables	<u><u>\$ 1,873,689</u></u>

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A summary of the significant intergovernmental revenues during the year ended June 30, 2015, is as follows:

Funding for the Postsecondary Education Equine Trust and Revolving Fund from a Special Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth of Kentucky	<u>\$ 638,360</u>
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A summary of the significant intergovernmental expenditures during the year ended June 30, 2015, is as follows:

Transfers to the General Fund of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as part of the 2014-2016 budget	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
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### 11. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A transfer from the KYVC/KYVL Operations Fund in the amount of \$762,589 was made to the Technology Initiative Trust Fund during the year ended June 30, 2015. KYVC/KYVL will operate out of the Technology Initiative Trust Fund going forward.

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general or other funds to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Commonwealth Office for Technology (COT) provides technical support for State government agencies in the application of information technology including major information resource functions such as data center operations, data and voice communications (i.e. the Kentucky Information Highway), data administration, hardware selection and installation, and related end-user and customer support services. During 2015, the Council paid approximately \$188,000 to COT for services provided during the year.

The Council received the benefit of accounting and administrative services from the Personnel Cabinet and Finance and Administration Cabinet for 2015. During 2015, the Council paid approximately \$5,000 to the Personnel Cabinet and approximately \$20,000 to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for services provided during the year.

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The Council uses vehicles from the Transportation Cabinet's fleet. During 2015, the Council paid approximately \$34,000 to the Transportation Cabinet for use of their vehicles.

### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

As of June 30, 2015, the Council is committed under certain agreements and contracts in the amount of approximately \$28,585,000. These commitments are largely comprised of contractual obligations for future program expenditures under the Council's strategic investment and incentive funding programs, as well as its pass-through (fiduciary) programs. These program disbursements will largely be to the State's postsecondary education institutions, as well as the other typical recipients of the Council's program funding. As such, these commitments will be funded primarily during the subsequent fiscal year by legislative General Fund appropriations and federal program revenues.

Federal program revenue consists principally of reimbursable grants from the United States Department of Education. Grants are generally conditioned upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreement and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of the resources for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Any disallowances as a result of these audits become a liability of the Council. As of June 30, 2015, the Council estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

### 14. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### *Torts and Errors and Omissions:*

The Council manages its risks of loss related to torts and errors and omissions internally.

#### *Injuries to Employees:*

The Council is a member of the Statewide Workers' Compensation Insurance Program, a self-insurance program for the benefit of the Commonwealth's employees. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be referred to for additional disclosures related to the Workers' Compensation Insurance Program.

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### *Theft of, Damage to, and Destruction of Assets:*

The Council utilizes the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Risk Management Fund to cover the exposure to losses arising from theft of, damage to, or destruction of the Council's personal property. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be referred to for additional disclosures related to the Risk Management Fund.

## 15. NEW STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

During 2015, the Council implemented **GASB Statement No. 68**, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and **GASB Statement No. 71**, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. These standards require the recognition of the entire net pension liability, a more comprehensive measure of pension expense and enhanced disclosures relating to the pension. The adoption of these standards decreased the previously presented net position as of June 30, 2014 by \$17,683,789. The 2014 financial statements have not been restated as the Council's pension amounts were not individually calculated at June 30, 2014 and it was not deemed practical to determine its impact on the opening 2014 financial position or the effect on the 2014 change in net position.

## 16. RECENT GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

Management has not currently determined what, if any, effects of implementation of the following statements may have on the financial statements:

**GASB Statement No. 72**, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, issued February 2015, will be effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. This Statement will enhance the comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring the measurement of certain assets and liabilities at fair value using a consistent and more detailed definition of fair value and accepted valuation techniques. This Statement also will enhance fair value application guidance and related disclosures in order to provide information to financial statements users about the impact of fair value measurements on a government's financial position.

**GASB Statement No. 75**, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, issued June 2015, will be effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) that is provided to the

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employees of state and local governmental employers. This Statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosures and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB will be enhanced.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

### SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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	<u>2015</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.169904%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 15,243,442
Covered- employee payroll	\$ 2,680,229
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	568.74%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	22.32%

\*Note: This schedule is intended to present 10 years of proportionate share of the net pension liability. Currently, only those years with information available are presented.

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## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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	<u>2015</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 884,801
Contribution in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>504,336</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 380,465
Covered employee payroll	\$ 2,680,229
Contribution as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	18.82%

\*Note: This schedule is intended to present 10 years of proportionate share of the net pension liability. Currently, only those years with information available are presented.

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### SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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	<u>2015</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.016100%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,322,159
Covered- employee payroll	\$ 554,345
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	599.29%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	45.59%

\*Note: This schedule is intended to present 10 years of proportionate share of the net pension liability. Currently, only those years with information available are presented.

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## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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	<u>2015</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 126,171
Contribution in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>74,058</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 52,113
Covered employee payroll	\$ 554,345
Contribution as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	13.36%

\*Note: This schedule is intended to present 10 years of proportionate share of the net pension liability. Currently, only those years with information available are presented.

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## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Operations			Over (Under) Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>Budgetary fund balance, July 1</b>	\$ 1,557,693	\$ 1,557,693	\$ 4,053,050	\$ 2,495,357
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State appropriations	6,909,000	6,921,000	6,914,325	(6,675)
Charges for services	260,000	260,000	640,840	380,840
Intergovernmental revenues				
Federal programs			352,487	352,487
Other revenues				
Income from investments				
Total revenues	<u>7,169,000</u>	<u>7,181,000</u>	<u>7,907,652</u>	<u>726,652</u>
Amount available for expenditures	<u>8,726,693</u>	<u>8,738,693</u>	<u>11,960,702</u>	<u>3,222,009</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel services	6,284,400	6,284,800	6,331,231	46,431
Utilities, rentals, and other services	1,016,000	990,600	959,344	(31,256)
Commodities and supplies	103,600	97,800	257,365	159,565
Grants and subsidies	25,000	20,000	20,000	
Travel	174,400	148,700	149,060	360
Capital expenditures		25,000	19,376	(5,624)
Intergovernmental expenditures			500,000	500,000
Total expenditures	<u>7,603,400</u>	<u>7,566,900</u>	<u>8,236,376</u>	<u>669,476</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Interfund transfers in (out)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(762,589)</u>	<u>(762,589)</u>
<b>Budgetary fund balance, June 30</b>	<u>\$ 1,123,293</u>	<u>\$ 1,171,793</u>	<u>\$ 2,961,737</u>	<u>\$ 1,789,944</u>

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## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Federal Programs			Over (Under) Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>Budgetary fund balance, July 1</b>	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 279,276	\$ 279,276
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State appropriations				
Charges for services				
Intergovernmental revenues				
Federal programs	18,073,800	18,651,800	12,959,418	(5,692,382)
Other revenues				
Income from investments				
Total revenues	<u>18,073,800</u>	<u>18,651,800</u>	<u>12,959,418</u>	<u>(5,692,382)</u>
Amount available for expenditures	<u>18,073,800</u>	<u>18,651,800</u>	<u>13,238,694</u>	<u>(5,413,106)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel services			3,618,223	3,618,223
Utilities, rentals, and other services			353,837	353,837
Commodities and supplies			92,856	92,856
Grants and subsidies	19,084,251	19,662,251	8,880,615	(10,781,636)
Travel			138,114	138,114
Capital expenditures				
Intergovernmental expenditures				
Total expenditures	<u>19,084,251</u>	<u>19,662,251</u>	<u>13,083,645</u>	<u>(6,578,606)</u>
<b>Budgetary fund balance, June 30</b>	<u>\$ (1,010,451)</u>	<u>\$ (1,010,451)</u>	<u>\$ 155,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,165,500</u>

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### SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<b>Budgetary fund balance, July 1</b>	\$ 1,163,317	\$ 1,163,317	\$ -0-	\$ (1,163,317)
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State appropriations	18,575,500	18,575,500	18,569,715	(5,785)
Charges for services				
Intergovernmental revenues				
Federal programs				
Other revenues				
Income from investments				
Total revenues	<u>18,575,500</u>	<u>18,575,500</u>	<u>18,569,715</u>	<u>(5,785)</u>
Amount available for expenditures	<u>19,738,817</u>	<u>19,738,817</u>	<u>18,569,715</u>	<u>(1,169,102)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel services			282,345	282,345
Utilities, rentals, and other services			518,275	518,275
Commodities and supplies			24,310	24,310
Grants and subsidies	18,575,500	18,575,500	17,731,416	(844,084)
Travel			11,369	11,369
Capital expenditures				
Intergovernmental expenditures				
Total expenditures	<u>18,575,500</u>	<u>18,575,500</u>	<u>18,567,715</u>	<u>(7,785)</u>
<b>Budgetary fund balance, June 30</b>	<u>\$ 1,163,317</u>	<u>\$ 1,163,317</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ (1,161,317)</u>

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## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Research Challenge Trust Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<b>Budgetary fund balance, July 1</b>	\$ 1,385,974	\$ 1,385,974	\$ 4,696,816	\$ 3,310,842
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State appropriations	4,972,500	4,972,500	2,908,967	(2,063,533)
Charges for services				
Intergovernmental revenues				
Federal programs				
Other revenues	4,865,000	4,865,000		(4,865,000)
Income from investments			1,226	1,226
Total revenues	<u>9,837,500</u>	<u>9,837,500</u>	<u>2,910,193</u>	<u>(6,927,307)</u>
Amount available for expenditures	<u>11,223,474</u>	<u>11,223,474</u>	<u>7,607,009</u>	<u>(3,616,465)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel services			7,344	7,344
Utilities, rentals, and other services				
Commodities and supplies				
Grants and subsidies	11,221,724	11,018,402	5,590,506	(5,427,896)
Travel				
Capital expenditures				
Intergovernmental expenditures				
Total expenditures	<u>11,221,724</u>	<u>11,018,402</u>	<u>5,597,850</u>	<u>(5,420,552)</u>
<b>Budgetary fund balance, June 30</b>	<u>\$ 1,750</u>	<u>\$ 205,072</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,159</u>	<u>\$ 1,804,087</u>

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### SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Technology Initiative Trust Fund			Over (Under) Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>Budgetary fund balance, July 1</b>	\$ 2,327,944	\$ 2,327,944	\$ 1,263,811	\$ (1,064,133)
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State appropriations	4,075,300	4,075,300	4,075,300	-0-
Charges for services			143,679	143,679
Intergovernmental revenues				
Federal programs				
Other revenues	1,793,700	2,500,361	2,173,869	(326,492)
Income from investments	2,000	1,864	1,864	-0-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>5,871,000</u>	<u>6,577,525</u>	<u>6,394,712</u>	<u>(182,813)</u>
Amount available for expenditures	<u>8,198,944</u>	<u>8,905,469</u>	<u>7,658,523</u>	<u>(1,246,946)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel services			4,792,937	4,792,937
Utilities, rentals, and other services			410,596	410,596
Commodities and supplies			312,153	312,153
Grants and subsidies	8,198,944	8,902,760	113,576	(8,789,184)
Travel			50,992	50,992
Capital expenditures				
Intergovernmental expenditures				
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>8,198,944</u>	<u>8,902,760</u>	<u>5,680,254</u>	<u>(3,222,506)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Interfund transfers in (out)	-0-	-0-	762,588	762,588
<b>Budgetary fund balance, June 30</b>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 2,709</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,857</u>	<u>\$ 2,738,148</u>

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### NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) – UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

#### Budgetary Basis Versus GAAP

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, budget and actual (budgetary basis) - unaudited, presents comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on the budgetary basis. Accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on the budgetary basis differ from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with GAAP follows:

	Operations	Federal Programs	Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program	Research Challenge Trust Fund	Technology Initiative Trust Fund
<b>Total revenues per the budgetary comparison schedule</b>	<u>\$ 7,907,652</u>	<u>\$ 12,959,418</u>	<u>\$ 18,569,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,910,193</u>	<u>\$ 6,394,712</u>
<b>Total revenues per the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 7,907,652</u>	<u>\$ 12,959,418</u>	<u>\$ 18,569,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,910,193</u>	<u>\$ 6,394,712</u>
<b>Total expenditures per the budgetary comparison schedule</b>	\$ 8,236,376	\$ 13,083,645	\$ 18,567,715	\$ 5,597,850	\$ 5,680,254
Change in accrued expenditures	(27,811)	(6,661)	957		8,915
Change in short-term compensated absences	11,488	(48,674)	5,190		10,436
<b>Total expenditures per the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 8,220,053</u>	<u>\$ 13,028,310</u>	<u>\$ 18,573,862</u>	<u>\$ 5,597,850</u>	<u>\$ 5,699,605</u>

**ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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## SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES – OPERATIONS JUNE 30, 2015

	Agency Operations	Kentucky Adult Education Operations	KYVC/ KYVL Operations	Total Operations
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 54,459	\$ 3,894	\$ 59,544	\$ 117,897
Investments	1,227,310	87,753	1,341,903	2,656,966
Accounts receivable		20		20
Intergovernmental receivables	40,168			40,168
Due from the Federal government	201,691			201,691
	<u>\$ 1,523,628</u>	<u>\$ 91,667</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,447</u>	<u>\$ 3,016,742</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts and other payables	\$ 21,775	\$ 10,230	\$	\$ 32,005
Accrued expenses	475,063	2,540		477,603
Accrued compensated absences	552,203			552,203
Total liabilities	<u>1,049,041</u>	<u>12,770</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,061,811</u>
Fund balances:				
Assigned:				
for agency operations	<u>474,587</u>	<u>78,897</u>	<u>1,401,447</u>	<u>1,954,931</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,523,628</u>	<u>\$ 91,667</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,447</u>	<u>\$ 3,016,742</u>

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### SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Agency Operations	Kentucky Adult Education Operations	KYVC/ KYVL Operations	Total Operations
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State appropriations	\$ 6,914,325	\$	\$	\$ 6,914,325
Charges for services	488,100	152,740		640,840
Intergovernmental revenues				-0-
Federal programs	352,487			352,487
Other revenues				-0-
Total revenues	<u>7,754,912</u>	<u>152,740</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>7,907,652</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel services	6,273,739	41,169		6,314,908
Utilities, rentals, and other services	836,202	123,142		959,344
Commodities and supplies	256,515	850		257,365
Grants and subsidies	20,000			20,000
Travel	149,060			149,060
Capital expenditures	19,376			19,376
Intergovernmental expenditures	500,000			500,000
Total expenditures	<u>8,054,892</u>	<u>165,161</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>8,220,053</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>(299,980)</u>	<u>(12,421)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(312,401)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>				
Interfund transfers out			(762,589)	(762,589)
Net change in fund balances	(299,980)	(12,421)	(762,589)	(1,074,990)
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>774,567</u>	<u>91,318</u>	<u>2,164,036</u>	<u>3,029,921</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 474,587</u>	<u>\$ 78,897</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,447</u>	<u>\$ 1,954,931</u>

See report of independent auditors.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES – RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND JUNE 30, 2015

	Lung Cancer Research	Endowment Match Program	Total Research Challenge Trust Fund
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,207,699	\$ 1	\$ 1,207,700
Investments	808,803		808,803
	<b>\$ 2,016,502</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 2,016,503</b>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts and other payables	\$ 7,344	\$	\$ 7,344
Intergovernmental payable	-0-		-0-
	<b>7,344</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>7,344</b>
Fund balances:			
Restricted:			
for Lung Cancer Research	2,009,158		2,009,158
for Research Challenge		1	1
	<b>2,009,158</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,009,159</b>
Total fund balances	<b>2,009,158</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,009,159</b>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<b>\$ 2,016,502</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 2,016,503</b>

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### SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Lung Cancer Research	Endowment Match Program	Total Research Challenge Trust Fund
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
State appropriations	\$ 2,908,967	\$	\$ 2,908,967
Income from investments	1,225	1	1,226
Total revenues	<u>2,910,192</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2,910,193</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Personnel services	7,344		7,344
Grants and subsidies	5,590,506		5,590,506
Total expenditures	<u>5,597,850</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,597,850</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>(2,687,658)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(2,687,657)</u>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>4,696,816</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,696,816</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,009,158</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,159</u>

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## SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES – NON-MAJOR FUNDS JUNE 30, 2015

	Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund	Assessment and Professional Development Fund	Other (Non- major) Governmental Funds
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,144	\$	\$ 23,144
Investments	521,573		521,573
Intergovernmental receivables		21,060	21,060
Total assets	\$ 544,717	\$ 21,060	\$ 565,777
 <b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts and other payables	\$	\$ 21,060	\$ 21,060
Accrued expenses		24,129	24,129
Accrued compensated absences		9,067	9,067
Total liabilities	-0-	54,256	54,256
Restricted:			
for University Equine programs	544,717		544,717
Unassigned		(33,196)	(33,196)
Total fund balances	544,717	(33,196)	511,521
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 544,717	\$ 21,060	\$ 565,777

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### SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – NON-MAJOR FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund	Science and Technology Funding Program	Capital Projects	Assessment and Professional Development Fund	Other (Non- major) Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
State appropriations	\$	\$ 5,288,300	\$ 2,940,500	\$ 1,467,645	\$ 9,696,445
Intergovernmental revenues	638,360				638,360
Total revenues	<u>638,360</u>	<u>5,288,300</u>	<u>2,940,500</u>	<u>1,467,645</u>	<u>10,334,805</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Personnel services		1,347,000		553,158	1,900,158
Commodities and supplies				525	525
Grants and subsidies	600,000	3,941,300		875,085	5,416,385
Travel				56,410	56,410
Capital projects			2,940,500		2,940,500
Total expenditures	<u>600,000</u>	<u>5,288,300</u>	<u>2,940,500</u>	<u>1,485,178</u>	<u>10,313,978</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>38,360</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(17,533)</u>	<u>20,827</u>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>506,357</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(15,663)</u>	<u>490,694</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 544,717</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ (33,196)</u>	<u>\$ 511,521</u>

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## SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Agency Operations	\$ 20,000	\$
Adult Education State Grant Federal Programs	8,122,882	
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	119,382	
Improving Teacher Quality	601,631	
Perkins Grant	36,720	
Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Fund	600,000	
Kentucky Adult Education Funding Program	17,731,416	
Science and Technology Funding Program	3,941,300	
Research Challenge Trust Fund:		
Lung Cancer Research Program	5,590,506	
Technology Initiative Trust Fund	113,576	
Assessment and Professional Development	875,085	
Cancer Research Institutions Matching Fund		3,906,438
Contract Spaces Program		5,281,648
Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program		173,140
Professional Education Preparatory Program		251,900
Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program		67,900
Kentucky Autism Training Center		125,800
Washington Internship Program		36,000
	\$ 37,752,498	\$ 9,842,826
Total grants and subsidies		

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## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Federal CFDA Number	Grant ID Number	Total Federal Expenditures
<b><u>Major Programs:</u></b>			
<b>United States Department of Education:</b>			
Adult Education - State Administered	84.002	V002A120017	\$ 1,551,542
	84.002	V002A130017	4,299,167
	84.002	V002A140017	<u>2,424,025</u>
Total Adult Education - State Administered			<u>8,274,734</u>
<b><u>Non-Major Programs:</u></b>			
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	84.334	P334S110018-12	76,540
	84.334	P334S110018-13	276,029
	84.334	P334S110018-14	<u>3,342,901</u>
Total Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs			<u>3,695,470</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	S367B120017	264,275
	84.367	S367B130017	157,339
	84.367	S367B140017	<u>225,766</u>
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			<u>647,380</u>
<b>Pass-through from Kentucky Department of Education:</b>			
Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems	84.372	R372A120028	299,921
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	PON254014000003462	118,213
<b>Pass-through from Kentucky Office of Employment and Training</b>			
Incentive Grants - WIA Section 503	17.267	PON253114000016952	<u>345,078</u>
Total Federal Expenditures			<u>\$ 13,380,796</u>

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## NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS JUNE 30, 2015

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### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Some amounts presented in this Schedule may therefore differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

The Schedule is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are susceptible to accrual and recognized in the financial statements when they are measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year.

The award revenues received and expended are subject to audit and adjustment. If any expenditures are disallowed by the grantor as a result of such an audit, any claim for reimbursement to the grantor would become a liability of the Council. In the opinion of management, all grant expenditures are in compliance with the terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal laws and regulations.

### 2. SUB-RECIPIENTS

The Schedule includes expenditures consisting of federal awards provided to sub-recipients as follows:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adult Education - State Administered	84.002	\$ 7,599,208
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	84.334	117,349
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	<u>601,631</u>
Total federal awards provided to sub-recipients		<u>\$ 8,318,188</u>



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS 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 Council Members  
Council on Postsecondary Education

Report on the Financial Statements

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council on Postsecondary Education (the Council), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council'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 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

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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 Council's 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 matter 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.

*Blue & Co., LLC*

Lexington, Kentucky  
November 6, 2015



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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON COMPLIANCE WITH EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

To the Council Members  
Council on Postsecondary Education

### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Council on Postsecondary Education's (the Council) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Council's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Council's major federal programs 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Council complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Council 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 of compliance, we considered the Council's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each 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 OMB Circular A-133, 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 Council'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that 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 compliance 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 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.

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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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Blue & Co., LLC*

Lexington, Kentucky  
November 6, 2015



# COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2015

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Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$401,424

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee: \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

### Section II - Findings - Financial Statement Audit

None

### Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Awards Program Audit

None

# **COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

## **SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2015**

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There were no findings reported for the year ended June 30, 2014.