

August 20, 2012

The Honorable Nathan Deal Governor State of Georgia 203 State Capital Atlanta, GA 30334

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RE: Audit Control Number (ACN): 04-2011-22581 FAC ACN: 04-2011-210086 OPE ID Number: 00154100

Dear Governor Deal:

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has reviewed a single audit report of the State of Georgia. This audit report, prepared by the Department of Audits and Accounts for the State of Georgia, in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, covers the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This letter advises the State of Georgia of the Department's final audit determination concerning the portions of the audit report that relate to the programs authorized pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1070 et seq. (Title IV, HEA programs).

The Department has reviewed the corrective action plans provided with the audit report. Enclosed is the Department's final audit determination. Attached is each respective institution's response to this audit. Any supporting documentation submitted with the institution's written response is not attached to this final audit determination. However, it will be retained and available for inspection by each institution cited in this report upon request. Copies of the final audit determination, the institution's response, and any supporting documentation may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and can be provided to other oversight entities after this final audit determination is issued.

Although the enclosure to this letter may not address each of the auditor's findings, each institution cited in this report, must take the necessary actions to correct all of the deficiencies noted in the audit report. Sections .315(b) and .320 (c) of OMB Circular A-133 require participating eligible institutions to prepare and submit as part of the reporting package a *Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings* that reports the status of prior audit findings. In preparing that Schedule, participating institutions cited in this report, must comment on all actions taken to correct each finding noted in this audit report, including any action required in the enclosure to this letter.

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The following institutions have no deficiencies, or it has been determined that the findings cited in the audit have been satisfactorily resolved based on information provided by these institutions: List Name(s) of institutions here:

> Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Darton College Dalton College Armstrong Atlantic State University Augusta State University Clayton State University College of Coastal Georgia Columbus State University Gainesville State College Georgia Gwinnett College Georgia Institute of Technology Southern Polytechnic State University Georgia Perimeter College Georgia Southern University Georgia Southwestern State University Georgia State University Gordon College Kennesaw State University Macon State College Middle Georgia College North Georgia College & State University South Georgia College University of Georgia University of West Georgia Georgia College & State University Lanier Technical College Moultrie Technical College Augusta Technical College Athens Technical College Albany Technical College Southwest Georgia Technical College South Georgia Technical College Savannah Technical College North Georgia Technical College Chattahoochee Technical College Georgia Piedmont Technical College Columbus Technical College Central Georgia Technical College Valdosta State University Atlanta Technical College

Georgia Highlands College East Georgia College Bainbridge College Atlanta Metropolitan College Waycross College Heart of Georgia Technical College Middle Georgia Technical College **Gwinnett Technical College** Georgia Northwestern Technical College **Okefenokee** Technical College Southeastern Technical College Altamaha Technical College Georgia Health Sciences University Georgia Military College Oconee Fall Line Technical College **Ogeechee Technical College** Southern Crescent Technical College West Georgia Technical College Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

If an institution cited in this report elects to appeal to the Secretary of Education for a review of the monetary liabilities established by this final audit determination, the institution must file a written request for a hearing. The Department must receive the institution's request no later than 45 days from the date the institution receives this final audit determination letter. An original and four copies of the information the institution submits must be included with institution's request. The request must be sent to:

Mary E. Gust, Director Administrative Actions and Appeals Service Group U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid/PC 830 First Street, NE, UCP3, Room 84F2 Washington, DC 20002-8019

The institution's appeal request must:

(1) indicate the findings, issues, and facts being disputed;

(2) state the institution's position, together with pertinent facts and reasons supporting its position;

(3) include all documentation it believes the Department should consider in support of the appeal. An institution may provide detailed liability information from a complete file review to appeal a projected liability amount. Any documents relative to the appeal that include personally identifiable information (PII) must be redacted except the student's name and last four digits of his/her social security number (please see the enclosed

- document, "Protection of Personally Identifiable Information," for instructions on how to mail records containing PII); and
- (4) include a copy of the final audit determination letter.

If the appeal request is complete and timely, the Department will schedule an administrative hearing in accordance with § 487(b)(2) of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. § 1094(b)(2). The procedures followed with respect to any institution's appeal are those provided at 34 C.F.R. Part 668, Subpart H. Interest on the appealed liabilities shall continue to accrue at the applicable value of funds rate, as established by the United States Department of Treasury, or if the liabilities are for refunds, at the interest rate set forth in the loan promissory note(s).

PII is any information about an individual which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity (some examples are name, social security number, date, and place of birth). The loss of PII can result in substantial harm, embarrassment, and inconvenience to individuals and may lead to identity theft or other fraudulent use of the information. To protect PII, the findings in this determination letter do not contain any student PII.

Program records relating to the period covered by this audit must be retained until <u>the later of</u>: resolution of any loans, claims, or expenditures questioned in the audit, 34 C.F.R. § 668.24(e)(3)(i), or the end of the retention period applicable to the record under 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.24(e)(1) and (e)(2).

Each institution's continued cooperation throughout the audit resolution process is appreciated. If the institution has any questions about our review, please call David Smittick at 404-974-9301.

Sincerely,

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Chris Miller Compliance Manager

Enclosure:

Final Audit Determination Response to Audit

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