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Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Basic Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* 



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### Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

Members of the Arizona State Legislature

The Governing Board of Maricopa County Community College District

### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Maricopa County Community College District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget* (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The District's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditors' 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.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District'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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards; 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 District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, Maricopa County Community College District 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, 2014.

### Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and that are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2014-101 and 2014-102. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Maricopa County Community College District's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are presented on pages 15 through 17. The District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

### Report on Internal Control over Compliance

The District's management 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 District'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 District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is 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 is a deficiency will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of 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, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2014-101 and 2014-102, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Maricopa County Community College District's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are presented on pages 15 through 17. The District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

### Purpose of this Report

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.

### Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and discretely presented component unit of Maricopa County Community College District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2014, that contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our report also included a reference to our reliance on other auditors. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the District's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

> Jay Zsorey, CPA Financial Audit Director

March 31, 2015

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#### Maricopa County Community College District Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2014

| Federal<br>agency/CFDA<br>number | Federal program name  | Cluster title                   | Pass-through<br>grantor          | Pass-through<br>grantor's<br>numbers | Program<br>expenditures       | Amount<br>provided to<br>subrecipients |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| -                                | • •   |                                 | 3                                |                                      | •                             |  |
| Department of A<br>10 555        |   | Child Nutrition Cluster         | Arizona Department               | ED00.0001                            |                               |  |
| 10 555                           | National School Lunch Program   | Child Nuthtion Cluster          | of Education                     | ED09-0001                            | \$ 55,289                     |  |
| 10 223                           | Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grants                                |                                 |                                  |                                      | 109,715                       | \$ 13,896                              |
| 10 558                           | Child and Adult Care Food Program   |                                 | Arizona Department               | KR02-1170-ALS                        | 10.170                        |  |
|                                  | Total Department of Agriculture   |                                 | of Education                     |                                      | <u> </u>                      | 13,896                                 |
|                                  | Total Department of Agriculture   |                                 |                                  |                                      | 170,170                       | 10,000                                 |
| Department of (                  | Commerce  |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 11 300                           | Investments for Public Works and Economic<br>Development Facilities           | Economic Development<br>Cluster |                                  |                                      | 913,751                       |  |
| Department of [                  | Defense   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 12 002                           | Procurement Technical Assistance for Business<br>Firms                        |                                 |                                  |                                      | 393,583                       |  |
| Department of t                  | ha Intariar   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 15 225                           | Recreation Resource Management  |                                 | Arizona Bureau of                | L12AC20583                           |                               |  |
|                                  | 5   |                                 | Land Management                  |                                      | 6,481                         |  |
| 15 231                           | Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource                                |                                 | Arizona Bureau of                | L13AC00119                           |                               |  |
|                                  | Management  |                                 | Land Management                  |                                      | 10,855                        |  |
|                                  | Total Department of the Interior  |                                 |                                  |                                      | 17,336                        |  |
| Department of L                  | abor  |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 17 267                           | Incentive Grants—WIA Section 503  |                                 | Arizona Department               | 14-FAECCR-                           |                               |  |
|                                  |   |                                 | of Education                     | 470579-05A                           | 137,467                       |  |
| 17 270                           | Reintegration of Ex-Offenders   |                                 | Arizona Women's<br>Education and | SGA-DFA-PY-11-<br>02                 |                               |  |
|                                  |   |                                 | Employment<br>(AWEE)             | 02                                   | 3,754                         |  |
| 17 282                           | Trade Adjustment Assistance Community   |                                 |                                  |                                      | 0.070.040                     |  |
|                                  | College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grants                                  |                                 |                                  |                                      | <u>3,272,816</u><br>3,414,037 |  |
|                                  | Total Department of Labor   |                                 |                                  |                                      | 3,414,037                     |  |
| Department of S                  | State   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 19 014                           | One-Time International Exchange Grant Program                                 |                                 | NOVA                             | S-ECAGD-13-CA-<br>088(CB)            | 450,817                       |  |
| National Aerona                  | autics and Space Administration   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 43 001                           | Science   |                                 | University of Arizona            | 5400, 132941                         |                               |  |
|                                  |   |                                 | -                                |                                      | 7,985                         |  |
| Notional Endan                   | mont for the Humorities   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| 45 162                           | ment for the Humanities Promotion of the Humanities—Teaching and              |                                 | AACU                             | None                                 |                               |  |
|                                  | Learning Resources and Curriculum   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
|                                  | Development   |                                 | 011                              |                                      | 38                            |  |
| 45 162                           | Promotion of the Humanities—Teaching and<br>Learning Resources and Curriculum |                                 | Gilder Lehrman<br>Institute      | None                                 |                               |  |
|                                  | Development   |                                 | manute                           |                                      | 285                           |  |
|                                  | Total National Endowment for the Human  | ities                           |                                  |                                      | 323                           |  |
|                                  |   |                                 |                                  |                                      |                               |  |
| National Scienc                  |   |                                 | Arizona State                    | 12.029                               |                               |  |
| 47 049                           | Mathematical and Physical Sciences  |                                 | Arizona State<br>University      | 12-928                               | 84,132                        |  |
| 47 076                           | Education and Human Resources   |                                 | ,                                |                                      | 3,048,880                     | 166,965                                |
| 47 076                           | Education and Human Resources   |                                 | Arizona Board of<br>Regents      | V2014sb0011/V14<br>HS005             | 1,769                         |  |

#### Maricopa County Community College District Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2014

| agency/CFDA<br>number                                    | Federal program name  | Cluster title  | Pass-through<br>grantor  | Pass-through<br>grantor's<br>numbers  | Program<br>expenditures                                     | Amount<br>provided to<br>subrecipients |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 47 076   | Education and Human Resources   |  | JF Drake State<br>Technical College                                      | DPO-1201003   | 16,437  |  |
| 47 076   | Education and Human Resources   |  | Northern Arizona   | SLC329X-1   |   |  |
| 47 076   | Education and Human Resources   |  | University<br>Pennsylvania State<br>University                           | 3785-MATEC-NSF-<br>2498, 4691-  | 49,066  |  |
| 17 076   | Education and Human Resources   |  | University of New<br>Mexico  | MATEC-NSF-5105<br>271343-87M6   | 122,341<br>4,704  |  |
| 47 076   | Education and Human Resources<br>Total 47.076<br>Total National Science Foundation  |  | Arizona State<br>University  | S23US003/2013us<br>0006, 12-869, 12-<br>794,<br>V13HS0001/V2013<br>sb0003,<br>V2013sb0006/V13<br>HS004,<br>V2013sb0007/V13<br>HS006,<br>V2013sb0004/V13<br>HS002,<br>V14HS002/V2014s<br>b0006 | 41,446<br>3,284,643<br>3,368,775                            | 166,965<br>166,965                     |
| Small Business   | Administration<br>Small Business Development Centers  |  |  |   | 2,254,005   | 997,057                                |
| 59 037   | Small Business Development Centers  |  | Colorado Office of<br>Economic<br>Development and<br>International Trade | PO EDA 13-207   | 20,000  | 20,000                                 |
|  | Total Small Business Administration   |  |  |   | 2,274,005   | 1,017,057                              |
| Department of E  | Energy<br>National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)<br>Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Program  |  |  |   | 480,122   |  |
| Department of E  | Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity  | Student Financial  |  |   |   |  |
|  | Grants  | Assistance Cluster   |  |   | 2,768,423   |  |
| 34 033   | Federal Work-Study Program  | Student Financial  |  |   | 0.017.050   |  |
|  | Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital  | Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial  |  |   | 2,317,258   |  |
| 34 038   |   | Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial   |  |   | 609,208   |  |
| 34 038<br>34 063   | Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital<br>Contributions   | Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial  |  |   | 609,208<br>164,619,165                                      |  |
| 34 038<br>34 063   | Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital<br>Contributions<br>Federal Pell Grant Program   | Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster   |  |   | 609,208<br>164,619,165<br>147,414,804                       |  |
| 4 038<br>4 063<br>4 268                                  | Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital<br>Contributions<br>Federal Pell Grant Program<br>Federal Direct Student Loans   | Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial  | Arizona Department<br>of Education                                       | 01A, 14FT1TTI-<br>460034-01A,<br>14FT1TTI-470585-   | 609,208<br>164,619,165<br><u>147,414,804</u><br>317,728,858 |  |
| 84 033<br>84 038<br>84 063<br>84 268<br>84 010<br>84 027 | Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital<br>Contributions<br>Federal Pell Grant Program<br>Federal Direct Student Loans<br>Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster | Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Student Financial<br>Assistance Cluster<br>Title I, Part A Cluster | of Education   | 01A, 14FT1TTI-<br>460034-01A,<br>14FT1TTI-470585-<br>01A  | 609,208<br>164,619,165<br>147,414,804                       |  |

#### Maricopa County Community College District Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2014

| Federal<br>agency/CFDA<br>number | Federal program name  | Cluster title | Pass-through<br>grantor            | Pass-through<br>grantor's<br>numbers   | Program<br>expenditures | Amount<br>provided to<br>subrecipients |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 84 047                           | TRIO—Upward Bound   | TRIO Cluster  |                                    |  | 451,045                 |  |
|                                  | Total TRIO Cluster  |               |                                    |  | 1,166,484               |  |
| 84 002                           | Adult Education—Basic Grants to States                        |               | Arizona Department<br>of Education | 13FAEABE-370579-<br>02A, 14FAEABE-<br>470579-03A,<br>14FAECIV-470579-<br>02A, 13FAEAEF-<br>370579-03A, |                         |  |
|                                  |   |               |                                    | 14FAEAEF-470579-   |                         |  |
|                                  |   |               |                                    | 01A  | 1,607,942               |  |
| 84 031                           | Higher Education—Institutional Aid                            |               |                                    |  | 2,022,799               |  |
| 84 048                           | Career and Technical Education—Basic Grants                   |               | Arizona Department                 | 13FCTDBG-  |                         |  |
|                                  | to States   |               | of Education                       | 370570-01A,  |                         |  |
|                                  |   |               |                                    | 14FCTDBG-  |                         |  |
|                                  |   |               |                                    | 470570-01A   | 994,795                 |  |
| 84 051                           | Career and Technical Education—National                       |               | Arizona Department                 | None   |                         |  |
|                                  | Programs  |               | of Education                       |  | 70                      |  |
| 84 116                           | Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary                     |               |                                    |  |                         |  |
|                                  | Education   |               |                                    |  | 226,546                 |  |
| 84 335                           | Child Care Access Means Parents in School                     |               |                                    |  | 82,666                  |  |
| 84 365                           | English Language Acquisition State Grants                     |               |                                    |  | 359,757                 |  |
|                                  | Total Department of Education                                 |               |                                    |  | 324,362,346             |  |
| Department of H                  | lealth and Human Services                                     |               |                                    |  |                         |  |
| 93 721 ARRA                      | Health Information Technology Professionals in<br>Health Care |               | Los Rios<br>Community College      | 759107   | 99,884                  |  |
| Corporation for                  | National and Community Service                                |               |                                    |  |                         |  |
| 94 006                           | AmeriCorps  |               | Colorado Campus<br>Compact         | None   | 53                      |  |
|                                  | Total expenditures of federal awards                          |               |                                    |  | <u>\$ 335,958,193</u>   | <u>\$ 1,197,918</u>                    |

# Maricopa County Community College District Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2014

## Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Maricopa County Community College District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

### Note 2 - Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers

The program titles and CFDA numbers were obtained from the federal or pass-through grantor or the 2014 *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*.

### Note 3 - Loans Outstanding

The expenditures reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital Contributions (CFDA No. 84.038) included loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2014, of \$552,909.

## Summary of Auditors' Results

## Financial Statements

| Type of auditors' report issued:   | Unmod    | ified    |
|--|----------|----------|
| Internal control over financial reporting:   | Yes      | No       |
| Material weaknesses identified?  | X        |          |
| Significant deficiency identified?   | X        |          |
| Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?  |          | <u>X</u> |
| Federal Awards   |          |          |
| Internal control over major programs:  |          |          |
| Material weakness identified?  |          | <u>X</u> |
| Significant deficiencies identified?   | <u>X</u> |          |
| Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:  | Unmod    | ified    |
| Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133 (section .510[a])? | <u>X</u> |          |

Identification of major programs:

| CFDA Number | Name of Federal Program or Cluster   |
|-------------|--|
| 17.282      | Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT)<br>Grants          |
| 47.076      | Education and Human Resources  |
| 59.037      | Small Business Development Centers   |
| 81.123      | National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Minority Serving Institutions (MSI)<br>Program |
|             | Student Financial Assistance Cluster:  |
| 84.007      | Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants  |
| 84.033      | Federal Work-Study Program   |
| 84.038      | Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital Contributions                                     |
| 84.063      | Federal Pell Grant Program   |
| 84.268      | Federal Direct Student Loans   |
| 84.048      | Career and Technical Education—Basic Grants to States  |
| 84.365      | English Language Acquisition State Grants  |

| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:  | \$546    | ,880    |
|---|----------|---------|
| Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  | Yes      | No<br>X |
| Other Matters   |          |         |
| Auditee's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133 (section .315[b])? | <u>X</u> |         |

# **Financial Statement Findings**

Financial statement findings were reported in the separately issued Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Basic Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

| CFDA No. and Name:<br>Award Numbers and Years:<br>Federal Agency:                         | 17.282 Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and<br>Career Training (TAACCCT) Grants<br>NISGTC-217806, 2011 through 2014;<br>TC-23759-12-60-A-4, 2012 through 2016;<br>TC-25185-13-60-A-4, 2013 through 2017<br>Department of Labor |
|---|---|
| CFDA No. and Name:<br>Award Numbers and Years:  | 84.048 <b>Career and Technical Education—Basic Grants to States</b><br>13FCTDBG-370570-01A, 2012 through 2013;<br>14FCTDBG-470570-01A, 2013 through 2014  |
| Federal Agency:<br>Pass-Through Grantor:<br>Compliance Requirements:<br>Questioned Costs: | Department of Education<br>Arizona Department of Education<br>Procurement and Suspension and Debarment<br>Unknown   |

Criteria: In accordance with 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §215.46, the District should maintain records showing the basis for the vendor selected, justification for any lack of competition, and the basis for award cost or price. Additionally, as required by 2 CFR §180.300, the District should verify that subawards and contracts with vendors for goods and services costing more than \$25,000 are not awarded to parties who have been suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government.

Condition and context: The District did not always follow its policies and procedures when making purchases to help ensure that they were competitive and advantageous, and for verifying that parties it does business with are not suspended or debarred. Specifically, auditors noted the following:

- For one of four Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grants program purchases tested, the District did not maintain documentation evidencing that three verbal or written price quotations or sole source documentation was obtained for goods and services totaling \$27,322. The District paid for the renewal of a software license and considered the license to be a sole source procurement. However, the District did not maintain the documentation supporting the classification as sole source because the original purchase of the software license was performed over 5 years ago.
- For one of five Career and Technical Education (CTE)—Basic Grants to States program purchases tested, the District did not verify that the vendor was not suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government for goods and services totaling \$49,550.

Effect: The District could potentially enter into a contract that is not the most advantageous to the District and could potentially make payments to suspended or debarred vendors. Auditors were able to perform tests and verified that the vendor was not excluded or debarred from doing business with the federal government. However, it was not practical to extend auditing procedures sufficiently to determine the amount of questioned costs, if any, that may have resulted from this finding. This finding has the potential to affect other federal programs the District administers.

Cause: The District did not follow its policies and procedures, or properly monitor that policies and procedures were followed, for making purchases that are competitive and advantageous and for verifying that vendors are not suspended or debarred.

Recommendation: To help ensure that it complies with 2 CFR §215.46 and §180.300, obtains the most advantageous price for goods and services purchased with federal monies, and does not do business with parties that are suspended or debarred, the District should:

- Enforce existing policies and procedures to prepare and retain all supporting documentation evidencing that purchases were made through the required competitive process.
- Verify that vendors have not been suspended or debarred prior to awarding contracts of \$25,000 or more in federal monies and retain documentation of this verification.

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| Cluster Name:<br>CFDA No. and Name:<br>Award Year: | Student Financial Assistance Cluster<br>84.007 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants<br>84.033 Federal Work-Study Program<br>84.038 Federal Perkins Loan Program—Federal Capital<br>Contributions<br>84.063 Federal Pell Grant Program<br>84.268 Federal Direct Student Loans<br>2013 through 2014 |
|--|--|
| Federal Agency:                                    | <b>Department of Education</b>   |
| Compliance Requirements:                           | Activities Allowed/Unallowed and Special Tests and Provisions  |
| Questioned Costs:                                  | None   |

Criteria: In accordance with 34 CFR §600.10, federal monies should be awarded to only those students enrolled in eligible programs included on the District's Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR). In addition, 34 CFR §§600.20(c)(1) and 600.21 require the District to list on the ECAR its main campus and each location that offers 50 percent or more of an eligible program. The District should also report changes pertaining to the addition, correction, or removal of a location to the federal awarding agency no later than 10 days after the change occurs. Finally, in accordance with 34 CFR §§600.20 and 668.8(c)(3) or (d), the District should include any self-certified programs on its next ECAR recertification application submitted to the federal awarding agency.

Condition and context: The District has ten colleges that are each required to compile a separate ECAR. The District did not have adequate policies and procedures in place to ensure that all required information was included on each college's ECAR. Specifically, for 30 of 33 academic programs tested, the colleges' self-certified programs were omitted from the colleges' next ECAR recertification application. In addition, for 1 of 4 colleges' ECARs tested, GateWay Community College did not properly identify 7 of its 23 locations on its ECAR.

Effect: The District could potentially award federal monies to students who were not eligible to receive the financial aid. Auditors performed additional tests and determined that academic programs were properly self-certified and approved by the District's accrediting agency; therefore, the students enrolled in the academic programs were eligible to receive federal financial aid.

Cause: The District's colleges did not fully understand what programs and locations should be included on the ECAR, and the colleges' reviews of the ECARs did not detect the omissions.

Recommendation: To help ensure that it complies with federal requirements for awarding financial aid to only those students enrolled in eligible programs, as reported on each college's ECAR, the District should establish policies and procedures for the colleges to follow regarding what information should be included on the ECAR. Policies and procedures should include developing a process to identify and report all eligible programs and locations. In addition, a second employee should review and approve the ECAR for accuracy.

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March 31, 2015

Debbie Davenport Auditor General 2910 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 410 Phoenix, AZ 85018

Dear Ms. Davenport:

We have prepared the accompanying Corrective Action Plan as required by the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* and by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. Specifically, for each federal award finding that is included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs we are providing you with the names of the contact persons responsible for corrective action, the corrective action planned, and the anticipated completion date.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Brainard Granio, CPA Associate Vice Chancellor, Business Services & Controller

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# Maricopa County Community College District Corrective Action Plan Year Ended June 30, 2014

# **Financial Statement Findings**

The corrective action plan for financial statement findings was included in the separately issued Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Basic Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

# 2014-101

CFDA No.: 17.282 Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grants 84.048 Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants to States Contact person: Richard Sauriol, Purchasing Manager Anticipated completion date: March 31, 2015

The TAACCCT purchase was for the renewal of a software license that was originally purchased through a competitive process that results in any future renewals being a "sole source" or "competition not practical" purchase order. The purchase order was documented as such. The original documents were maintained with the original hard copy of the order. The original order was no longer required to be retained in archives thus resulting in the supporting documentation not being available. All subsequent purchase orders have been documented indicating the sole source. Within the last two years we have started scanning all supporting documentation and electronically attaching it to the purchase order. This practice should prevent the loss of original documentation in the future. It should also be noted that with sole source purchases there is no requirement for competitive pricing.

All buyers have been reminded to document all sole source procurements and these will be approved in all cases per the Purchasing Manual.

The District has implemented an automatic notification to all Buyers and the Purchasing Manager of approved requisitions that have Federal funds associated with them and each of those vendors will be checked against the Federal debarment and suspension list. The debarred listing will continue to be monitored as outlined. Purchasing understands the importance of reviewing the debarred listing when making purchases with federal funds and believes this to be an isolated incident.

# Maricopa County Community College District Corrective Action Plan Year Ended June 30, 2014

# 2014-102

CFDA Nos.: 84.007 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants 84.033 Federal Work-Study Program 84.038 Federal Perkins Loan Program – Federal Capital Contributions 84.063 Federal Pell Grant Program 84.268 Federal Direct Student Loans Contact person: Michelle Paul, Manager of Grants Accounting and Student Financial Services Anticipated completion date: June 30, 2015 for ECAR updates and December 31, 2015 for training implementation

In March 2015, the District Center for Transfer and Articulation (CCTA) revised the curriculum process to include a compliance approval component for modifications to existing and the implementation of new academic programs. The revised process makes the programs unavailable in the Student Information System and on the web until after the District receives confirmation that the college has the necessary approvals from the Higher Learning Commission and the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

The revised procedure includes information on USDOE program eligibility requirements related to programs and certificates and advises colleges on which programs and locations should be included on the ECAR, including locations that offer 50% or more of an eligible academic program. Additionally, the District will develop and implement training on the program and location eligibility requirements for inclusion on the ECAR recertification applications for all staff responsible for completing and reviewing the ECAR.

Finally, all colleges will review and update its ECAR for any deficiencies noted.

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March 31, 2015

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Dear Ms. Davenport:

We have prepared the accompanying Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. Specifically, we are reporting the status of audit findings included in the prior audit's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs related to federal awards. This schedule also includes audit findings reported in the prior audit's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings that were not corrected.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Brainard Granio, CPA Associate Vice Chancellor, Business Services & Controller

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# Maricopa County Community College District Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2014

Status of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

CFDA No.: 47.076 Education and Human Resources Finding No.: 2013-101 Status: Fully corrected

CFDA No.: 47.076 Education and Human Resources Finding No.: 2012-102 Status: Fully corrected

CFDA Nos.: 84.007 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants 84.032 Federal Family Educational Loans 84.033 Federal Work-Study Program 84.038 Federal Perkins Loan Program – Federal Capital Contributions 84.063 Federal Pell Grant Program 84.268 Federal Direct Student Loans 84.375 Academic Competitiveness Grants Finding No.: 10-101 Status: Not warranting further action

Per OMB Circular A-133 Subpart C §.315 (b)(4), this prior-year finding is not warranting further action as two years have passed since the audit report in which the finding occurred was submitted to the Federal clearinghouse; the US DOE is not currently following up on the finding; and a decision was not issued by the US DOE. As reported previously, the District has been awarding and disbursing financial aid in accordance with a revised academic calendar since late 2010. The revised calendar was reviewed by the US DOE in a site visit conducted in November 2012. No further correspondence has been received.