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Dear Dr. Young,

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I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Audit of TEXAS Grant at Texas A&M University*, Report No. THECB-CM-FA-17-022. There were no findings resulting from this engagement.

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This Compliance Monitoring audit report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in October 2017.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Poehl".

Mark A. Poehl, CPA, CIA, CISA, CFE
Director, Internal Audit and Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Texas A&M University (TAMU) complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 19, Chapter 22, Sections §22.225 - 22.240, in the areas of eligibility and award amounts.

We conducted this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide reasonable basis for our findings and recommendations based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the findings and recommendations, if any, based on the audit objectives.

The following observations were noted during our review:

Award Amounts

No reportable findings were noted.

Student Eligibility

No reportable findings were noted.

Financial Need

No reportable findings were noted.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

No reportable findings were noted.

Residency

No reportable findings were noted.

Selective Service Registration

No reportable findings were noted.

Scope, Objective, and Methodology

Our compliance audit included tests of TEXAS Grant disbursements during fiscal year 2016 for compliance with relevant criteria, including:

- Student Eligibility
- Financial Need
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Residency
- Selective Service Registration
- Award Amounts

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Students met all eligibility criteria including SAP requirements;
- Students demonstrated financial need;
- Students fulfilled residency requirements;
- Applicable students registered with the selective service system; and
- Reported award amounts reconciled with Texas A&M University's Banner data system and payment records.

The audit methodology included objectively reviewing and analyzing various forms of documentation, conducting interviews and observations, and performing other tests of controls necessary to achieve the objectives of the audit. THECB used random and judgmental sampling to determine the extent to which Texas A&M University accurately reported TEXAS Grant data.

Background

The purpose of the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program is to provide grants of money to enable eligible students to attend public institutions of higher education in this state. During fiscal year 2016, Texas A&M University awarded approximately \$33 million in TEXAS Grants to 6,444 students.

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