

Independent Auditor's Reports on Audits
of Financial Statements of
Richland County First Steps
to School Readiness Partnership
for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012
and Supplemental Federal Financial Assistance Reports
for the year ended June 30, 2013

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Columbia, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership (the "Partnership"), a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, which comprise the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis as of June 30, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of functional expenses – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 Partnership'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 Partnership's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above fairly present, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Partnership as of June 30, 2013 and 2012, and its support, revenue, and expenses for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. 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 for purposes of additional analysis and is not required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 26, 2014, on our consideration of the Partnership'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 Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Scott and Company LLC

Columbia, South Carolina
February 26, 2014

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
 Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
 for the years ended June 30,

	2013	2012
<u>Temporarily restricted net assets:</u>		
Revenues:		
Grant revenues - South Carolina Office of First Steps to School Readiness:		
State allocation	\$ 523,114	\$ 868,768
State private	117	-
Education Improvement Act	-	59,915
Federal revenue	1,189,513	1,549,934
Interest income	30	38
Contribution income	391,080	345,890
Total revenues	2,103,854	2,824,545
Net assets released from temporary restrictions	(2,327,970)	(2,678,399)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	(224,116)	146,146
 <u>Unrestricted net assets:</u>		
Net assets released from temporary restrictions	2,327,970	2,678,399
Expenses:		
County operations	243,675	244,274
Family strengthening	552,346	506,085
Early education programs	1,199,703	1,584,620
Child care quality	276,753	278,190
Healthy start	55,493	65,230
Total expenses	2,327,970	2,678,399
Change in unrestricted net assets	-	-
Change in net assets	(224,116)	146,146
 <u>Net assets at beginning of the year:</u>		
Cash	394,553	301,680
Accounts receivable	129,432	91,913
Accounts payable	(133,727)	(149,481)
	390,258	244,112
 <u>Net assets at end of the year:</u>		
Cash	167,354	394,553
Accounts receivable	122,381	129,432
Accounts payable	(123,593)	(133,727)
	\$ 166,142	\$ 390,258

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

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Statement of Functional Expenses - Modified Cash Basis
for the year ended June 30, 2013

	Program					Total
	Administrative	Family strengthening	Early education	Child care quality	Healthy start	
Salaries	149,045	\$ 119,707	\$ 388,811	\$ 160,842	\$ -	\$ 818,405
Payroll taxes	11,401	9,158	29,744	12,304	-	62,607
Fringe benefits	32,278	32,773	97,092	40,051	-	202,194
Consultants	1,105	-	138,782	-	-	139,887
Office rent	9,494	-	41,443	13,942	-	64,879
Professional development	1,076	3,240	46,290	2,271	-	52,877
Telephone	5,064	2,678	5,012	3,683	-	16,437
Office equipment-rent	1,546	-	1,243	2,283	-	5,072
Office equipment-purchase	460	-	4,066	595	-	5,121
Office supplies	6,173	2,070	23,152	3,603	-	34,998
Insurance (non health)	1,298	-	-	-	-	1,298
Board expense	2,585	-	-	81	-	2,666
Travel	62	6,033	12,721	2,369	-	21,185
Miscellaneous	20,588	183	-	4	-	20,775
Program purchased supplies	-	15,374	75,355	32,575	-	123,304
Program purchased services	1,500	361,130	335,992	2,150	55,493	756,265
	\$ 243,675	\$ 552,346	\$ 1,199,703	\$ 276,753	\$ 55,493	\$ 2,327,970

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

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Statement of Functional Expenses- Modified Cash Basis
for the year ended June 30, 2012

	Program							Total
	Administrative County operations	Family strengthening	Early education	Child care quality	Healthy start	-	-	
Salaries	\$ 149,315	\$ 111,095	\$ 385,018	\$ 159,750	-	-	\$ 805,178	
Payroll taxes	11,338	8,154	28,713	11,998	-	-	60,203	
Fringe benefits	35,854	31,512	97,534	39,639	-	-	204,539	
Consultants	6,088	-	59,736	-	-	-	65,824	
Office rent	10,573	-	33,985	10,112	-	-	54,670	
Utilities	-	-	687	-	-	-	687	
Professional development	2,845	2,511	38,266	5,953	-	-	49,575	
Telephone	4,439	-	12,096	4,569	-	-	21,104	
Office equipment-rent	1,342	-	825	1,605	-	-	3,772	
Office equipment-purchase	2,083	898	372	3,874	-	-	7,227	
Office supplies	6,513	2,426	24,397	5,324	-	-	38,660	
Insurance (non health)	3,005	-	-	-	-	-	3,005	
Board expense	5,100	-	-	-	-	-	5,100	
Travel	540	6,775	13,418	3,219	-	-	23,952	
Miscellaneous	4,603	763	4,625	113	-	-	10,104	
Program purchased supplies	-	22,092	128,784	26,465	-	-	177,341	
Program purchased services	636	319,859	271,478	5,569	65,230	-	662,772	
Program purchased equipment	-	-	33,673	-	-	-	33,673	
Capital Improvements	-	-	451,013	-	-	-	451,013	
	<u>\$ 244,274</u>	<u>\$ 506,085</u>	<u>\$ 1,584,620</u>	<u>\$ 278,190</u>	<u>\$ 65,230</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,678,399</u>	

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

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Partnership and Purpose – The Partnership is a non-profit entity organized under the laws of South Carolina with the intent of improving early childhood development. The Partnership provides services directly or contracts with third parties to provide services and support to children and their families to enable children to reach school ready to learn; to establish goals for this initiative; and to provide programs and services which impact children and families during the first years of a child’s life.

The Partnership’s stated goals are to (1) provide parents with access to the support they might seek and want to strengthen their families and to promote the optimal development of their preschool children; (2) increase comprehensive services so children have reduced risk for major physical, developmental, and learning problems; (3) promote high quality preschool programs that provide a healthy environment that will promote normal growth and development; (4) provide services so all children receive the protection, nutrition, and health care needed to thrive in the early years of life so they arrive at school ready to learn; and (5) mobilize communities to focus efforts on providing enhanced services to support families and their young children so as to enable every child to reach school healthy and ready to learn.

Basis of Accounting – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). The basis of accounting determines when the Partnership recognizes revenue and expenses, and related assets and liabilities. The Partnership uses the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, modified by including program revenue and expenses to the extent that such transactions are settled in cash or invoiced to the Partnership timely after year-end.

The basis of accounting adopted by the Partnership differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because it recognizes long lived assets and other costs which benefit more than one period as expenses in the year purchased, and it recognizes certain expenses when paid such as vacation and sick time for employees.

Support and Revenue – Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions. All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction.

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Support and Revenue (continued) – A restriction expires when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Substantially all the support and revenue received by the Partnership is considered to be temporarily restricted as the Partnership is obligated to spend the amounts received consistent with the instructions from the contributor, including South Carolina First Steps State Board of Trustees, the Federal government, and other private contributors, as to their intended use. Revenues are shown net of any amounts refunded to the funding source.

Income Tax – The Partnership is organized as a nonprofit partnership under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal and state income tax.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash – The Partnership maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts at high quality financial institutions and generally limits its exposure to credit risk from balances on deposit with the financial institutions in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) insured limit. At times, such deposits may be in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Partnership has additional insurance/security in place for deposits in excess of FDIC limits.

Accounts Receivable – The Partnership’s accounts receivable consists of funds due from the federal government and the State Office of First Steps. These receivables do not accrue interest.

Contributed Services – Contributed services normally would be recorded under generally accepted accounting principles that (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills, (b) are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and (c) would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time to develop the Partnership’s programs. The value of this contributed time is not reflected in these financial statements since it does not meet the revenue recognition criteria as defined by the modified cash basis of accounting.

Note 2. Related Party Transactions

The board members of the Partnership are representative of various organizations that in certain instances benefit from actions taken by the board. Board members disclosed these relationships and transactions as appropriate under the Partnership’s policies and as required by law. It is the policy of the Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent.

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Related Party Transactions (continued)

Some of the Partnership's board members (elected and/or appointed) are also employees and/or members of management of organizations with which the Partnership has executed contracts for services, specifically the Richland County Public Library and the Richland County Health Department ("DHEC"). The Partnership consummated arm's length transactions with these entities to provide certain services related to the mission of the Partnership. The Partnership has recognized approximately \$470,000 and \$408,000 as expense for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, related to the services provided by these contractors.

Note 3. Concentrations of Risks

The Partnership received approximately 25% and 33% of its total revenues through the South Carolina Office of First Steps to School Readiness for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Future funding is dependent upon annual evaluation of the Partnership's effectiveness and availability of amounts as appropriated by the South Carolina General Assembly to the South Carolina Office of First Steps to School Readiness for distribution to county First Steps Partnerships, of which the Partnership is one of forty-six partnerships receiving funding. The South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness 7-year legislative authorization ended June 30, 2013 (fiscal year 2013). However, the South Carolina General Assembly approved South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness in the fiscal year 2014 (July 2013 – June 2014) budget appropriation thereby extending it for one fiscal year. The South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness' management is currently working with the South Carolina General Assembly to extend its legislative authorization past June 30, 2014.

The Partnership received approximately 57% and 55% of its total revenues from federal grants for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In addition, the Partnership received approximately \$370,000 and \$333,000 from the Children's Trust Fund of South Carolina for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. This is approximately 95% and 96% of contribution income as reported on the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets – modified cash basis for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The Partnership enters into various contracts with third parties for the performance of certain services consistent with the organization and purpose of the Partnership. The contracts vary in length. However they are generally one year or less and are subject to annual renegotiation. Substantially all amounts as shown in the Statements of Functional Expenses, with the exception of those amounts expensed for administrative functions, were expenses associated with services and goods contracted for by the Partnership and provided by third parties, for the benefit of improving early childhood development on behalf of the Partnership.

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Commitments and Contingencies

The Partnership receives grant funds from a federal agency. The grant is subject to audit by agents of the granting agency, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Such audits could result in the possible liability for reimbursement or refund of grant monies to the grantor agency. However, the Partnership's management believes that any liability for reimbursement, which may arise as the result of such audits, would not be material to the financial position of the Partnership.

Note 5. Property

During fiscal year 2012 the Partnership was granted federal monies with which it built a building on property (leased for 40 years) of another organization. This building is used to house program activities of the Partnership. Due to the use of federal monies the required Notice of Federal Interest has been filed. The cost of the building was \$304,342. In the financial statements of the Partnership this cost was expensed as required by the modified cash basis of accounting. If the Partnership was following GAAP, the cost of the building would have been booked as an asset at its cost and depreciated over a useful life of 40 years using straight-line depreciation. Under GAAP, the accumulated depreciation would have been \$11,413 and \$3,804 at June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The net book value would have been \$292,929 and \$300,538 at June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Note 6. Subsequent Events

The Partnership has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date of June 30, 2013, for items that should potentially be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements. The evaluation was conducted through February 26, 2014, the date these financial statements were available to be issued, and there were no subsequent events that required disclosure in these financial statements.

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 Year Ended June 30, 2013

Description	Award #	CFDA #	Expenditures
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services:</u>			
Head Start Program:			
Early Head Start	04CH4634	93.600	\$ 1,187,082
Total Federal Expenditures			<u>\$ 1,187,082</u>

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Note to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year ended June 30, 2013

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards ("Schedule") presents the activity of all federal awards programs of the Partnership for the year ended June 30, 2013. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Expenditures for federal financial assistance awarded directly from federal agencies, as well as those passed through other government agencies, if applicable, are included on the Schedule.

The activity shown in the Schedule reflects amounts recorded by the Partnership for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles, which is the same basis of accounting used in the preparation of the Partnership's financial statements.

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

To the Board of Directors
Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Columbia, South Carolina

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 Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership (the "Partnership"), a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, which comprise the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis as of June 30, 2013, and the related statement of functional expenses – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2014.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership'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 Partnership's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership'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 Partnership's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Scott and Company LLC

Columbia, South Carolina
February 26, 2014

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

To the Board of Directors
Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Columbia, South Carolina

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership's (the "Partnership"), a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, 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 the Partnership's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2013. The Partnership's major federal program is 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 the Partnership's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and 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 Partnership's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Partnership complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2013.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Partnership 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 Partnership's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for its 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 Partnership'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 a material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over 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.

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.

Scott and Company LLC

Columbia, South Carolina
February 26, 2014

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 Year Ended June 30, 2013

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

We have issued an unmodified opinion dated February 26, 2014 on the financial statements of Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership.

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? No
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? No
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards:

We have issued an unmodified opinion dated February 26, 2014 on Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership's compliance for its major program.

Internal control over major program:

- Material weaknesses identified? No
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? No
- Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133? No

Identification of Major Programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program</u>
93.600	Department of Health and Human Services – Head Start

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

Richland County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2013

Section II—Financial Statement Findings:

NONE

Section III—Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs:

NONE

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings:

NONE