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Mr. Phil Broyles, Chairman
and
Board of Directors
Heer's Tower Transportation Development District
Springfield, Missouri

The State Auditor is required under Section 238.275, RSMo, to audit a transportation development district prior to the question of abolishment being submitted to a vote. On June 13, 2013, the Board of Directors of the TDD approved a resolution of its intent to dissolve the district and request an audit as required by statute. The State Auditor was subsequently notified of this resolution. Because the TDD had no financial activity an audit was not performed.

The scope of our review included, but was not necessarily limited to, the year ended June 30, 2013. The objectives of our review were to evaluate the financial status of the district and determine whether it may be abolished pursuant to law.

Our methodology included reviewing financial statements filed with the State Auditor's office and other pertinent documents, obtaining a signed statement from the Treasurer of the TDD indicating no financial activity occurred, and interviewing various personnel of the district, as well as certain external parties.

The TDD is located in the City of Springfield. The TDD was organized in March 2006 by petition of the property owners within the proposed TDD, and the City of Springfield. The Board of Directors and officers include the property owners/developer, and one external board member. The TDD was formed for the purpose of constructing transportation projects with a cost of approximately \$8.8 million and has a fiscal year end of June 30. While the TDD voted to enact a sales tax, the project was not constructed and there are no businesses located within the TDD. Our review confirmed the TDD does not have a bank account, has not received any sales tax monies or incurred any expenditures, and has no outstanding liabilities.

Based on our review, the Board of Directors may proceed with repealing the sales tax and the abolishment of the district in accordance with Section 238.275, RSMo.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Schweich
State Auditor