Financial Statements with Additional Information Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 and Independent Auditors' Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Members of Hilton Head Island - Bluffton Chamber of Commerce

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hilton Head Island -Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 entity'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 entity'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 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hilton Head Island - Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

J.W. Hent and Company, LLP

September 20, 2016

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION, JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

| ASSETS | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,438,937 | \$ 1,276,374 |
| Accounts receivable | 28,438 | 131,096 |
| Less, allowance for uncollectible accounts | (2,995) | (6,335) |
| Prepaid expenses | 91,449 | 67,525 |
| Other | 9,320 | 9,647 |
| Total current assets | 1,565,149 | 1,478,307 |
| Property and equipment - net | 925,928 | 977,040 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,491,077 | \$ 2,455,347 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 328,418 | \$ 395,133 |
| Deferred revenue | 753,747 | 581,834 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 57,171 | 53,381 |
| Other liabilities | 122,857 | 144,367 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,262,193 | 1,174,715 |
| Long-term liabilities: | | |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 496,136 | 553,307 |
| Total liabilities | 1,758,329 | 1,728,022 |
| Unrestricted net assets | 732,748 | 727,325 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | \$ 2,491,077 | \$ 2,455,347 |

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES, YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Unrestricted revenues and other support: | | |
| Visitor and Convention Bureau projects | \$ 5,139,069 | \$ 5,100,651 |
| Membership dues | 706,915 | 682,094 |
| Membership projects | 814,493 | 902,781 |
| Brochure advertising | 187,328 | 213,487 |
| Building rent and common share | 118,087 | 118,087 |
| Interest income | 5,913 | 4,814 |
| Total unrestricted revenues and other support | 6,971,805 | 7,021,914 |
| | | |
| Expenses: | | |
| Visitor and Convention Bureau | 3,901,398 | 3,919,138 |
| Salaries and related benefits | 2,104,505 | 2,110,638 |
| General and administrative | 362,552 | 360,080 |
| Membership projects | 362,168 | 387,672 |
| Bluffton Office | 41,109 | 25,039 |
| Depreciation | 67,759 | 67,330 |
| Building | 87,803 | 105,182 |
| Interest | 39,088 | 42,434 |
| Total expenses | 6,966,382 | 7,017,513 |
| Change in unrestricted net assets | 5,423 | 4,401 |
| Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year | 727,325 | 722,924 |
| Unrestricted net assets at end of year | \$ 732,748 | \$ 727,325 |

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Change in unrestricted net assets | \$ 5,423 | \$ | 4,401 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in unrestricted net assets to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 67,759 | | 67,330 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable | 99,318 | | (59,839) |
| (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets | (23,597) | | (8,112) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable | (66,715) | | 216,171 |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities | (21,510) | | (192) |
| Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue | 171,913 | | (81,425) |
| | | | · · · |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 232,591 | | 138,334 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (16,647) | | (33,699) |
| Net cash used by investing activities | (16,647) | | (33,699) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Principal payments on notes payable | (53,381) | | (50,034) |
| Net cash used by financing activities | (53,381) | | (50,034) |
| Net increase in cash | 162,563 | | 54,601 |
| Cash at beginning year | 1,276,374 | | 1,221,773 |
| Cash at end of year | \$ 1,438,937 | \$ | 1,276,374 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Cash paid during the year for interest | \$ 39,088 | \$ | 42,434 |

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Hilton Head Island - Bluffton Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") is a not-forprofit organization established February 5, 1957, to represent, serve and promote the common interests of its membership and the business community and to contribute to the preservation and prudent economic growth of southern Beaufort County of South Carolina area as a healthy place to live and do business.

Date of Management's Review:

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 20, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Basis of Presentation:

The Chamber prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Chamber is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets. Accordingly, net assets of the Chamber and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Net assets subject to donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The Chamber has no temporarily restricted net assets.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Chamber. Generally, earnings from endowed contributions and investments are restricted for specific purposes. The Chamber has no permanently restricted net assets.

The statement of activities presents expenses categorized in accordance with the overall mission of the Chamber.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets or decreases in unrestricted net assets or by explicit donor stipulations or by law.

Property and Equipment:

Land donated to the Chamber is recorded at fair value on the date of donation. All other property and equipment is recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation, computed by using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives range from three to ten years for furniture, equipment, and capital improvements, three years for computer software, and thirty years for the building.

The Chamber generally capitalizes all expenditures for property and equipment in excess of \$1,000.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are recognized as revenue ratably over the periods which members are entitled to services.

Visitor and Convention Bureau (V&CB):

The V&CB is a division of the Chamber. Funding for the V&CB is provided by membership investment, the state of South Carolina, Beaufort County, the Town of Hilton Head Island and Town of Bluffton through accommodations taxes (ATAX) and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) funds. Revenue is recognized as services are performed.

Membership Projects:

The Chamber conducts various training, educational seminars and promotions for its members. Tickets and sponsorships are sold to cover the expenses of conducting these functions. Project revenue is recognized on an accrual basis as earned.

Advertising Revenue:

Advertising revenue is collected in advance and is deferred and recognized over the period the advertisement runs.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

Income Taxes:

The Chamber has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) indicating it is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Chamber's tax exempt purpose is subject to federal and state income tax as unrelated business income. Management has determined that the Chamber has no current obligations for unrelated business income tax. Accordingly, no provisions for federal and state income taxes are required. The Chamber is not classified as a private foundation.

GAAP require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Chamber and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Chamber has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Chamber, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Chamber is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Management believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations prior to 2013.

NOTE 2 - BANK DEPOSITS:

During the year and at year end, the Chamber's bank balances were in excess of federal depository insurance coverage. Management believes the credit risk associated with exceeding the insurance coverage is balanced by the stability of the financial institution involved.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Components of property and equipment were as follows:

| | JUNE | E 30, |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| Land | \$ 364,230 | \$ 364,230 |
| Building | 1,780,836 | 1,780,836 |
| Furniture and equipment | 405,842 | 464,812 |
| Capital improvements | 56,102 | 58,387 |
| Computer software | 52,713 | 66,726 |
| Total | 2,659,723 | 2,734,991 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (1,733,795) | (1,757,951) |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ 925,928 | \$ 977,040 |

NOTE 4 - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Components of deferred revenue were as follows:

| | JUNE 30, | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|----|-------------|
| | | <u>2016</u> | | <u>2015</u> |
| Membership dues | \$ | 280,322 | \$ | 259,336 |
| Visitor and Convention Bureau revenue | | 229,512 | | 140,340 |
| Leadership Hilton Head revenue | | 14,368 | | 19,218 |
| Other | | 121,101 | | 57,336 |
| Internet sales | | 108,444 | | 105,604 |
| Totals | \$ | 753,747 | \$ | 581,834 |

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following:

| | | | JUNE | 30, | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----|-------------|
| | | | <u>2016</u> | | <u>2015</u> |
| Mortgage note payable, bank, secured by building, 6.6%, interest and fixed principal p \$7,706 due monthly, note matures February 2 | payment of | f | 553,307 | \$ | 606,688 |
| Less, current portion | | | 57,171 | | 53,381 |
| Total, long-term portion | | \$ | 496,136 | \$ | 553,307 |
| Maturities of long-term debt are as follows: | | | | | |
| YEAR ENDING | | | | | |
| <u>JUNE 30,</u> | AMOUN | <u>IT</u> | | | |
| 2017 | \$ 57, ² | 171 | | | |
| 2018 | 61,1 | 116 | | | |
| 2019 | 65,3 | 334 | | | |
| 2020 | 69,7 | 782 | | | |
| 2021 | 74,6 | 657 | | | |
| 2022 and later | 225,2 | 247 | | | |
| Total | \$ 553,3 | 307 | | | |

The Chamber has an unused line of credit with a bank in the amount of \$3,200,000, collateralized by future expected revenues. The interest rate is the bank's prime rate plus 1% and expires on January 3, 2017.

NOTE 6 - LEASE COMMITMENTS:

The Chamber leases certain office equipment under noncancelable operating lease agreements. Lease expense charged to operations under lease agreements was \$5,843 and \$9,429 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Future minimum lease payments under these leases are \$3,792 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The Chamber is lessor under a rental agreement for office space in the Chamber's building. The lease expires on June 30, 2017. Future minimum lease payments receivable under the lease agreement total \$100,960. The lessee is responsible for its direct utilities and maintenance expenses.

The Chamber's lease on the Bluffton office is on a month-to-month basis.

NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

The Chamber is a participant in the American Chamber of Commerce 401(k) Retirement/Savings Plan (the Plan). The Chamber contributes a percentage of each eligible employee's salary and matches each employee's contribution to a fixed maximum percentage. The Plan covers employees who have one or more years of service with the Chamber. The Chamber contributed \$77,164 and \$76,631 to the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors and Members of Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce

We have audited the financial statements of Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce as of and for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, and our report thereon dated September 20, 2016, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, appears on page 1. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying additional information presented on pages 13 through 17 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

().W. Hent and Company, LLP

September 20, 2016

DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

| | OWN OF HHI DMMODATIONS <u>TAX</u> |
|---|--|
| Revenues - Town of Hilton Head Island - DMO Town of Hilton Head Island - Supplemental Grant 2015-16 Total revenue | \$ 1,671,398 403,762 2,075,160 |
| Expenses: Direct marketing: | |
| Leisure: Fulfillment Vacation planner Print media Packaging promotions Supplemental grant - Golf Marketing Supplemental grant - Leisure Supplemental grant - Leisure Supplemental grant - Tennis Supplemental grant - Culinary Supplemental grant - Digital Wayfinder Destination photography 800 Toll-free number Digital promotions Social media Leisure programs - Other Total leisure | \$ 44,474 59,362 58,084 39,759 170,027 20,000 82,621 20,589 19,012 5,166 2,005 252,310 54,435 6,054 833,898 |
| Meetings and group: Trade shows VCB dues and subcriptions Supplemental grant - Meetings Meeting FAMS Giveaways Site inspections Lead prospecting program Trade sponsorships Digital meetings Trade media Meetings - Other Total meetings and group | 37,645 8,285 88,775 630 8,894 2,177 27,813 8,797 9,331 18,289 430 211,066 |

HILTON HEAD ISLAND - BLUFFTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND HILTON HEAD ISLAND VISITOR AND CONVENTION BUREAU SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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| Expenses (continued): Direct marketing (continued): | <u></u> |
| Public relations: Public relations firm Special projects/photography Total public relations | \$ 132,973 47,105 180,078 |
| Group tour marketing: Group tour trade shows Group tour FAMS Total motorcoach marketing | 2,662 265 2,927 |
| International: Coastal South Carolina International promotions European sales mission(s) Pow Wow International Total international | 21,796 73,944 8,998 9,471 114,209 |
| Market research: Strategic planning and research General contingency Total research, planning and contingency | 84,884 29,687 114,571 |
| Total direct marketing expenses | 1,456,749 |
| Sales, marketing, visitor services and admin: Salaries Payroll taxes Employee benefits - 401K Employee benefits - Insurance Operations - Other Operations - Building Total sales, marketing, visitor services and admin | \$ 394,579 31,566 19,729 43,289 90,288 38,960 618,411 |
| Total expenses | 2,075,160 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | \$ |

DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON

| | BLUFFTON ACCOMMODAT <u>TAX</u> | |
|--|--|---|
| Revenues - Town of Bluffton DMO | \$ 79 | 9,955 |
| Expenses: Bluffton fulfillment Vacation planner Packaging promotions Bluffton toll-free number Digital promotions Leisure marketing (Southern Living) Leisure marketing (Garden & Gun) Leisure marketing (SC PRT website) Photography Leisure marketing - Other Trade shows (ABA) Bluffton visitor research Total direct marketing expenses | 2 6 12 10 6 4 3 1 | ,589 2,827 5,391 63 2,582 5,823 5,000 4,167 5,358 319 5,503 750 0,372 |
| Administrative: Salaries Payroll taxes Employee benefits - 401K Employee benefits - Insurance Operations - Other Operations - Building expense Total administrative Total expenses | 1 2 4 1 29 | 8,875 ,510 944 2,071 4,318 ,865 0,583 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | \$ | - |

DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY

| | BEAUFORT COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS <u>TAX</u> | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Revenues - Southern Beaufort County DMO | \$ | 272,530 | | |
| Expenses: Fulfillment Vacation planner Packaging promotions Southern Living Digital promotions Garden & Gun Destination video Photography BC/Bluffton - Other leisure Trade shows Beaufort County grant - Special projects Daufuskie marketing BC/Bluffton visitor research Total leisure | | 6,355 18,972 14,913 25,253 29,358 14,000 6,150 4,200 84 5,012 14,000 16,055 17,341 171,694 | | |
| Total direct marketing expenses | | 171,694 | | |
| Administrative: Salaries Payroll taxes Employee benefits - 401K Employee benefits - Insurance Operations - Other Operations - Building expense Total administrative | | 64,338 5,147 3,217 7,059 14,722 6,353 100,836 | | |
| Total expenses | | 272,530 | | |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | \$ | - | | |

| | ACCOMMOD | ATIONS TAX | | PARKS, | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| | TOWN OF HHI | BLUFFTON | B/C DMO | RECREATION AND TOURISM | MARKETING | MEMBERSHIP | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | |
| Town of Hilton Head Island DMO | \$ 1,671,398 | \$ - | \$- | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - \$ | 1,671,398 |
| Town of Hilton Head Isl. supplemental grant | 403,762 | - | - | - | - | - | 403,762 |
| Beaufort County DMO / Grants | - | - | 272,530 | - | - | - | 272,530 |
| Town of Bluffton DMO | - | 79,955 | - | - | - | - | 79,955 |
| SCPRT DMO grants | - | - | - | 675,000 | - | - | 675,000 |
| SCPRT co-op grants | - | - | - | 675,000 | - | - | 675,000 |
| Member funding | - | - | - | - | 1,548,752 | 1,645,408 | 3,194,160 |
| Total revenues | 2,075,160 | 79,955 | 272,530 | 1,350,000 | 1,548,752 | 1,645,408 | 6,971,805 |
| Expenses: | | | | | | | |
| Leisure | 833,898 | 10,871 | 40,240 | 321,407 | - | - | 1,206,416 |
| Town of Bluffton marketing | - | 37,248 | - | - | - | - | 37,248 |
| Beaufort County marketing - Bluffton | - | - | 94,552 | - | - | - | 94,552 |
| Beaufort County marketing - Daufuskie | - | - | 16,055 | - | - | - | 16,055 |
| Meetings and group | 211,066 | - | - | 68,890 | - | - | 279,956 |
| Public relations | 180,078 | - | - | 109,399 | - | - | 289,477 |
| International | 114,209 | - | - | 69,383 | - | - | 183,592 |
| Group tour marketing | 2,927 | 1,503 | 3,506 | 1,778 | - | - | 9,714 |
| Market planning and research | 84,884 | 750 | 17,341 | 7,120 | - | - | 110,095 |
| Marketing co-op programs | | - | - | 533,747 | 1,110,858 | - | 1,644,605 |
| Membership related expenses | - | - | - | - | - | 403,278 | 403,278 |
| General contingency | 29,687 | - | - | - | - | - | 29,687 |
| Sales, marketing and administrative | 618,411 | 29,583 | 100,836 | 238,276 | 437,894 | 1,236,707 | 2,661,707 |
| Total expenses | 2,075,160 | 79,955 | 272,530 | 1,350,000 | 1,548,752 | 1,639,985 | 6,966,382 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | \$ | \$ | \$- | \$ | \$- | \$ 5,423 \$ | 5,423 |