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AIDB Receives No Findings Audit from Public Examiners

The Department of Public Examiners released the 2009-10 audit of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind this week, indicating that no findings or questionable costs were reported for this period. The no findings audit is the fifth such report in six years.

“We all continue to deal with tough economic times in our state, but these circumstances have not reduced our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of accountability,” said AIDB President Dr. Terry Graham. “AIDB has learned to live within our means and still be accountable for extraordinary outcomes from our students and staff. I commend our Chief Financial Officer, Mr. David Akins, the Business Services staff and the AIDB administrative team for their continued diligence and commitment to sound management and oversight of our resources.”

“AIDB’s financial management system is unique, encompassing government/business, manufacturing and educational components, explained David Akins, Chief Financial Officer. “There are no other agencies in the state like AIDB and it presents a challenge for examiners as they review our multi-faceted financial system. We are committed to being good stewards of the state and federal tax dollars entrusted to us. A no findings audit is a team effort and it starts with leadership. Dr. Terry Graham has made it his goal to manage AIDB utilizing the highest ethical standards.”

AIDB receives more than 90% of its operating budget for educational programs and services through an appropriation from the State Legislature which has been reduced over the past year by 23.5 percent proration of the Special Education Trust Fund.

Established in 1858, AIDB served more than 20,000 individuals with hearing and vision loss last year through five Talladega-based campuses and a network of eight regional centers located in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Talladega, Tuscaloosa and Tuscumbia.