







# VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

REPORT ON AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023

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#### **AUDIT SUMMARY**

We have audited the basic financial statements of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and issued our report thereon, dated November 3, 2023. Our report, included in Virginia Tech's Financial Report, is available at the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at <a href="https://www.vt.edu">www.vt.edu</a>. Our audit found:

- the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects; and
- no internal control findings requiring management's attention nor instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing</u> Standards.

Our audit also included testing over the major federal program of the Research and Development Cluster for the Commonwealth's Single Audit as described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget <a href="Compliance Supplement">Compliance Supplement</a> and found no internal control findings requiring management's attention or instances of noncompliance in relation to this testing.

We did not perform audit work on the prior audit finding titled "Improve Compliance over Enrollment Reporting" as noted in the Findings Summary included in the <u>Appendix</u> because Virginia Tech did not implement corrective action during our audit period. Corrective action has been ongoing since the fiscal year 2018 audit. We will follow up on this finding during the fiscal year 2024 audit.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and discretely presented component unit of **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University** (Virginia Tech) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Virginia Tech's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 3, 2023. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the component unit of Virginia Tech, as described in our report on Virginia Tech's financial statements. The other auditors did not audit the financial statements of the component unit of Virginia Tech in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with the component unit of the University.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Virginia Tech's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Virginia Tech's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Virginia Tech'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 entity'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 Virginia Tech'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 financial statements. 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

#### **Status of Prior Findings**

We did not perform audit work related to the finding included in our report dated November 12, 2020, and reissued in our <u>Student Financial Assistance Cluster</u> report dated February 4, 2022, titled "Improve Compliance over Enrollment Reporting," because Virginia Tech did not implement corrective action during our audit period. We will follow up on this finding during the fiscal year 2024 audit.

#### **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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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## **FINDINGS SUMMARY**

	Status of	
	Corrective	First
Finding Title	Action	Issued
Improve Compliance over Enrollment Reporting	Ongoing	2018