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Lafourche Parish Government Receives Unqualified Audit Opinion

Lafourche Parish Government has received an unqualified opinion for the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the second consecutive year that Lafourche Parish has had “no findings” in their annual financial statement.

David Stagni from Stagni & Company, LLC, the professional consulting firm hired by the Parish Council to perform the audit, presented the audit report at Tuesday night’s council meeting. “This is the best opinion you can get,” Stagni stated. “It’s pretty remarkable considering the amount of information that goes through the governmental financial system.”

This is the fourth year that Lafourche Parish Government has compiled and submitted a CAFR for review. The Parish’s 2007 CAFR was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association National Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Stagni said the 2008 report will qualify for the award again this year.

“This audit represents the positive direction and level of financial transparency and accountability within Lafourche Parish Government,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “I want to thank our entire staff for their commitment to following our policies, and I want to thank our Finance Department for preparing another outstanding financial report.”

Lafourche Parish Government’s 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which includes the audit report, is available under the Finance Department’s section of our website: www.lafourchegov.org.

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