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North Carolina Office of the State Controller engaged Trustwave, operating under TrustWave Holdings, Inc. ("Trustwave") to conduct a third party security assessment and determine whether North Carolina Office of the State Controller has satisfactorily met the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) version 1.2 and other major payment card association security requirements related to the protection of cardholder data. Specifically, the assessment covers the PCI requirements which are comprised of VISA's Cardholder Information Security Program (CISP) and MasterCard's Site Data Protection (SDP) program, as well as Discover's (DISC) and American Express's Data Security Operating Policies. Trustwave is an authorized third party assessor for all the major payment card associations.

The following business units and platforms were in scope for this assessment:

ITS Common Payment Services (CPS) systems

Based upon the information provided by North Carolina Office of the State Controller regarding policies, procedures and technical systems that store, process or transmit cardholder data, an onsite assessment, and a vulnerability scan of these systems, Trustwave has determined that North Carolina Office of the State Controller has satisfactorily met the security requirements as of November 9th, 2011. Trustwave has recommended to the payment card associations that they recognize that North Carolina Office of the State Controller is PCI-DSS compliant.

As of the date of this letter, North Carolina Office of the State Controller remains enrolled in Trustwave's assessment program and will be scanned on a regular basis for the term of our agreement. One of the requirements to maintain compliance is to successfully pass periodic vulnerability scans of these systems. In addition, you must also continually identify and provide to Trustwave information regarding any new system that stores, processes or transmits cardholder data, so that those systems can also be scanned.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at Compliance-QA@trustwave.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Director of Quality Assurance