



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Charlie Buckels, Treasurer
Republican Party of Louisiana
11440 North Lake Sherwood Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Response Due Date:
April 7, 2008

Identification Number: C00187450

Reference: Mid Year Report (1/1/07-6/30/07)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 4 items:

1. On Schedule D of your previous report (the Amended Year End Report (11/28/07-12/31/07) Received 9/17/07), you disclosed a debt(s) owed to **Baton Rouge Marriott, Thomas Graphics, Targeted Creative "Communicatio", Jamestown Associates.** This obligation(s), however, has been omitted from this report. Please amend your report to include this debt(s) on Schedule D and Line 10 of the Summary Page. All debts and obligations must be disclosed until extinguished. 11 CFR §104.11
2. Your 2007 Mid Year Report does not disclose any payments for **salary or wages on Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page.** 11 CFR §100.24 defines as Federal Election Activity, services provided by an employee of a State, district or local party committee who spends more than 25 percent of their time during that month on activities in connection with a Federal election. You are advised that payments for salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25 percent of their compensated time in a given month on Federal Election Activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must be made with Federal funds only. **Please provide clarification regarding the lack of payments**

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for salary and wages disclosed by your committee. For future reporting, please attach a memo text to your reports explaining when your committee spends less than 25 percent of an employees time during the month on activities in connection with a Federal election.

3. On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the purpose of disbursements for several joint expenditures to various vendors. Note that the activity or event identifier is not considered an adequate description of purpose. Please amend your report to include this missing information.
4. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "auto, benevolence, parliamentary services, party building, party outreach generic, and promo items." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1144.

Sincerely,



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