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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
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The following is an update of prior audit findings and is prepared in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Section .315(b).

Prior Audit Finding 2007-1

Department of Education, TRIO Cluster, TRIO-Talent Search Program, CFDA #84.044, Program Year 2005 - 2006

Criteria or Specific Requirements – According to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 34, Sections 643-7 and 643-10, at least two-thirds of the individuals served by a talent search project must be low-income individuals who are potential first generation college students.

Status – The 2002-2003 program year was the first year of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (Bristol Bay Region) Talent Search Program, and the program faced significant cultural challenges in rural Alaska. There has been a continued hesitance by participants and families to provide needed financial information, thereby delaying verification of participant eligibility. As trust for the program has increased in the region, progress continues. The program served 52 percent low-income and potential first-generation college students in program year 2003-2004, 60 percent in program year 2004-2005, and 56 percent in program year 2005-2006. Overall, this program has progressed in the number of students served. In program year 2004-2005, 186 of 312 program participants met the requirement for low-income and potential first-generation college students. In program year 2005-2006, 221 of 396 program participants met the requirement for low-income and potential first-generation college students. Increased participation among program participants resulted from partnering with personnel from the four school districts served, by working with native Alaskan village councils, and by creating opportunities that appeal to the target group. The grant ended in August 2007.

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Prior Audit Finding 2007-2

Department of Education, TRIO Cluster, TRIO-Student Support Services, CFDA 84.042, Program Year 2005 – 2006

Criteria or Specific Requirements – According to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Sections 646-7 and 646-11, at least two-thirds of the students served by a Student Support Services project must be low-income individuals who are the first generation college students or individuals with disabilities.

Status – Corrective action has been taken and this matter has been fully resolved. For the program year 2007-2008, 120 of 177, or 68 percent of program participants met the programmatic requirement for low-income individuals who are first generation college students or individuals with disabilities.

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