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AUDIT REPORT
OF
COUNTY AUDITOR
FOUNTAIN COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY

We have audited the records of the County Auditor for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and certify that the records and accountability for cash and other assets are satisfactory to the best of our knowledge and belief, except as stated in the Audit Result and Comment. The financial transactions of this office are reflected in the Annual Report of Fountain County for the year 2012.

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August 13, 2013

COUNTY AUDITOR
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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTING

We noted several deficiencies in the internal control system of the County related to financial transactions and reporting. We believe the following deficiencies constitute material weaknesses:

1. Lack of Segregation of Duties: Control activities should be selected and developed at various levels of the County to reduce risks to the achievement of financial reporting objectives. The County has not separated incompatible activities related to receipts, disbursements, payroll and related liabilities, and cash and investment balances. The failure to establish these controls could enable material misstatements or irregularities to remain undetected.
2. Preparing Financial Statements: Effective internal control over financial reporting involves the identification and analysis of the risks of material misstatement to the County's audited financial statements and then determining how those identified risks should be managed. The County has not identified risks to the preparation of reliable financial statements and as a result has failed to design effective controls over the preparation of the financial statements to prevent or detect material misstatements, including notes to the financial statements.
3. Monitoring of Controls: Effective internal control over financial reporting requires the County Commissioners and County Council to monitor and assess the quality of the County's system of internal control. The County Commissioners and County Council have not performed either an ongoing or separate evaluation of their system of internal controls. The failure to exercise their oversight responsibility places the County at risk that controls may not be designed or operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance that controls will prevent or detect material misstatements in a timely manner. Additionally, the County has no process to identify or communicate corrective actions to improve controls.
4. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards: The County did not have a proper system of internal control in place to prevent or detect and correct errors on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The County should have proper controls in place over the preparation of the SEFA to ensure accurate reporting of federal awards. Without a proper system of internal control in place that operates effectively, material misstatements of the SEFA could remain undetected.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards submitted for audit was not accurate. The grantor agency name, program name, and CFDA number were incorrect for three programs. Total expenditures were under-reported for two programs. Three programs were omitted from the schedule. We felt that these errors caused the statement to be, qualitatively, materially misstated and requested and received approval from the official to make these audit adjustments.

Governmental units should have internal controls in effect which provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial information and records, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, proper execution of management's objectives, and compliance with laws and regulations. Among other things, segregation of duties, safeguarding controls over cash and all other assets and all forms of information processing are necessary for proper internal control.

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT
(Continued)

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for County Auditors of Indiana, Chapter 14)

OMB Circular A-133, Subpart C, Section .310 (b) states:

"Schedule of expenditures of Federal awards. The auditee shall also prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period covered by the auditee's financial statements. While not required, the auditee may choose to provide information requested by Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities to make the schedule easier to use. For example, when a Federal program has multiple award years, the auditee may list the amount of Federal awards expended for each award year separately. At a minimum, the schedule shall:

- (1) List individual Federal programs by Federal agency. For Federal programs included in a cluster of programs, list individual Federal programs within a cluster of programs. For R&D, total Federal awards expended shall be shown either by individual award or by Federal agency and major subdivision within the Federal agency. For example, the National Institutes of Health is a major subdivision in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2) For Federal awards received as a subrecipient, the name of the pass-through entity and identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity shall be included.
- (3) Provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the CFDA number or other identifying number when the CFDA information is not available.
- (4) Include notes that describe the significant accounting policies used in preparing the schedule.
- (5) To the extent practical, pass-through entities should identify in the schedule the total amount provided to subrecipients from each Federal program.
- (6) Include, in either the schedule or a note to the schedule, the value of the Federal awards expended in the form of non-cash assistance, the amount of insurance in effect during the year, and loans or loan guarantees outstanding at year end. While not required, it is preferable to present this information in the schedule."

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 13, 2013, with Richard L. Klage, President of the County Council; and Terry Ellingwood, President of the Board of County Commissioners. The officials concurred with our audit findings.

The contents of this report were discussed on August 13, 2013, with Colleen Chambers, former Auditor, and Brenda Hardy, Auditor.