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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of County Commissioners
Broward County, Florida
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Broward County, Florida (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 3, 2014. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of (1) Clerk of Circuit and County Courts (a discretely presented component unit), (2) Broward County Health Facilities Authority (a discretely presented component unit), (3) Broward County Housing Finance Authority (a discretely presented component unit), (4) Broward County Aviation Department (a major enterprise fund), (5) Broward County Water and Wastewater Services (a major enterprise fund), (6) Property Appraiser Operations Fund (a component of the General Fund), and (7) Broward County Supervisor of Elections (a component of the General Fund), as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report includes our consideration of the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those other auditors. However, this report, insofar as it relates to the results of the other auditors, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
March 3, 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of County Commissioners
Broward County, Florida
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of Broward County, Florida (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated March 3, 2014. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of (1) Clerk of Circuit and County Courts (a discretely presented component unit), (2) Broward County Health Facilities Authority (a discretely presented component unit), (3) Broward County Housing Finance Authority (a discretely presented component unit), (4) Broward County Aviation Department (a major enterprise fund), (5) Broward County Water and Wastewater Services (a major enterprise fund), (6) Property Appraiser Operations Fund (a component of the General Fund), and (7) Broward County Supervisor of Elections (a component of the General Fund), as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report includes our consideration of the results of the other auditors' testing that are reported on separately by those other auditors. However, this report, insofar as it relates to the results of the other auditors, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated March 3, 2014, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida, requires that we communicate the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's report:

Compliance

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we include a statement in the management letter as to whether or not the County complied with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the County failed to comply with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the County's noncompliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

Other Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Such information is disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Section 10.554(1)(i)6.a., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local governmental entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the County did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*.

Section 10.554(1)(i)6.b., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for the County for the year ended September 30, 2013, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the year ended September 30, 2013. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)6.c. and 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General*, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the County's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this letter is solely to communicate certain information required by Sections 218.39(4), 215.97(9)(f), and 215.97(10)(d), *Florida Statutes*, and Section 10.554(1)(i), *Rules of the Auditor General*. This letter is an integral part of an audit of a local governmental entity performed in the State of Florida in considering the results of the audit. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
March 3, 2014