

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

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December 19, 2008

Board of Commissioners
Douglas County, Oregon
Roseburg, Oregon

We have audited the financial statements of Douglas County, Oregon as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2008. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Douglas County, Oregon's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Douglas County, Oregon's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Douglas County, Oregon's financial statements are free of 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specific parties.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

(Disclosures and Comments Required by State Regulations)

Oregon Administrative Rules 162-10-050 through 162-10-320, the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, prescribed by the Secretary of State in cooperation with the Oregon State Board of Accountancy, enumerate the financial statements, schedules, comments and disclosures required in audit reports. The required financial statements and schedules are set forth in the preceding sections of this report. required comments and disclosures related to the audit of such statements and schedules are set forth following.

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Internal Control

Our report on the County's internal control over financial reporting is presented on pages 90 and 91 of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Other Comments and Disclosures

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe the County was not substantially in compliance with:

- ORS Chapter 295 regarding collateral securing depository balances,
- ORS 294.035 regarding the investment of surplus public funds,
- the legal requirements relating to debt,
- ORS 294.305 to 294.565 in the preparation and adoption of its budget for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009, and the execution of its budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008,
- ORS Chapter 279 in the awarding of public contracts and the construction of public improvements,
- the legal requirements pertaining to the use of revenue from taxes on motor vehicle use fuel,
- the statutory requirements pertaining to the use of road funds, and
- the appropriate laws, rules and regulations pertaining to programs funded wholly or partially by other governmental agencies,

except as follows:

- As discussed in Note 2B to the financial statements, the County overexpended an appropriation in one fund.

However, it should be noted that our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance with such requirements.

Additionally, we make the following comments:

- The accounting records are generally adequate for the needs of the County and are reasonably well maintained.
- We have reviewed the County's insurance and fidelity bond coverage for compliance with legal requirements. Since we are not experts in insurance matters, we make no representation as to the adequacy of such coverage.

COMMENDATION

The courteous assistance and cooperation extended to us by employees and officials of the County during the course of the audit are sincerely appreciated.