

***ALBANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
A COMPONENT UNIT OF ALBANY COUNTY***

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013



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To The Board of Directors
Albany County Industrial Development Agency,
a Component Unit of Albany County
Albany, New York

Independent Auditors' Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, a Component Unit of Albany County (the Agency), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Agency's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the Agency's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, a Component Unit of Albany County, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 5, and Schedule II be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 30, 2015 on our consideration of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Paul Becker & Charamonte CPAs PC

Management's Discussion And Analysis

The management of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, a Component Unit of Albany County (the Agency) offers readers of the Agency's financial statements, this narrative overview, and analysis of their financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Agency's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

- The Agency's net assets increased by \$1,283,081 (or 129%) to \$2,276,237, as compared to the previous year.
- Total expenses of the Agency were \$144,268 during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Agency's basic financial statements consist of four components; 1) the MD&A, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements, and 4) supplementary information. Because the Agency is a special-purpose government agency engaged in business-type activities only, the financial statements are presented in accordance with paragraph 138 of GASB Statement 34. In addition to the financial statements, this report contains other supplementary information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Agency. In addition to the management's discussion and analysis, management has prepared the Statements of Net Position, the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes In Fund Net Position, and the Statements of Cash Flows, following the MD&A.

Overview of the Agency

The Agency's primary mission is to encourage economic growth and expansion through financial incentives, thus advancing job opportunities, health, general prosperity, and the economic welfare of the people of Albany County and the State of New York. The Agency's operations are funded entirely through fees for services and rents received.

Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements are presented on the fund basis. The fund financial statements provide a more detailed look at the Agency's activities by focusing on the individual activities of its fund. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The next section of the financial statements is the notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are on pages 9 through 12 of this report. After the notes, the supplementary information is provided to show details about the Agency's bonds and budget analysis.

Budgetary Highlights

The fee income was \$1,308,000 higher than the original budget. This increase was due to an administrative fee that was collected from LaFarge Building Materials, Inc. in connection with a lease/leaseback transaction for sales tax exemption in 2013. This resulted in the Agency recognizing \$1,250,000 in fee revenue in the current year. Also, contractual expenses were \$80,000 higher in the current year than was budgeted due to the Albany County Customized Employment Public Intern Jobs Training Project in the current year.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information required by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

The Agency's Net Position

Figure 1

	<u>2014</u>
Current Assets	<u>\$2,277,718</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,481
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u>2,276,237</u>
Total Liabilities And Net Position	<u>\$2,277,718</u>

Net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Agency exceeded liabilities by \$2,276,237 as of December 31, 2014. The Agency's net position increased by \$1,283,081 for the year ended December 31, 2014. The largest portion of net assets (99%) reflects the Agency's cash accounts.

The Agency continued to collect \$108,000 this year for the rental of the former First Prize building on Exchange Street in the Town of Colonie.

The Agency's Revenue and Expenses

Figure 2

Operating Revenues:	
Fees	<u>\$1,318,000</u>
Other Revenues:	
Rental Income	108,000
Interest Income	<u>1,349</u>
Total Other Revenues	<u>109,349</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,427,349</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Contractual Expenses	80,000
Personal Services	48,095
Administrative	<u>10,999</u>
Total Operating Expenses	139,094
Other Expenses:	
Special District Charges	<u>5,174</u>
Total Expenses	<u>144,268</u>
Net Income	<u>\$1,283,081</u>

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Statements Of Net Position

December 31

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,272,436	\$ 988,734
Prepaid expenses	<u>5,282</u>	<u>4,422</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,277,718</u>	<u>993,156</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 2,277,718</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 993,156</u></u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 1,481</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total liabilities	1,481	-
Net position - unrestricted	<u>2,276,237</u>	<u>993,156</u>
Total Liabilities And Net Position	<u><u>\$ 2,277,718</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 993,156</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Statements Of Revenues, Expenses, And Changes In Fund Net Position

For The Years Ended December 31

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating revenues:		
Fees	\$ 1,318,000	\$ 251,500
Total operating revenues	<u>1,318,000</u>	<u>251,500</u>
Operating expenses:		
Contractual expenses (Note 5)	80,000	100,000
Personal services	48,095	44,868
Administrative	<u>10,999</u>	<u>8,529</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>139,094</u>	<u>153,397</u>
Operating income	<u>1,178,906</u>	<u>98,103</u>
Other revenues:		
Rental income (Note 3)	108,000	108,000
Interest income	<u>1,349</u>	<u>862</u>
Total other revenues	<u>109,349</u>	<u>108,862</u>
Other expenses:		
Special district charges	<u>5,174</u>	<u>16,178</u>
Total other expenses	<u>5,174</u>	<u>16,178</u>
Net income	1,283,081	190,787
Net position - beginning	<u>993,156</u>	<u>802,369</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 2,276,237</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 993,156</u></u>

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Statements Of Cash Flows

For The Years Ended December 31

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash flows for operating activities:		
Receipts from fees	\$ 1,318,000	\$ 251,500
Payments for contractual expenses	(80,000)	(100,000)
Payments for administration expenses	(10,999)	(8,529)
Payments for personal services	<u>(47,474)</u>	<u>(45,193)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,179,527</u>	<u>97,778</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities:		
Receipts from rental income	108,000	108,000
Property taxes	(5,174)	(16,178)
Interest	<u>1,349</u>	<u>862</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>104,175</u>	<u>92,684</u>
 Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	 1,283,702	 190,462
 Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	 <u>988,734</u>	 <u>798,272</u>
 Cash And Cash Equivalents - End Of Year	 <u><u>\$ 2,272,436</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 988,734</u></u>
 Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 1,178,906	\$ 98,103
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in prepaid expenses	(860)	(325)
Increase in accrued expenses	<u>1,481</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	 <u><u>\$ 1,179,527</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 97,778</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**ALBANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
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Notes To Financial Statements

Note 1: Organization And Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and purpose - The Albany County Industrial Development Agency, a Component Unit of Albany County (the Agency) was created under the provisions of the Laws of New York State for the purpose of encouraging economic growth in Albany County and limits its activity to projects in Albany County. The Agency is considered to be a component unit of Albany County since the Albany County Legislature appoints the Agency's Board of Directors.

Basis of presentation - The Agency utilizes the accrual basis of accounting wherein revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. The accompanying financial statements of the Agency have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for governments as prescribed by the *Government Accounting Standards Board* (GASB), which is the primary standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles.

Cash and cash equivalents - The Agency's investment policies are governed by State statutes. The Agency's funds must be deposited in FDIC insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The Agency is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit, and for all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States of America and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts.

At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of the Agency's deposits, including cash and certificates of deposit, is \$2,272,436. The insured and collateral status of the year end bank balances are as follows:

Status of bank balances:

Uncollateralized	\$ 1,272,686
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution	500,000
Covered by federal deposit insurance	<u>500,000</u>

Total Bank Balances \$ 2,272,686

The Agency's bank balances were properly collateralized as of March 23, 2015. The Agency did not incur any losses from the uncollateralized position that previously existed.

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Notes To Financial Statements

Note 1: Organization And Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Statement of cash flows and cash equivalents - The Agency follows accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which requires the reporting of cash flows under the direct method of cash flow reporting. For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Agency considers all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Capital assets - The Agency's property and equipment are stated at historical cost. Expenditures for additions, renewals, and betterments are capitalized; expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Upon retirement or disposal of assets, the costs and accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss is included in revenue. The Agency capitalizes all expenditures for property and equipment in excess of \$1,000.

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds - The Agency may issue Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. The Bonds are special obligations of the Agency payable solely from revenue derived from the leasing, sale, or other disposition of a project. As explained more fully in Note 2, there is no liability to the Agency; therefore, the obligations are not accounted for in the accounts of the Agency.

Operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the Agency. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal value. Non-operating revenues, such as investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions.

Income taxes - The Agency is exempt from federal, state, and local income taxes.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The application of these accounting principles involves the exercise of judgment and use of assumptions as to future uncertainties and, as a result, actual results could differ from these estimates. The Agency periodically evaluates estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the financial statements and makes changes on a prospective basis when adjustments are necessary.

Presentation - Certain reclassifications, when applicable, are made to the prior year financial statement presentation to correspond to the current year's format. Reclassifications, when made, have no effect on total net position or net income (loss).

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Notes To Financial Statements

Note 2: Industrial Development Revenue Bonds And Notes

The bonds and notes are not obligations of New York State or Albany County and are not general obligations of the Agency. The Agency does not record the assets or liabilities resulting from completed bond and note issues in its accounts since its primary function is to arrange the financing between the borrowing companies and the bond and note holders, and funds arising therefrom are controlled by trustees or banks acting as fiscal agents. For providing this service, the Agency receives bond administration fees from the borrowing companies. Such administrative fee income is recognized immediately upon issuance of bonds and notes. The Agency may collect amounts at closing that are due to the State. These amounts are subsequently remitted to the State by the Agency.

At December 31, 2014, the original value of bonds issued aggregated \$39,350,000 and the outstanding balance was \$18,659,747.

Note 3: Net Investment In Direct Financing-Type Lease

The Agency is the lessor of certain real estate known as the Tobin Packing Plant. The lessee had an option to purchase the real estate in 2000 but rescinded the option. At the expiration of the lease, the lessor shall by Warranty Deed convey all of its right, title, and interest in the real estate to the lessee for the sum of one dollar. The term and purchase options under the lease were extended from December 31, 2014 for a three-month period ending and including March 31, 2015. Rental income received for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$108,000 each year.

Minimum future rental income to be received under the terms of the lease as of December 31, 2014 and for the final period of the lease is \$27,000.

Note 4: Employee Benefit Plans

The Agency participates in the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS). This System is a cost sharing multiple employer, public employee retirement system. The System offers a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability. All benefits generally vest after ten years of service.

The New York State Retirement and Social Security Law provides that all participants in the System are jointly and severally liable for any actuarial unfunded amounts. Such amounts are collected through annual billings to all participating employers. Generally, all employees, except certain part-time employees, participate in the System. The System is non-contributory, except for employees who joined the System after July 27, 1975.

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Notes To Financial Statements

Note 4: Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

The Agency's contributions made to the System were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each year.

The retirement contributions in the current and two preceding years were:

2014	\$	3,014
2013		2,718
2012		2,235

Historical trend information, which provides information about the progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, is presented in the Annual Report of NYSERS.

Note 5: Equipment Assistance

On December 27, 2012, the Agency entered into a project benefits agreement dated as of December 1, 2012 (the Agreement) with a company (the Company) operating in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York. The Agreement was entered into in connection with the Agency assisting the Company in undertaking a commercial project (the Project). Under the Agreement, the Agency agreed, subject to certain conditions, to assist the Company in calendar year 2013 in acquiring equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 (the Equipment Assistance). The Equipment Assistance is not subject to repayment by the Company, so long as the Company maintains the job levels and satisfies the other conditions described in the Agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Agency provided the Company with \$100,000 in Equipment Assistance.

Note 6: Subsequent Events

In February 2014, a closing was completed on the PILOT agreement phase of a project resulting in a fee of \$1,250,000 received by the Agency. The Agency received an additional \$500,000 related to this agreement in January 2015.

The lease related to the real estate known as the Tobin Packing Plant was not extended and the lessor by Warranty Deed conveyed all of the rights, title, and interest in the real estate to the lessee.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(OTHER THAN MD&A)**

**ALBANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
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Schedule Of Bond Indebtedness

For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

Name of Project	Principal Amount of Issue	Issue Date	Outstanding Beginning of Fiscal Year	Issues During Fiscal Year	Paid During Fiscal Year	Outstanding End of Fiscal Year
Columbia Harriman 455, LLC, Series 2010A	\$ 9,050,000	12/31/2010	\$ 5,717,126	\$ -	\$ 176,270	\$ 5,540,856
Albany Academy and Albany Academy for Girls, Series 2007A	6,000,000	06/29/2007	5,322,272	-	155,035	5,167,237
Albany Academy and Albany Academy for Girls, Series 2007B	300,000	06/29/2007	266,114	-	7,752	258,362
Memorial Hospital, Series 2006A	5,000,000	06/29/2006	1,599,197	-	1,599,197	-
Memorial Hospital, Series 2006B	4,000,000	06/29/2006	1,269,005	-	1,269,005	-
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, Series 2006A	1,200,000	06/27/2006	962,758	-	31,704	931,054
Wildwood Programs, Inc., Series 2006K-1	3,550,000	06/01/2006	2,815,000	-	150,000	2,665,000
Excelsior College, Series 2003A	1,300,000	09/19/2003	635,761	-	635,761	-
LaSalle School, Series 2002A	3,500,000	12/05/2002	2,190,113	1,338,147	93,332	3,434,928
Academy of the Holy Names of New York, Series 2001A	2,200,000	05/31/2001	775,697	-	113,387	662,310
University State of NY, Series 1994A	<u>3,250,000</u>	07/26/1994	<u>175,678</u>	-	<u>175,678</u>	-
Total	<u>\$ 39,350,000</u>		<u>\$ 21,728,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,338,147</u>	<u>\$ 4,407,121</u>	<u>\$ 18,659,747</u>

See paragraph on supplementary schedules in independent auditors' report

**ALBANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule Of Revenues, Expenses, And Changes In Net Position - Budget
(Non-GAAP Basis) And Actual

For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:			
Rental income	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000	\$ -
Fees	10,000	1,318,000	1,308,000
Interest income	<u>500</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>849</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>118,500</u>	 <u>1,427,349</u>	 <u>1,308,849</u>
Expenditures:			
Personal services	46,050	48,095	(2,045)
Special district charges	16,250	5,174	11,076
Audit fee	5,900	5,900	-
Insurance	2,100	1,637	463
Office expense	1,900	1,822	78
Bank charges	130	140	(10)
Meetings and seminars	500	-	500
Legal fees	-	1,500	(1,500)
Contractual expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>
 Total expenditures	 <u>72,830</u>	 <u>144,268</u>	 <u>(71,438)</u>
 Net income	 <u>45,670</u>	 <u>1,283,081</u>	 <u>\$ 1,237,411</u>
 Net position - beginning	 <u>993,156</u>	 <u>993,156</u>	
 Net Position - Ending	 <u>\$ 1,038,826</u>	 <u>\$ 2,276,237</u>	

See paragraph on supplementary schedules in independent auditors' report



**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 Directors
Albany County Industrial Development Agency,
a Component Unit of Albany County
Albany, New York

Independent Auditors' Report

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 and the business-type activities of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, a Component Unit of Albany County (the Agency) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Agency'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 Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency'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 Agency'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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting 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 Agency'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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency'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 Agency's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Teal Becker & Charamonte, CPAs PC

Albany, New York
March 30, 2015