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We are providing this letter in connection with your audits of the consolidated financial statements of Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads (Commission) as of June 30, 2011 and 2010 and for the years then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission and the results of its operations and the cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation in the consolidated financial statements of financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control, and preventing and detecting fraud.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit.

- The consolidated financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles and include all properly classified funds required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 2. We have made available to you all-
  - a. Financial records and related data.
  - b. Minutes of the meetings of the Commission or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 3. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 4. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the consolidated financial statements or the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 5. We believe the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarized in the attached schedule are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- 6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.

- 7. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:
  - a. Management,
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 8. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- 9. We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud, illegal acts, and violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that you have reported to us.
- 10. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives of the audit being undertaken and the corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations.
- 11. The Commission has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities or fund equity.
- 12. The following, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements:
  - a. Related party transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
  - b. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Commission is contingently liable.
  - c. All accounting estimates that could be material to the consolidated financial statements, including the key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances.
- 13. There are no estimates that may be subject to a material change in the near term that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements. We understand that *near term* means the period within one year of the date of the financial statements. In addition, we have no knowledge of concentrations existing at the date of the financial statements that make the organization vulnerable to the risk of a near-term severe impact that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements.
- 14. We are responsible for the Commission's compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us; and we have identified, and disclosed to you, all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of consolidated financial statements amounts.

## 15. There are no--

a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting and amending budgets), terms of contractual agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the

financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.

- Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies.
- c. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB *Accounting Standards Codification* 450.
- d. Reservations or designation of fund equity that were not properly authorized and approved.
- 16. As part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements and related notes. We have designated a competent employee to oversee your services and have made all management decisions and performed all management functions. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.
- 17. The Commission has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed.
- 18. The Commission has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 19. The consolidated financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 20. Net asset components (invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted) and fund balance reserves and designations are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 21. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 22. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 23. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified in category of custodial credit risk.
- 24. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
- 25. Required supplementary information (RSI) is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
- 26. With respect to federal award programs:
  - a. We are responsible for complying and have complied with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.
  - b. We have, in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.

- c. We are responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program.
- d. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance requirements applicable to federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control system to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to reportable conditions reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- e. We have made available to you, all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relating to each major federal program.
- f. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- g. We have complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements, including when applicable, those set forth in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement*, relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews.
- h. Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Tribal Governments, and OMB's Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
- i. We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- k. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared, and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 1. The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by OMB Circular A-133 and we have

- provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- m. We are responsible for and have prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by OMB Circular A-133, and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a corrective action plan for each audit finding.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that you require adjustment of or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements (or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs).

Sincerely,

Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads

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