# SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS AND MANAGEMENT LETTER NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers Nassau County, Florida

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

We have audited the financial statements of Nassau County, Florida as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and our report thereon dated March 1, 2013, which expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

March 1, 2013

Gainesville, Florida

#### NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Grant Program	Grant ID Number	Federal CFDA Number	Federal Expenditures
United States Department of Commerce Indirect:			
Passed Through Alachua County Sheriff, Alachua County, Florida, Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant  Total United States Department of Commerce	12-DS-8D-03-11-01-162	11.555	\$ 229,494 229,494
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Indirect: Passed Through Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 14.228  Total United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	12-DB-P5-04-55-01-K53 10-DB-K4-11-54-01-K25	14.228 14.228	154,329 197,652 351,981 351,981
United States Department of Justice			
Direct: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	2011-AP-BX-0823	16.606	1,247
Equitable Sharing Program	None	16.922	5,000
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	2010-DJ-BX-1142 2011-DJ-BX-3084	16.738 16.738	80,688 17,338
Indirect:			
Passed Through Florida Department of Law Enforcement: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 16.738	2012-JAGC-NASS-1-C4-017	16.738	19,686 117,712
Passed Through Office of the Attorney General of Florida: Crime Victim Assistance	V-11132	16.575	37,764
Total United States Department of Justice			161,723
National Endowment for the Humanities  Direct:		15.14	1.544
Promotion of the Humanities Public Programs  Total National Endowment for the Humanities	Lets Talk About It	45.164	1,744 1,744
United States Election Assistance Commission Indirect:			
Passed Through Florida Division of Elections:			
Federal Help America Vote Act Federal Help America Vote Act	None None	90.401 90.401	8,478 1,253
Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 90.401	140116	70.401	9,731
<b>Total United States Election Assistance Commission</b>			9,731

#### NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

(Continued)

		Federal	
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/		CFDA	Federal
Grant Program	Grant ID Number	Number	Expenditures
United States Department of Health and Human Services			
Indirect:			
Passed Through Florida Department of Revenue:			
Child Support Enforcement	CSP45	93.563	\$ 2,574
Child Support Enforcement	CD345	93.563	135,503
Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 93.563			138,077
Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities	MOA # 2011-2012-0002	93.617	14,155
<b>Total United States Department of Health and Human Services</b>			152,232
United States Department of Homeland Security			
Indirect:			
Passed Through Florida Division of Emergency Management:	12 DD 72 04 55 02 504	07.026	221 722
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	13-DB-73-04-55-02-594	97.036	321,733
Emergency Management Performance Grant	12-FG-R3-04-55-01-112	97.042	39,983
Emergency Management Performance Grant	13-FG-04-55-01-112	97.042	31,010
Subtotal Expenditures CFDA No. 97.042			70,993
Indirect:			
Homeland Security Grant	2010-SS-TO-0092	97.067	10,000
<b>Total United States Department of Homeland Security</b>			402,726
Federal Communications Commission  Direct:			
Universal Discount for Schools and Libraries (E-Rate)	2011-YR14	None	10,182
<b>Total Federal Communications Commission</b>			10,182
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ 1,319,813

#### NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

(Concluded)

	State CSFA	Contract/Grant	
Grant Agency/Grant Title	Number	Number	Expenditures
Florida Executive Office of the Governor	1 (44110001		23.1901101101105
Emergency Management Programs	31.063	12-BG-05-04-55-01-045	\$ 101,923
Emergency Management Programs	31.063	13-BG-06-04-55-01-045	25,843
Subtotal Expenditures - CSFA No 31.063			127,766
Total Florida Executive Office of the Governor			127,766
Florida Department of Environmental Protection			
Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grants	37.012	125SC	70,588
Total Florida Department of Environmental Protection			70,588
Florida Department of State			
State Aid to Libraries Grant Program	45.030	12-ST-36	27,063
Total Florida Department of State			27,063
Florida Housing Finance Corporation			
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	52.901	11/12	3,404
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	52.901	10/11	41,875
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	52.901	09/10	26,027
Subtotal Expenditures - CSFA No. 52.901			71,306
<b>Total Florida Housing Finance Corporation</b>			71,306
Florida Department of Transportation			
Small County Outreach Program	55.009	428203-1-58-01	759,018
Public Transit Service Development Program	55.012	430300-1-94-12	267,000
Total Florida Department of Transportation			1,026,018
Florida Department of Health			
County Grant Awards	64.005	C1045	12,250
Total Florida Department of Health			12,250
Florida Department of Management Services			
Wireless 911 Emergency Telephone System	72.001	12-04-12	62,312
Wireless 911 Emergency Telephone System	72.001	12-04-26	1,961
Subtotal Expenditures - CSFA No. 72.001			64,273
Total Florida Department of Management Services			64,273
Total State Expenditures			\$ 1,399,264

#### NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTE TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

#### **Note 1 - Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance projects includes the federal and state award activity of Nassau County, Florida, and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.



# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers Nassau County, Florida

#### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Nassau County, Florida (the County) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement, and the Florida Department of Financial Services' State Projects Compliance Supplement, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2012. The County's major federal programs and state projects are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs and state projects is the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Those standards, OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program or state financial assistance project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2012.

#### **Certified Public Accountants**

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers Nassau County, Florida

# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL (Concluded)

#### **Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs and state financial assistance projects. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program or state financial assistance project in order to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state financial assistance project on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state financial assistance project will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this report is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards accepted in the United States of America requires us to indicate that this report is intended solely for the information and use of the County's management, Board of County Commissioners, Constitutional Officers, and federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 1, 2013 Gainesville, Florida

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

#### NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS -FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

#### **Summary of Auditors' Results**

- 1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of Nassau County, Florida (the County).
- 2. A *Significant deficiency* was identified during the audit of the financial statements and reported in the 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* for the Nassau County Sheriff which was reported as a material weakness.
- 3. There were no instances of noncompliance identified during the audit of the financial statements reported in the 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*.
- 4. The audit disclosed no significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control over major federal programs or state projects that are required to be reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- 5. The report on compliance for the major federal programs and state projects expresses an unqualified opinion.
- 6. The audit disclosed no findings that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.
- 7. The programs tested as major federal awards programs and state financial assistance projects included:

Federal Program	CFDA No.
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	14.228
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036
State Project	CSFA No.
Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)	55.009

- 8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$300,000 for major federal program and state projects.
- 9. The entity was determined to not be a low-risk audit pursuant to OMB Circular A-133.

#### **Financial Statement Findings**

Financial statement findings, if any, are reported in the individual reports of the Board and the Constitutional Officers.

#### NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS -FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

(Concluded)

#### Findings and Questioned Costs for Major Federal Programs and State Projects

The audit disclosed no findings for major federal programs or state projects to be reported under OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

#### **Status of Prior Audit Findings**

There were no prior year findings required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, Nassau County, Florida (the Board), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2013. 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 the Board'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 Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Board's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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 the Board's special purpose 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*.

#### **Certified Public Accountants**

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Concluded)

We noted certain matters that we reported to management in a separate management letter dated March 1, 2013.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners, management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 1, 2013

Gainesville, Florida



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, Nassau County, Florida (the Board), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2013.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted 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 auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated March 1, 2013, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' reports or schedules:

- 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. There were no recommendations in the preceding annual financial report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statues, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the County complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.
- 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. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statement that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

### MANAGEMENT LETTER (Concluded)

- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General* provides that the auditor may, based upon professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on the financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contraction or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse; and (2) deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *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 special purpose financial statements. The Board was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). The Board includes component units as described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards accepted in the United States of America requires us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

March 1, 2013

Gainesville, Florida



## REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable John A. Crawford Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Clerk of the Circuit Court (the Clerk), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons. 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**

Management of the Clerk is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Clerk'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 Clerk's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk's internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Clerk's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, 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.

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The Honorable John A. Crawford Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court Nassau County, Florida

# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Concluded)

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Clerk'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 Clerk and management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

February 7, 2013



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable John A. Crawford Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Clerk of the Circuit Court (the Clerk), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2103, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Florida Auditor General*. We have issued our Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated February 7, 2013, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter is required to include the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' reports or schedules:

- 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 significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Clerk complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.
- 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.

#### **Certified Public Accountants**

The Honorable John A. Crawford Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court Nassau County, Florida

### MANAGEMENT LETTER (Continued)

- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the determination of financial statement amounts that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General*, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that are inconsequential to the determination of financial statement amounts, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse; and (2) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *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 special purpose financial statements. The Clerk was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Clerk.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)8., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement as to whether or not the Clerk complied with the requirements of Sections 28.35 and 28.36, Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, and with the exception of the two recommendations below, we determined that the Clerk complied with such requirements.

#### 2012-1—Failure to Achieve Performance Measure Standards

In accordance with Section 28.35(2)(d), Florida Statutes, the Clerk of Courts Operations Corporation (CCOC) has developed and certified a uniform system of performance measures and standards for court-related functions. We noted that the Clerk did not meet the standards established by the CCOC for the period of October 2011 to September 2012 for the following court/case type timeliness measures:

• Juvenile Dependency - CCOC Standard is 80%; the Clerk did not meet this standard for the quarter of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

We recommend that the Clerk continue to implement the Corrective Action Plan that has been submitted to the CCOC.

#### 2012-2—Assessment and Collection Rate Reporting

The Clerk's office implemented a new software system during the last quarter of the fiscal year. We noted that the system was using incorrect logic when generating case assessment dates for Assessment and Collection Rate reporting to the CCOC. This resulted in several cases being omitted from the fourth quarter Assessment and Collection Report. We recommend that the Clerk's office investigate the nature of the software problem and contact the software provider to correct the logic.

The Honorable John A. Crawford Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court Nassau County, Florida

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

## MANAGEMENT LETTER (Concluded)

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

February 7, 2013

Gainesville, Florida



## JOHN A. CRAWFORD Clerk of the Circuit Court / Comptroller Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Nassau County



February 7, 2013

Auditor General Local Government Audits/342 Claude Pepper Building, Room 401 111 West Madison Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

Dear Sir/Madam,

The audit report of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nassau County, was conducted 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 audit report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clerk at September 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position, where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for each major fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on the Independent Auditors' Report.

The independent auditors identified two findings discovered pursuant to the Rules of the Auditor General for the year ending September 30, 2012. The responses to these findings are below.

1) Finding – It was noted that the Clerk did not meet the standards established by the CCOC for the period of October 2011 to September 2012 for the following court/case type timeliness measures:

Juvenile Dependency – CCOC Standard is 80%; the Clerk did not meet this standard for the quarter of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Response – This was a training issue due to the shift of this case type from one department to another. This was addressed in a Corrective Action Plan that was submitted to CCOC. We have exceeded the standard on an annual basis.

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2) Finding – It was noted that the newly implemented software system was using incorrect logic when generating case assessment dates for Assessment and Collection Rate reporting to the CCOC. This resulted in several cases being omitted from the fourth quarter Assessment and Collection Report.

Response – After working with the software provider, we identified the stored procedure logic that was causing the incorrect reporting of several case assessments. Once identified, the issue was quickly resolved with the release of version 1.3 for our software application.

Sincerely,

John A. Crawford

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable T.L. "Tommy" Seagraves, Jr. Nassau County Sheriff Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated January 4, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons. 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**

Management of the Sheriff is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Sheriff'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 Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

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.

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 deficiencies, 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. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described below that we consider to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. 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.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Concluded)

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting** (Concluded)

#### ■ 2009 IC-1 Segregation of Duties

Condition—In certain circumstances, the duties of making pay rate changes in the payroll system, signing payroll checks, and reconciling the payroll bank statements are performed by the same employee. In addition, the duties of initiating and executing bank transfers, and preparing and posting journal entries were performed by the same employee.

*Effect*—The failure to separate incompatible duties could result in errors or irregularities that might go undetected.

*Recommendation*—We recommend that incompatible accounting duties be separated among employees where it is feasible to do so.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff's special purpose 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*.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the Sheriff in a separate letter dated January 4, 2013.

The Sheriff's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying management's responses. We did not audit the Sheriff's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Sheriff and management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

January 4, 2013 Gainesville, Florida

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable T.L. "Tommy" Seagraves, Jr. Nassau County Sheriff Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated January 4, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons.

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 auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated January 4, 2013, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' report:

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 significant 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 except as noted under the heading prior year findings and recommendations.

#### **Prior Year Findings and Recommendations**

#### ■ 2009 ML -1 Unclaimed Property

During our review of bank reconciliations, we noted a significant number of outstanding checks over two years old in the inmate trust account and a few checks over one year old in the operating account.

We recommend that efforts be made to return these stale-dated checks to the appropriate payees, or, if unsuccessful, we recommend the Sheriff's office review the provisions of Section 116.21, Florida Statutes, as it relates to unclaimed funds.

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### MANAGEMENT LETTER (Concluded)

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Sheriff complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any findings and recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we had no such findings.

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the determination of financial statement amounts that is less than material, but, more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General*, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on the determination of financial statement amounts, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse, and (2) deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *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 special purpose financial statements. The Sheriff was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There was one component unit related to the Sheriff which is described in Note 1 of the special purpose financial statements.

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, The Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

January 4, 2013 Gainesville, Florida

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP



## Nassau County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff T. L. "Tommy" Seagraves, Jr.

March 1, 2013

Purvis Gray & Company 222 Northeast First Street Gainesville, Fl 32601

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the Internal Control Reportable Condition found in our 2011-2012 audit. Listed below is the individual reportable condition along with its corresponding response. If you have any further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

#### 1.) 2009 IC-1 Segregation of Duties

<u>Response</u>: The finance department at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office is very small which makes it difficult to have a complete segregation of all incompatible accounting functions. We have identified areas in which we can improve and will separate incompatible duties and will do so whenever possible.

Sincerely,

<u>Jone Knaga Finance Manager</u> Gene Knaga, Finance Manager



## Nassau County Sheriff's Office

### Sheriff T. L. "Tommy" Seagraves, Jr.

March 1, 2013

Purvis Gray & Company 222 Northeast First Street Gainesville, Fl 32601

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the 2011-2012 Management Letter. Listed below are the individual prior year and current year findings along with their corresponding responses. If you have any further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

#### 1.) 2009 ML-1 Unclaimed Property

<u>Response</u>: We will make every effort to return all stale-dated checks to the appropriate payees. In the event that our efforts are not successful, we will review Florida Statute 116.21 for guidance as it relates to unclaimed funds.

Sincerely,

Gene Knaga, Finance Manager

Manager



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable John Drew Nassau County Tax Collector Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County, Florida, Tax Collector (the Tax Collector), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for state filing requirements, and for other reasons. 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**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Tax Collector'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 Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Tax Collector's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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 deficiencies, 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.

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The Honorable John Drew Nassau County Tax Collector Nassau County, Florida

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Concluded)

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tax Collector's special purpose 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 Tax Collector and management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

February 19, 2013

Gainesville, Florida



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable John Drew Nassau County Tax Collector Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County, Florida, Tax Collector (the Tax Collector), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons.

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 auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters. Disclosures in that report, which is dated February 19, 2013, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' reports:

- 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 significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Tax Collector complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve the entity's financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

#### **Certified Public Accountants**

The Honorable John Drew Nassau County Tax Collector Nassau County, Florida

#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

(Concluded)

- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, 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 more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General*, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on the financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse; and (2) deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *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 the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the special purpose financial statements. The Tax Collector was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Tax Collector.

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

February 19, 2013

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The Honorable Tammy C. Stiles Nassau County Property Appraiser Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County, Florida, Property Appraiser (the Property Appraiser), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for state filing requirements, and for other reasons. 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**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Property Appraiser'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 Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Property Appraiser's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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 deficiencies, 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.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Property Appraiser's special purpose 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 of the Property Appraiser and management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

January 3, 2013

Gainesville, Florida



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Tammy C. Stiles Nassau County Property Appraiser Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County, Florida, Property Appraiser (the Property Appraiser), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and other reasons.

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Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' reports:

- 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. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Property Appraiser complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve the entity's 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 violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, 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 more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

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The Honorable Tammy C. Stiles Nassau County Property Appraiser Nassau County, Florida

### MANAGEMENT LETTER (Concluded)

- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General*, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse; and (2) deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *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 special purpose financial statements. The Property Appraiser was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Property Appraiser.

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

January 3, 2013

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The Honorable Vicki P. Cannon Nassau County Supervisor of Elections Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County, Florida, Supervisor of Elections (the Supervisor of Elections), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons. 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**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Supervisor of Elections' 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 Supervisor of Elections' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Supervisor of Elections' internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Supervisor of Elections' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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 deficiencies, 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.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Concluded)

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Supervisor of Elections' special purpose 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 Supervisor of Elections and management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

February 19, 2013 Gainesville, Florida



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Vicki P. Cannon Nassau County Supervisor of Elections Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Nassau County, Florida, Supervisor of Elections (the Supervisor of Elections), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2013, which was modified to refer to a basis of accounting required for compliance with state filing requirements, and for other reasons.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters. Disclosures in that report, which is dated February 19, 2013, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' reports:

- 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 significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings and recommendations made in the preceding audit report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Supervisor of Elections complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve the entity's 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 in the management letter any violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, 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 more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

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The Honorable Vicki P. Cannon Nassau County Supervisor of Elections Nassau County, Florida

### MANAGEMENT LETTER (Concluded)

- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., *Rules of the Auditor General*, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse; and (2) deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *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 special purpose financial statements. The Supervisor of Elections was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Supervisor of Elections.

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

February 19, 2013 Gainesville, Florida

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