COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MADISON

(A Component Unit of the City of Madison, Wisconsin)

COMMUNICATION TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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REQUIRED COMMUNICATION OF INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED MATTERS IDENTIFIED IN THE AUDIT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE



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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

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Commissioners Community Development Authority of the City of Madison Madison, Wisconsin

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 business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Community Development Authority (CDA) of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, a component unit of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the CDA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 15, 2016. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Monona Shores and the aggregate discretely presented component units, as described in our report on the CDA's financial statements. The financial statements of Monona Shores and the aggregate discretely presented component Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the CDA'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 CDA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the CDA's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the following deficiencies described on pages 3 and 4 to be material weaknesses:

- > Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
- > Information Technology Controls User Access



A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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. We consider the following deficiency described on pages 5 through 7 to be a significant deficiency:

> Information Technology Control Environment

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the CDA'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*.

CDA's Response to Findings

The CDA's written response to the material weaknesses and significant deficiency identified in our audit was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Baker Tilly Virchm Krause, CCP

Madison, Wisconsin July 15, 2016

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Auditing standards require that we perform procedures to obtain an understanding of your government and its internal control environment as part of the annual audit. This includes an analysis of significant transaction cycles and an analysis of the year-end financial reporting process and preparation of your financial statements.

Properly designed systems of internal control provides your organization with the ability to process and record accurate monthly and year-end transactions and prepare annual financial reports.

Our audit included a review and evaluation of the internal controls relating to financial reporting. Common attributes of a properly designed system of internal control for financial reporting are as follows:

- > There is adequate staffing to prepare financial reports throughout the year and at year-end.
- > Material misstatements are identified and corrected during the normal course of duties.
- > Complete and accurate financial statements, including footnotes, are prepared.
- > Complete and accurate schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are prepared.
- > Financial reports are independently reviewed for completeness and accuracy.

Our evaluation of the internal controls over financial reporting has identified control deficiencies that are considered material weakness surrounding the preparation of complete and accurate financial statements and footnotes, adjusting journal entries identified by the auditors, and an independent review of financial reports.

As a result of these deficiencies, management has not prepared financial statements that are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management Response

- > City management has knowledgeable staff that is familiar with the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Finance Department staff prepares fund financial statements, some footnote disclosures, and most conversion entries for reconciliation to the entity-wide financial statements.
- > Additionally, Finance staff accountants review auditor prepared draft reports to compare amounts, footnote disclosures, and other information. Furthermore, various City agency staff utilizes a financial statement checklist provided by our audit firm when reviewing the draft reports to ensure GAAP is being adhered to and that all required disclosures are present.
- > Finance Department staff work closely with our auditors to proactively consult on a variety of financial reporting issues throughout the year to prevent material misstatements to the financial statements.
- > Finance Department management staff did implement fund financial statement reviews in fiscal year 2013 to prevent material misstatements. There have been no material adjustments to the financial statements identified during the city-wide audit engagement for 2015.
- The City did "go-live" with the first ERP system solution on 1/2/2015, and additionally upgraded to a new version release during October of 2015. This took much effort amongst the Finance Department staff to accomplish these software solution upgrades.

Additionally, Finance Department staff drafted new sets of internal control procedural documents for auditor review in January and February of 2016 given new ERP system processes.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING (cont.)

Management Response (cont.)

- It is Finance Department management's goal to embark upon a detailed mapping project within the ERP software (GASB-34 Report Writer module), or within Microsoft Excel, in an attempt to begin preparing entity-wide financial statements for the 2017/2018 fiscal years.
- > Currently, Finance Department management staff is working to hire a professional Grants Manager/Internal Auditor to lead and facilitate the preparation of complete and accurate schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS – USER ACCESS

A properly designed system of internal control includes establishing proper information technology controls. This includes systems that are designed to limit the access or control of any one individual to your government's assets or accounting records, and to achieve a higher likelihood that errors or irregularities in your accounting processes would be discovered by your staff in a timely manner.

At this time, the proper information technology controls regarding user access are not in place. As a result, errors, irregularities or fraud could occur as part of the financial process that may not be discovered by someone in your organization. Therefore, we are reporting a material weakness related to information technology controls over user access.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS – USER ACCESS

Within the City's financial reporting system (MUNIS), certain users in the finance department have been granted administrator permissions that give them the ability to delete audit logs within MUNIS. In any system some user(s) must have administrator permissions. Industry best practices would be to separate this function from the finance department. Audit logs provide a detective control to identify problems or irregularities in the system. If administrators have the ability to delete these logs, it may make it difficult to detect system problems or irregularities. The City should change its user access so no user has the ability to alter or delete the system logs within MUNIS.

Management Response

- > Within the MUNIS software, changes to data tables create an audit history indicating the field level change made and the user who performed the action. These audit records are secured from database removal by the establishment of system security permissions. The permissions are separated by functional areas, such as General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Account Receivable. The exception to the audit table functional area is Payroll and Human Resources. Payroll and Human Resources audit records cannot be deleted from the system regardless of permissions.
- There is a secondary audit level placed on the updating of the system security permissions themselves. These updates are also written to audit history, indicating any changes made to an individual's system security permissions.
- > The Finance Department has set system security permissions so that audit table purging cannot be performed by any individual who has direct supervisor responsibility within a functional area. Furthermore, there are two individuals within the City that have permissions granted for audit maintenance at both a functional and system security level.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

As part of the audit, we reviewed the Information Technology (IT) control environment of the City based on AICPA guidelines. The IT areas reviewed included change management, user access to the network and the financial applications, user access provision and deactivation process, password settings, privileged access, access violation monitoring, data center security, data backup monitoring, and scheduled job processing.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a table detailing our observations from the assessment and our recommendations.

| IT Area | IT Finding | Recommendation to Address Finding |
|---|---|---|
| Unique User Authentication | BT reviewed the MUNIS user list and the network user list and found some generic accounts such as MUNIS and ROOT. Some of these generic accounts are shared. | All users of financial applications and the network should have a login and password which is unique for each user. Account names and passwords should not be shared by anyone. Generic, shared, temporary and system accounts should be removed/disabled. |
| Elevated Privileges | Changes of the PLGEO, TRTAX, and CMSPCHG systems are approved and tested. However, the developer of the change is often the person who implements the change in the production environment. | Segregation of duties should be implemented within the change management process. |
| Change Control - Package Software | Tyler MUNIS - The frequent updates Tyler requires the City to perform on MUNIS make it difficult if not impossible for the City to properly test the updates prior to implementation in the production environment. Tyler can access the application server directly via GoToAssist and can implement updates without the knowledge of the City's IT department. Additionally, development and testing environments are on the production server. | We recommend that the City treat Tyler as a SaaS provider and request and review Tyler's SSAE 16 report to ensure that any control deficiencies in Tyler's IT control environment are mitigated by the City's controls. Additionally, we recommend the City investigate other vendor access management mechanisms. |
| Passwords | Passwords of RECTRAC and the legacy systems such as PLGEO, TRTAX, and CMSPCHG has weaker settings. | We recommend that the City change the application password settings to be the same as the City's network password settings wherever feasible. |

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTROL ENVIRONMENT (cont.)

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (cont.)

| IT Area | IT Finding | Recommendation to Address Finding |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| User Access Review | IT generates user access permissions report and sends this report to the security contact of each agency/department. The objective is to have the security contact or the department head review the user list in their area. The documents are kept on SharePoint. However, not all security contacts/department heads review their user lists. To compensate for this control, IT routinely checks for users who have not accessed their account for over 60 days. | We recommend that business area managers or security contacts review their users' access once a year to ensure users don't have access beyond their job responsibilities (least privilege). Documentation of these reviews should be retained. |

Management Response

Recommendation:

All users of financial applications and the network should have a login and password which is unique for reach user. Account name and password should not be shared by anyone. Generic, shared, temporary and system accounts should be removed/disabled.

Management Response:

> Tyler Technologies has informed us the accounts of MUNIS and ROOT cannot be removed or disabled without causing irreparable harm to their software.

Recommendation:

Segregation of duties should be implemented within the change management process.

Management Response:

IT staff utilize a change process that includes an electronic form as part of our call and change tracking system. Changes are detailed, routed to affected parties and approved by supervisory staff. Complete segregation of duties is not possible due to a small staff size. However, the change process combined with the supervisory oversight fulfills this need.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the City treat Tyler as a SaaS provider and request and review Tyler's SSAE 16 report to ensure that any control deficiencies in Tyler's IT control environment are mitigated by the City's controls. Additionally, we recommend the City investigate other vendor access management mechanisms.

Management Response:

On April 12, 2016 the SSAE 16 report was requested from our ERP vendor, Tyler Technologies. Our City Attorney's Office is reviewing the Non-Disclosure Agreement requested by Tyler.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTROL ENVIRONMENT (cont.)

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (cont.)

Recommendation:

We recommend that the City change the application password settings to be the same as the City's network password settings wherever feasible.

Management Response:

> This refers to the following legacy applications: ASPPROP, CMABS911, CMSPCHG, PLGEO, TRTAX, REDPP. Although these remaining six legacy applications are scheduled for replacement in our Capital Improvements Program, we researched the legacy platform (Progress). Even though these applications are up to twenty years old, we are implementing a programming solution that will provide for passing through active directory. This will be implemented this summer, for all but PLGEO, which is scheduled for decommissioning this fall.

Recommendation:

We recommend that business area managers or security contacts review their users' access once a year to ensure users don't have access beyond their job responsibilities (least privilege). Documentation of these reviews should be retained.

Management Response:

> On an annual basis IT has been producing a report on access rights by individual. This is distributed to agency security contacts to review and identify any necessary changes. We have implemented a stronger follow up process with agencies in order to document their reviews.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT

As part of our audit of your financial statements, we are providing communications to you throughout the audit process. Auditing requirements provide for two-way communication and are important in assisting the auditor and you with more information relevant to the audit.

As this past audit is concluded, we use what we have learned to begin the planning process for next year's audit. It is important that you understand the following points about the scope and timing of our next audit:

- a. We address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.
- b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:
 - > Identify types of potential misstatements.
 - > Consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement.
 - > Design tests of controls, when applicable, and substantive procedures.

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant programs. For audits done in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance and that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

- c. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material misstatements, whether caused by errors or fraud, are detected.
- d. We address the significant risks or material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.
- e. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material noncompliance related to the federal and state awards whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of the federal and state awards and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:
 - > Identify types of potential noncompliance.
 - > Consider factors that affect the risks of material noncompliance.
 - > Design tests of controls, when applicable, and other audit procedures.

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT (cont.)

e. (cont.)

Our audit will be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and the *State Single Audit Guidelines.*

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant programs. For audits done in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe (a) the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, (b) the scope of testing internal control over compliance for major programs and major program compliance and the result of that testing and to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance and, (c) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* in considering internal control over financial reporting standards in considering internal control over financial reporting and standards in considering internal control over financial reporting and standards in considering internal control over financial reporting and standards in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* in considering internal control over compliance for an audit performed in accordance with four compliance and the Uniform Guidance and the state Single Audit Guidelines in considering internal control over compliance and major program compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

- f. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for reporting material noncompliance while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the entity's federal and state awards. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material noncompliance, whether caused by error or fraud, is detected.
- g. In connection with our audit, we intend to place reliance on the audits of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the CDA, as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ending completed by SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C. All necessary conditions have been met to allow us to make reference to the component auditors.

We are very interested in your views regarding certain matters. Those matters are listed here:

- a. We typically will communicate with your top level of management unless you tell us otherwise.
- b. We understand that the CDA board has the responsibility to oversee the strategic direction of your organization, as well as the overall accountability of the entity. Management has the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the entity.
- c. We need to know your views about your organization's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
- d. Which matters do you consider warrant particular attention during the audit, and are there any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken?
- e. Have you had any significant communications with regulators or grantor agencies?
- f. Are there other matters that you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements?

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT (cont.)

Also, is there anything that we need to know about the attitudes, awareness, and actions of the CDA concerning:

- a. The CDA's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control?
- b. The detection or the possibility of fraud?

We also need to know if you have taken actions in response to developments in financial reporting, laws, accounting standards, governance practices, or other related matters, or in response to previous communications with us.

With regard to the timing of our audit, here is some general information. If necessary, we may do preliminary audit work during the months of October-December. Our final fieldwork is scheduled during the spring to best coincide with your readiness and report deadlines. After fieldwork, we wrap up our audit procedures at our office and may issue drafts of our report for your review. Final copies of our report and other communications are issued after approval by your staff. This is typically 6-12 weeks after final fieldwork, but may vary depending on a number of factors.

Keep in mind that while this communication may assist us with planning the scope and timing of the audit, it does not change the auditor's sole responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing, and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

We realize that you may have questions on what this all means, or wish to provide other feedback. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

COMMUNICATION OF OTHER CONTROL DEFICIENCIES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL POINTS TO MANAGEMENT THAT ARE NOT MATERIAL WEAKNESSES OR SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

FINANCIAL POSITION

The CDA has twelve funds within its financial statements. Three of these funds have negative components of net position at December 31, 2015 as shown below:

| | | General Operating Fund | | Villager Fund | | Parkside Project Fund | |
|---|----|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|--|--|
| Net investment in capital assets Restricted for debt Restricted for pension Unrestricted (deficit) | \$ | 1,010,437 - 40,131 (99,795) | \$ | 10,602,906 - - (111,341) | \$ | 408,467 418,904 3,164 (100,048) | |
| Total Net Position | \$ | 950,773 | \$ | 10,491,565 | \$ | 730,487 | |

We recommend that the CDA establish a long-term financial plan for the CDA to improve its financial position and eliminate these deficits.

INFORMATIONAL POINTS

INTERPRETING YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS POST-GASB No. 68

Now that your financial statements reflect the new pension requirements of GASB Statement No. 68, what has changed and how do you interpret this new information? In summary, GASB Statement No. 68 required governmental entities participating in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) to report their proportionate share of the plan's activity and net pension asset.

As of the December 31, 2014 measurement date used for your 2015 financial statements, WRS reported total resources available to provide pension benefits of \$92.1 billion. They also reported a total liability for pensions of \$89.7 billion. This resulted in a net pension asset of \$2.4 billion. Your government's proportionate share of the asset is \$392,785 and is reported as a restricted asset. There are also pension-related deferred outflows and inflows due to timing of contributions and smoothing of activity.

Pension activity under GASB Statement No. 68 is reported in the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, similar to long-term debt. The implementation of this new standard does not affect how you fund or pay for your pension contributions to the WRS.

The accounting and reporting of pensions has become more complex with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68. We are available to answer any questions on how this new accounting standard affects your financial statements.

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS BY THE AUDITOR TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE



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To the Board of Commissioners Community Development Authority of the City of Madison Madison, Wisconsin

Thank you for using Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as your auditor.

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the CDA for the year ended December 31, 2015 and have issued our report thereon dated July 15, 2016. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS, THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AND THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT GUIDELINES

The objective of a financial statement audit is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*. These standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

We considered the CDA's internal control over financial reporting 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 our opinions on the effectiveness of the CDA's internal control over financial reporting. We will consider the internal control over compliance with types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal and major state program to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for a major federal and state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the CDA's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 is not an objective of our audit. Also, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, we will examine, on a test basis, evidence about the CDA's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the CDA's compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the CDA's compliance with those requirements.

We will issue a separate document which contains the results of our audit procedures to comply with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*.



OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our responsibility does not extend beyond the audited financial statements identified in this report. We do not have any obligation to and have not performed any procedures to corroborate other information contained in client prepared documents, such as official statements related to debt issues.

PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our prior year Communication to Those Charged with Governance and Management dated June 29, 2015.

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the CDA are described in Note I to the financial statements. As described in Note I to the financial statements, the CDA changed accounting policies related to financial reporting for pension by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27 and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No, 68 in 2015. Accordingly, the accounting change has been retrospectively applied to prior periods presented as if the policy has always been used. We noted no transactions entered into by the CDA during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical rent revenues, historical loss levels, and an analysis of the collectivity of individual accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension asset and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources is based on actuarial information obtained from the Wisconsin Retirement System. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

The disclosures in the notes to the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

A summary of uncorrected financial statement misstatements follows this required communication. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter. This letter follows this required communication.

INDEPENDENCE

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and the CDA that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Relating to our audit of the financial statements of the CDA for the year ended December 31, 2015, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP hereby confirms that we are, in our professional judgment, independent with respect to the CDA in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and provided no services to the CDA other than the audit of the current year's financial statements and nonaudit services which in our judgment do not impair our independence.

> Financial statement preparation

None of these nonaudit services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the CDA's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

OTHER MATTERS

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to the supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE

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

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the information included in this letter and any other matters. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Baker Tilly Virchm Krause, CCP

Madison, Wisconsin July 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT MISSTATEMENTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHOITY OF THE CITY OF MADISON

SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT MISSTATEMENTS

| December | 31, | 2015 |
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| | Financial Statements Effect - Debit (Credit) to Financial Statement Total | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | Current Liabilities | Total Liabilities/ Deferred Inflows | Total Net Position/ Fund Balances | Total Revenues | Total Expenses/ Expenditures | Change in Net Position/ Fund Balances |
| Business-Type Activities General operating | (7,644) | (7,644) | 7,644 | (10,879) - | <u>(9,213)</u> 7,644 | <u>(20,092</u>) 7,644 |
| Villager Housing Vouchers | | | - | - (10,879) | (16,857) | (16,857) (10,879) |

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS



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July 15, 2016

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP Ten Terrace Court P.O. Box 7398 Madison, WI 53707-7398

Dear Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Community Development Authority of the City of Madison as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Community Development Authority of the City of Madison and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements 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 over financial reporting, and preventing and detecting fraud.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

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

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter.

- 2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have engaged you to advise us in fulfilling that responsibility. The financial statements include all properly classified funds of the CDA and all component units required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 3. We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.
- 4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, if any, are reasonable.
- 6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No other events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.
- 8. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 9. 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 basic financial statements as a whole. In addition, you have recommended adjusting journal entries, and we are in agreement with those adjustments.
- 10. There are no known or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 11. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the CDA is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

12. We have provided you with:

- a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters.
- b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
- c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- d. Minutes of the meetings of Board of Commissioners of the CDA or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- We have not completed an assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 14. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - 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.
- 15. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 16. We have no knowledge of known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 17. We have disclosed to you all known related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Other

- 18. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 19. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 20. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 21. The CDA has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
- 22. We are responsible for compliance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits, debt contracts, and IRS arbitrage regulations; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and

provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.

23. There are no:

- a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, federal, state, and local laws or regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant 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, or for reporting on noncompliance, except those already disclosed in the financial statement, if any.
- b. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- c. Rates being charged to customers other than the rates as authorized by the applicable authoritative body.
- d. Violations of restrictions placed on revenues as a result of bond resolution covenants such as revenue distribution or debt service funding.
- 24. In regards to the nonattest services performed by you listed below, we have 1) accepted all management responsibility; 2) designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services;3) evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and 4) accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
 - a. Financial statement preparation
 - b. Adjusting journal entries

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

- 25. The Community Development Authority of the City of Madison 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 to you.
- 26. The Community Development Authority of the City of Madison has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.
- 27. The financial statements include all component units.
- 28. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 29. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 30. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

- 31. The Community Development Authority of the City of Madison has no derivative financial instruments such as contracts that could be assigned to someone else or net settled, interest rate swaps, collars or caps.
- 32. Provisions for uncollectible receivables, if any, have been properly identified and recorded.
- 33. 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.
- 34. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues and general revenues.
- 35. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 36. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk, and investments are properly valued. Collateralization agreements with financial institutions, if any, have been properly disclosed.
- Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated/amortized.
- 38. We have appropriately disclosed the Community Development Authority of the City of Madison's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available and have determined that net position were properly recognized under the policy. We have also disclosed our policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available.
- 39. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 40. With respect to the supplementary information, (SI):
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SI in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the SI, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SI have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - a. If the SI is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
- 41. We assume responsibility for, and agree with, the findings of specialists in evaluating the other postemployment benefit liability and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in

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> determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.

- 42. We agree with the restatement presented in the current year's financial statements.
- 43. We assume responsibility for, and agree with, the information provided by the Wisconsin Retirement System as audited by the Legislative Audit Bureau relating to the net pension asset/liability and related deferred outflows and deferred inflows and have adequately considered the reasonableness of the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We also assume responsibility for the census data that has been reported to the plan.

Sincerely,

Community Development Authority of the City of Madison

Signed: Katalu Erdmen