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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

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We have audited, in accordance with the 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 of the Port of Oswego Authority, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Port of Oswego Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 7, 2013.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Port of Oswego Authority'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Port of Oswego Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Port of Oswego Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the following paragraph that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Finding 2013 – 1 Preparation of Financial Statements

In accordance with accounting standard SAS115, should management choose to allow the auditors to prepare the entity's financial statements, including full footnote disclosure, instead of preparing the statements themselves, this is considered an internal control deficiency. While it is common practice for the auditors to prepare the financial statements for many organizations, the standard requires us to communicate to those charged with governance this choice to have the auditors prepare the financial statements as a significant deficiency or material weakness. This is to ensure that you understand that the auditors, not management, have prepared the financial statements and allow those charged with governance the ability to determine whether the cost of implementing an appropriate control to prepare the financial statements outweighs the benefit that could be gained. An appropriate control could be hiring additional staff with the knowledge and ability to prepare the financial statements or hiring another accountant to prepare the financial statements before the audit commences.

Management Response

In accordance with the Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 115, it is the responsibility of the Port of Oswego Authority to prepare the Authority's financial statements. The Authority chose to allow the independent auditor to prepare the financial statements for the reporting period, as has been standard practice for previous audits. It is important to note that this practice is not precluded under the guideline, but rather is now listed as a significant deficiency under the published standards.

The Port of Oswego Authority will be working through a process by which expertise shall be developed within the staff, or a third party will be selected to prepare financial statements in accordance with SAS No. 115.

Compliance and Other Matters

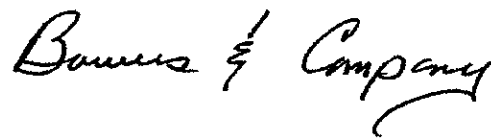
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Port of Oswego Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Port of Oswego Authority's Response to Findings

The Port of Oswego Authority's response to the finding identified in our audit is described above. The Port of Oswego Authority's response 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.



Watertown, New York
June 7, 2013