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We have audited the basic financial statements of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council (the Council) for the year ended August 31, 2008 and have issued our report thereon dated April 6, 2009. Under generally accepted auditing standards, we are providing you with the information related to the conduct of our audit in Parts I through IX.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and should not be used for any other purpose.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance extended by the personnel of the Council during the course of our audit.

During our audit, we noted a certain matter involving internal control that is presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated April 6, 2009 on the basic financial statements of the Council. Our comment and recommendation has been discussed with the appropriate members of management, and is intended to improve the internal control structure and is summarized in Part X.



April 6, 2009

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I. Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated October 15, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

II. Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter dated October 15, 2008.

III. Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Principles

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Middle Rio Grande Development Council are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

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(s) affecting the financial statements was (were): depreciation and grants receivable.

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense is based on estimated useful lives of assets in service and the estimate of contracts receivable is based on the subsequent year receipts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

IV. Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

V. 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. The following summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements.

- Understatement of payroll related liabilities and expenditures of \$25,733;
- Understatement of accounts payable and expenditures of \$13,188

Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, we assisted the Council with adjustments necessary to convert the financial statements from the modified accrual basis of account to the full accrual basis. In addition, the following adjustments were proposed and adopted:

- To write-off uncollectible receivables of \$70,000 (general fund)

VI. Disagreements with Management

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

VII. Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 6, 2009.

VIII. Management 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 auditor's 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.

IX. Major Issues Discussed with Management Prior to Reappointment

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 governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our reappointment.

X. Other Comments and Recommendations

Capital Assets

The Council does not timely detect all capital asset additions and timely update the capital asset subsidiary ledger. Reports obtained from management indicated several capital assets were omitted from the subsidiary ledger due to general ledger coding errors.

We recommend the Council periodically update the capital asset subsidiary ledger and review expenditures coded to the general ledger for accuracy.