



**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***

To the Board of Directors
Nassau County Interim Finance Authority
Mineola, New York

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 governmental activities and each major fund of Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of the County of Nassau, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 8, 2015. Our report included an emphasis of matter paragraph regarding a restatement for a correction of an error.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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 deficiency in internal control, described below, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Finding 2014-01

A correction of an error in previously issued financial statements was necessary to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Previously, the Authority's practice was to accrue three months of debt service set asides as an accrued liability in the Debt Service Fund based on its bond indenture. However, in accordance with GAAP, unmatured principal and accrued interest are not recognized as a liability of a governmental fund until the amounts are due to be paid. This resulted in an understatement of the Debt Service Fund's fund balance. Also, the accrued interest liability in the Statement of Net Position was previously based on the three months of interest set asides versus the amount of interest that has been accumulated since the last interest payment (November 15th) through December 31st.

Accordingly, the Authority has restated the beginning of year Debt Service Fund's fund balance in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the beginning of year net position in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position to correct these errors. A prior period adjustment was made in the Debt Service Fund and the entity-wide statements in the amount of \$46,045,893 and \$6,705,391, respectively.

Management's Response

Management has reviewed the restated presentation and is in agreement with the correction of the error.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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*.

The Authority's Response to Findings

The Authority's response to the finding identified in our audit has been described previously. The 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.



New York, New York
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