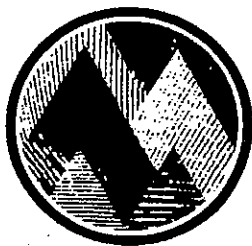


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External Quality Control Review

June 2001

A Report by the Office of the Auditor



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Re: Peer Review of the Office of the Auditor

The accompanying report covers the external quality control review of our office's operations. Professional standards require such a peer review of our operations every three years, and this was the second external quality control review of our office since its inception in 1995. Our first peer review was completed in June 1998.

Auditors affiliated with the National Association of Local Government Auditors conducted the review to determine whether we complied with Government Auditing Standards. Their completed report is attached. We are happy to receive a positive report from them.

The peer reviewers concluded that we comply with government auditing standards in our work. They were impressed with our effective quality controls. In addition, no management letter was necessary, reflecting our commitment to the high standards of our profession.

Very truly yours,

Alexis Dow, CPA
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National Association of Local Government Auditors

June 7, 2001

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Portland, Oregon

Dear Ms. Dow:

We have completed an external quality control review of the Office of the Auditor, Metro, for audits issued during the period June 1, 1998 through May 31, 2001. In conducting our review, we followed the standards and guidelines contained in the NALGA *Quality Control Review Guide* published in May 1995, by the National Association of Local Government Auditors.

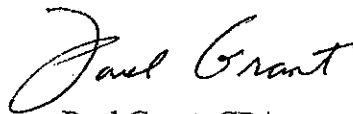
As prescribed by the NALGA *Guide*, we reviewed the internal quality control system of your audit organization and tested a sample of audits conducted by your office for compliance with government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Due to variance in individual performance and judgment, compliance does not imply adherence to standards in every case, but does imply adherence in most situations.

We have concluded from our review that your system of internal quality control was suitably designed and provided reasonable assurance that applicable government auditing standards were followed in your audit work. We have also concluded from the sample of audits tested that your quality controls were working effectively and that audits were conducted in conformance with applicable standards during the period under review.

It is our opinion, therefore, that the Office of the Auditor, Metro, was in compliance with government auditing standards during the period June 1, 1998 through May 31, 2001.



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