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King County

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Renton, Washington

Report on Accountability

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your City to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role to advocate for government accountability and transparency and to promote positive change.

Please find attached our report on the City of Renton's accountability and compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

TROY KELLEY
STATE AUDITOR

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Audit Summary

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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the City of Renton from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

We evaluated internal controls and performed audit procedures on the activities of the City. We also determined whether the City complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- Billings/receivables
- Cash receipting
- Contracts/agreements
- Gifts of public funds
- Open public meeting minutes
- Conflict of interest/ethics laws
- Payments/expenditures
- Procurement (bidding/prevaling wage)
- Inter-fund transactions/balances
- Use of restricted funds

RESULTS

In the areas we examined, the City's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The City also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.

Related Reports

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FINANCIAL

Our opinion on the City's financial statements and compliance with federal grant program requirements is provided in a separate report, which includes the City's financial statements.

FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS

We evaluated internal controls and tested compliance with the federal program requirements, as applicable, for the City's major federal programs, which are listed in the Federal Summary section of the financial statement and single audit report.

Description of the City

City of Renton
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ABOUT THE CITY

The City of Renton was incorporated in 1901. It is located on the southern shore of Lake Washington, next to the cities of Tukwila and Kent, and serves approximately 95,000 residents. It operates under the mayor-council form of government. The City has an independently elected Mayor and seven elected Council Members. The City provides a full range of municipal services including police, court and fire. It operates enterprise funds for water and sewer services and a surface water utility. The City provides library, parks and recreation, and planning and community development services. It also operates its own airport and golf course.

The City has an independently elected Mayor and seven elected Council Members. The City's 2012 general fund operating budget, which provides for the majority of general governmental services, was just under \$100 million. The City's ending 2012 net position for its governmental and business type activities combined totaled approximately \$774 million.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Mayor
Council:

Denis Law
Randy Corman, President
Don Persson, President Pro-tem
Rich Zwicker
Terri Briere
Marcie Palmer
Greg Taylor
Ed Prince

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Chief Administrative Officer
Finance and Information Systems
Administrator
Fiscal Services Director

Jay Covington
Iwen Wang
Jamie Thomas

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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the City annually. We reported a finding in the 2009 federal grant compliance audit regarding inadequate controls to ensure grant funds were spent on allowable activities. This finding was resolved. City management has consistently been responsive to audit recommendations.



ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

Our mission is to work with our audit clients and citizens as an advocate for government accountability. As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

The State Auditor's Office employees are located around the state to deliver services effectively and efficiently.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments and fraud, whistleblower and citizen hotline investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our Web site and through our free, electronic subscription service.

We take our role as partners in accountability seriously. We provide training and technical assistance to governments and have an extensive quality assurance program.

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