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**Accountability Audit Report**

**Pike Place Market Preservation and  
Development Authority**

**For the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017**

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**Report on Accountability**

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role of providing state and local governments with assurance and accountability as the independent auditor of public accounts. In this way, we strive to help government work better, cost less, deliver higher value and earn greater public trust.

Independent audits provide essential accountability and transparency for Authority operations. This information is valuable to management, the governing body and public stakeholders when assessing the government's stewardship of public resources.

The attached comprises our independent audit report on the Authority's compliance with applicable requirements and safeguarding of public resources for the areas we examined. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff and we value your cooperation during the audit.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy  
State Auditor  
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## AUDIT RESULTS

This report describes the overall results and conclusions for the areas we examined. In those selected areas, Authority operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

### About the audit

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Management is responsible for ensuring compliance and adequate safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss or abuse. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to these objectives.

This audit was conducted under the authority of RCW 43.09.260, which requires the Office of the State Auditor to examine the financial affairs of all local governments. Our audit involved performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Authority's uses of public resources, compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures, and internal controls over such matters.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, based on our risk assessment for the year ended December 31, 2017, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- Cash Receipting for day stall rent and parking garage fees at the Market Office
- Compliance with legal and contractual requirements for third-party receipting of utility bills and parking lot fees
- Compliance with policies and procedures for the procurement of goods and services

## RELATED REPORTS

### **Financial**

A financial statement audit was performed by a firm of certified public accountants. That firm's report is available on our website, <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

### **Federal grant programs**

A firm of certified public accountants evaluated internal controls and tested compliance with the federal program requirements, as applicable, for the Authority's major federal program. That firm's report is available on our website, <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHORITY

The Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority is a public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle in 1973 to own and administer the City's Pike Place Market Historic District.

A 12 member volunteer Council governs the Authority. The Council consists of four mayoral appointees, four members elected by the Market Constituency and four members appointed by the Authority's Council.

The Authority, along with its component units, have annual operating expenses of approximately \$20.7 million and approximately 100 full-time and eight part-time employees. The Authority is the landlord for approximately 220 commercial tenants and over 265 day-stall vendors at Pike Place Market. It offers space to four social service agencies and provides over 396 residential units to the low and moderate income population. The Authority also operates an 800-stall parking garage and manages two surface lots with 150 parking spaces.

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*Information current as of report publish date.*

### Audit history

You can find current and past audit reports for the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority at <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

## 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.

We work with our audit clients and citizens to achieve our vision of government that works for citizens, by helping governments work better, cost less, deliver higher value, and earn greater public trust.

In fulfilling our mission to hold state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources, we also hold ourselves accountable by continually improving our audit quality and operational efficiency and developing highly engaged and committed employees.

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.

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 as well as [fraud](#), state [whistleblower](#) and [citizen hotline](#) investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our [website](#) and through our free, electronic [subscription](#) service.

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

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