



March 14, 2016

Board of Directors
Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency
P.O. Box 205
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Members of the Board:

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency (Agency) for the year ended December 31, 2015. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for Agency's financial reporting process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to Agency.

Very truly yours,

SaxBST LLP

Willard G. Reynolds

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Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency

Communication With Those Charged With Governance Year Ended December 31, 2015

Generally accepted auditing standards (AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance*) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit, as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

Our Responsibilities and the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit

Our responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America has been described to you in our arrangement letter dated February 12, 2016. We have issued a separate communication regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and have discussed with you our identification of and planned audit response to significant risks of material misstatement. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities which are also described in that letter.

Accounting Policies and Practices

Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices

Under generally accepted principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our review, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Agency. The Agency did not adopt any significant new accounting policies nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

Significant or Unusual Transactions

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Summary information about the process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and about our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates is in the attached Exhibit A, Summary of Significant Accounting Estimates.

Audit Adjustments

Audit adjustments proposed by us and recorded by the Agency are shown on the attached Exhibit B, Summary of Recorded Audit Adjustments.

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Uncorrected Misstatements

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

Disagreements with Management

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultations with Other Accountants

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Significant Issues Discussed with Management

Following is a description of significant issues arising from the audit that were discussed with management:

- ABO's potential reaction to IDA's loan program;
- Component units and overlapping boards, and
- Use of County staff and facilities without an agreement in place.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

Communicating Significant Deficiencies and Material Weaknesses in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm

Copies of significant written communications between our firm and the management of the Agency, including the representation letter provided to us by management, are attached as Exhibit C.

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about these matters. We appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to you.



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Year Ended December 31, 2015

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SaxBST LLP

Albany, New York
March 14, 2016



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Summary of Significant Accounting Estimates Year Ended December 31, 2015

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. You may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to determine and record these accounting estimates. The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the Agency's December 31, 2015 financial statements:

Estimate	Accounting Policy	Estimation Process
Property held for sale or development	Property held for sale or development is stated at cost. When the acquisition cost of an individual asset is not specified, the group acquisition cost must be allocated to each asset on an appropriate basis.	The Agency estimated the market value of each individual asset included in property held for sale or development and allocated the cost basis proportionally.

We have evaluated management's significant accounting estimates noted above as part of our audit, and concluded that management's estimates and the estimation process appear reasonable in the context of the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Summary of Recorded Audit Adjustments Year Ended December 31, 2015

Description	Effect - Increase (Decrease)				
	Assets	Liabilities	Net Position	Revenue	Expense
To record revenue previously deferred	\$ -	\$ (32,236)	\$ -	\$ 32,236	\$ -
To adjust opening net assets to actual	-	(41,868)	41,868	-	-
To adjust accounts payable	-	500	-	-	500
Total Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Effect			<u>31,736</u>	<u>\$ 32,236</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total Statement of Net Position Effect	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (73,604)</u>	<u>\$ 73,604</u>		



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Significant Written Communications
Between Management and our Firm
Year Ended December 31, 2015

Representation Letter





INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF

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March 14, 2016

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency (Agency), which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that as of the date of your independent auditor's report, the following representations made to you during your audit:

Financial Statements:

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit arrangement letter and the audit planning communication dated February 12, 2016, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable and reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.

5. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
6. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
7. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
8. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.

Information Provided

9. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Agency from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Minutes of the meetings of stockholders, directors, and committees of directors, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
10. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
11. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
12. We have no knowledge of allegations of fraud or suspected fraud, affecting the Agency's financial statements involving:
 - a. Management.
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in the internal control.
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
13. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Agency's financial statements received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers, or others.
14. We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
15. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation or claims.

16. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Agency's related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
17. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Agency's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data.
18. We have informed you of all communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
19. During the course of your audit, you may have accumulated records containing data that should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.

Compliance Considerations

20. In connection with your audits conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we confirm that management:
 - a. Is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
 - b. Is responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to the auditee.
 - c. Has identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
 - d. Has identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
 - e. Has identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
 - f. Is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
 - g. Acknowledges its responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.
 - h. Has taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements; or abuse that you report.
 - i. Has a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
 - j. Has identified for you previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
 - k. Has provided views on your reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as management's planned corrective actions, for the report.

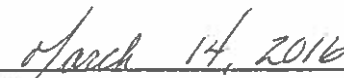
- I. Acknowledges its responsibilities as they relate to non-audit services performed by you, including a statement that it assumes all management responsibilities; that it oversees the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; that it evaluates the adequacy and results of the services performed; and that it accepts responsibility for the results of the services.

Very truly yours,

Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency



Christy Will, Executive Director



Date