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March 22, 2012

To the Legislative Coordinating Commission Members Saint Paul, Minnesota

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2012. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The objective of a financial statement audit is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*. These standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

As part of the audit we obtained an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures. The audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Legislative Coordinating Commission's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Our responsibility does not extend beyond the audited financial statements identified in this report. We do not have any obligation to and have not performed any procedures to corroborate other information contained in client prepared documents, such as official statements related to debt issues.



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PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our letter about planning matters dated October 21, 2011.

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Legislative Coordinating Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. We noted no transactions entered into by the Legislative Coordinating Commission during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was management's estimate of the liability for other postemployment benefits. The estimate is based on an actuarial study obtained by the State of Minnesota.

Financial Statement Disclosures

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements identified.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

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CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter. This letter is attached.

INDEPENDENCE

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and the Legislative Coordinating Commission that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Relating to our audit of the financial statements of for the year ended June 30, 2011, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP hereby confirms in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, that we are, in our professional judgment, independent with respect to the Legislative Coordinating Commission and provided no services to the Legislative Coordinating Commission other than the audit of the current year's financial statements and financial statement preparation, a nonaudit service, which in our judgment did not impair our independence. This nonaudit service does not constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Legislative Coordinating Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the governing body and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the information included in this letter and any other matters. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Baker Tilly Unchow Kanse, 22P

Minneapolis, Minnesota March 22, 2012



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Dear Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (the "Commission") as of June 30, 2011 and for the year then ended (FY 2011) for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund information of the Commission and the respective changes in financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control, and preventing and detecting fraud.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

- 1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have engaged you to advise us in fulfilling that responsibility. The financial statements include all properly classified funds of the oversight unit and all component units required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 2. We have made available to you all
 - a. Financial records and related data and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.

- b. Minutes of the meetings of the Commission or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 3. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 4. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
- 5. All known audit and bookkeeping adjustments have been included in our financial statements, and we are in agreement with those adjustments.
- 6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:
 a. Management,
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 8. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- 9. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 10. The Commission has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or fund equity.
- 11. The following, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:
 - a. Related party transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - b. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Commission is contingently liable.
 - c. All accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements including the key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates and

measurements. We believe the estimates and measurements are reasonable in the circumstances, consistently applied, and adequately disclosed.

- 12. We are responsible for compliance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 13. There are no
 - a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, provisions of contracts and grant agreements, federal, state, and local laws or regulations including those pertaining to adopting and amending budgets, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
 - b. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments that would have a material effect on the FY 2011 financial statements under review.
 - c. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by generally accepted accounting principles.
 - d. Nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances that were not properly authorized and approved.
- 14. The Commission has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.
- 15. We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 16. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 17. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such.
- 18. Components of net assets (invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted) and equity amounts are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

- 19. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 20. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues and general revenues.
- 21. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 22. We have appropriately disclosed the Commission's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available and have determined that net assets were properly recognized under the policy. We have also disclosed our policy regarding how restricted and unrestricted fund balance is used when an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, including the spending hierarchy for committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts.
- 23. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 24. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the combining and individual sub-fund financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the combining and individual sub-fund financial statements, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the combining and individual sub-fund financial statements have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
- 25. We assume responsibility for, and agree with, the findings of specialists in evaluating the post employment benefits and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.
- 26. In regards to the financial statement preparation, a nonattest services performed by you, we have 1) made all management decisions and performed all management functions; 2)

designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services; 3) evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and 4) accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

We have evaluated and classified any subsequent events as recognized or unrecognized through the date of this letter. To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

Sincerely,

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION

Signed: <u>Kurt Zellers</u>, 2011 LCC Chair Signed: Greg Hubinge LCC Director Signed: Diane Henryssistant Director ∥angenste/en CC A Date: