# **STATE OF MINNESOTA** Office of the State Auditor



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### MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT PREPARED AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF

# RAMSEY COUNTY SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

#### **Description of the Office of the State Auditor**

The mission of the Office of the State Auditor is to oversee local government finances for Minnesota taxpayers by helping to ensure financial integrity and accountability in local governmental financial activities.

Through financial, compliance, and special audits, the State Auditor oversees and ensures that local government funds are used for the purposes intended by law and that local governments hold themselves to the highest standards of financial accountability.

The State Auditor performs approximately 160 financial and compliance audits per year and has oversight responsibilities for over 3,300 local units of government throughout the state. The office currently maintains five divisions:

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## For the Year Ended December 31, 2011



### **Management and Compliance Report**

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#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

#### I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? No

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? No

#### Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? No

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? **No** 

The major programs are:

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Cluster	
Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program	CFDA #16.738
Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program/Grants to States	
and Territories - ARRA	CFDA #16.803
Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program/Grants to Units	
of Local Governments - ARRA	CFDA #16.804
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program - ARRA	CFDA #81.128
Child Support Enforcement	CFDA #93.563
Foster Care Title IV-E Cluster	
Foster Care Title IV-E	CFDA #93.658
Foster Care Title IV-E - ARRA	CFDA #93.658
Medical Assistance Program	CFDA #93.778

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$2,501,638.

Ramsey County qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

#### II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

#### INTERNAL CONTROL

#### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM RESOLVED

#### **Segregation of Duties - Recorder's Office (10-1)**

One employee had custody of cash and checks, could make journal entries on the general ledger system, and was also reconciling and depositing the cash and checks to the Property Records and Revenue - Cashier's Office.

#### Resolution

The employee no longer has custody of cash and checks and no longer deposits cash and checks to the Property Records and Revenue - Cashier's Office.

#### III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None.



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#### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of County Commissioners Ramsey County

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ramsey County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of Ramsey County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ramsey County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ramsey County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Minnesota Legal Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* contains seven categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our study included all of the listed categories, except tax increment financing, because Ramsey County does not use tax increment financing.

The results of our tests indicate that for the items tested, Ramsey County complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Ramsey County in a separate letter dated July 27, 2012.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners, audit committee, management, others within Ramsey County, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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#### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of County Commissioners Ramsey County

#### Compliance

We have audited Ramsey County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011. Ramsey County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit.

Ramsey County's basic financial statements include the operations of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority component unit, which expended \$44,277,964 in federal awards during the year ended December 31, 2011, which are not included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Regional Railroad Authority because it had a separate single audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.

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Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Ramsey County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Ramsey County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011.

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Ramsey County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ramsey County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2012. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on Ramsey County's financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The SEFA is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The SEFA has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the SEFA is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners, audit committee, management and others within the County, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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July 27, 2012

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#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E	xpenditures		Passed hrough to brecipients
U.S. Department of Agriculture					
Direct					
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	10.914	\$	1,364	\$	-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Education					
Child Nutrition Cluster					
School Breakfast Program	10.553		45,780		-
National School Lunch Program	10.555		78,719		-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health					
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and					
Children (WIC)	10.557		3,181,434		-
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental					
Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561		5,624,440		-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Agriculture					
WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)	10.572		6,450		-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		\$	8,938,187	\$	<u> </u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development					
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Entitlement Grants Cluster Direct					
CDBG/Entitlement Grants	14.218	\$	718,684	\$	554,314
CDBG/Entitlement Grants - ARRA	14.253	Ŧ	122,638	Ŧ	-
Passed Through City of Saint Paul			,		
CDBG/Entitlement Grants	14.218		257,282		184,119
Direct					
Supportive Housing Program	14.235		575,862		531,425
Passed Through Dakota County Community Development Agency					
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239		127,507		-
Passed Through Hennepin County					
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing	14.900		256,257		-
Passed Through City of Saint Paul					
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program	14.257		78,157		-
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		\$	2,136,387	\$	1,269,858

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E	xpenditures	Tł	Passed rough to precipients
U.S. Department of the Interior					
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources					
State Wildlife Grants	15.634	\$	25,000	\$	-
U.S. Department of Justice					
Direct					
Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children	16.527	\$	107,748	\$	-
Part E - Developing, Testing and Demonstrating Promising New Programs	16.541		134,739		-
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	16.606		146,158		-
Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative	16.812		185,831		-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety					
Juvenile Accountability Block Grants	16.523		61,111		-
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575		51,286		-
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710		2,652		-
JAG Program Cluster					
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program/Grants					
to States and Territories - ARRA	16.803		169,753		-
Passed Through City of Saint Paul					
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection					
Orders Program	16.590		28,560		-
JAG Program Cluster					
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738		121,974		-
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program/Grants					
to Units of Local Government - ARRA	16.804		72,919		-
Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program - ARRA	16.808		38,019		-
Total U.S. Department of Justice		\$	1,120,750	\$	-
U.S. Department of Labor					
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic					
Development					
WIA Cluster					
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - Adult Programs	17.258	\$	1,396,018	\$	857,718
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - Youth Activities	17.259		1,289,080		710,648
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - Dislocated Workers	17.260		42,635		-
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - Dislocated Workers - ARRA	17.260		125,823		29,836
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) National Emergency Grants	17.277		181,385		-
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278		1,129,918		37,798
Incentive Grants - Workforce Investment Act Section 503	17.267		6,395		_

The notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

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#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E	xpenditures	Passed hrough to brecipients
U.S. Department of Labor (Continued)				
Passed Through City of Minneapolis				
Program of Competitive Grants for Worker Training and Placement in				
High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors - ARRA	17.275		54,094	 -
Total U.S. Department of Labor		\$	4,225,348	\$ 1,636,000
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources				
Recreational Trails Program	20.219	\$	8,881	\$ -
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205		9,325,005	-
Highway Planning and Construction - ARRA	20.205		61,971	-
Highway Safety Cluster				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600		84,679	-
Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants I	20.601		249,249	-
Occupant Protection Incentive Grants	20.602		43,200	-
Safety Belt Performance Grants	20.609		10,950	-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608		88,708	 -
Total U.S. Department of Transportation		\$	9,872,643	\$
U.S. Department of Energy				
Direct				
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program - ARRA	81.128	\$	319,916	\$ -
U.S. Department of Education				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development				
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	\$	31,098	\$ 13,332
Passed Through University of St. Thomas				
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033		1,875	 -
Total U.S. Department of Education		\$	32,973	\$ 13,332

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures		Passed Through to Subrecipients	
U.S. Election Assistance Commission					
Passed Through Minnesota Secretary of State					
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	90.401	\$	384,046	\$ -	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services					
Direct					
Family Planning Services	93.217	\$	464,200	\$ -	
Adoption Opportunities	93.652		439,840	-	
Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities	93.670		358,672	-	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cluster					
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services					
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558		17,508,236	9,989,298	
Emergency Contingency Fund for Temporary Assistance for Needy					
Families (TANF) State Program - ARRA	93.714		1,058,447	-	
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health					
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558		994,733	-	
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services					
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness	93.150		178,124	-	
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556		432,711	250,000	
Child Support Enforcement	93.563		10,362,387	-	
Refugee and Entrant Assistance - State Administered Programs	93.566		4,999	-	
Child Care and Development Fund Cluster					
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575		447,861	-	
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and					
Development Fund	93.596		581,645	-	
Refugee and Entrant Assistance - Targeted Assistance Grants	93.584		21,677	-	
Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program	93.599		70,680	-	
Child Welfare Services - State Grants	93.645		121,500	-	
Foster Care Title IV-E Cluster					
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658		3,326,606	-	
Foster Care Title IV-E - ARRA	93.658		74,975	-	
Adoption Assistance Cluster					
Adoption Assistance	93.659		1,350,042	-	
Adoption Assistance - ARRA	93.659		47,136	-	
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		4,141,615	-	
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669		2,285	-	
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674		55,526	-	

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor	Federal		Passed
Pass-Through Agency	CFDA		Through to
Grant Program Title	Number	Expenditures	Subrecipient
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services (Continued)			
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	4,523	-
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	10,387,418	-
Block Grant for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	5,873	-
Block Grant for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	962,415	-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health			
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	409,627	-
Project Grants and Cooperative Agreements for Tuberculosis Control			
Programs	93.116	29,460	-
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Projects - State and Local			
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood			
Lead Levels in Children	93.197	22,385	-
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Abstinence Education Program	93.235	13,073	-
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening	93.251	5,625	-
Immunization Cluster			
Immunization Grants	93.268	132,400	-
Immunization - ARRA	93.712	89,918	-
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Investigations and			
Technical Assistance	93.283	43,786	-
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood			
Visiting Program	93.505	13,034	-
Refugee and Entrant Assistance Discretionary Grants	93.576	14,980	-
HIV Prevention Activities - Health Department Based	93.940	77,800	-
Preventive Health Services - Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control			
Grants	93.977	28,457	-
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	862,095	-
Passed Through National Association of County and City Health			
Officials			
Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program	93.008	5,000	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		\$ 55,151,766	\$ 10,239,29

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E	xpenditures	Passed Through to Ibrecipients
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Direct				
Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Agreement Program	97.090	\$	22,353	\$ -
Port Security Grant Program - ARRA	97.116		38,356	-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067		858,669	58,382
Passed Through City of Minneapolis				
Metropolitan Medical Response System	97.071		120,441	-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042		123,944	-
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources				
Boating Safety Financial Assistance	97.012		10,875	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		\$	1,174,638	\$ 58,382
Total Cash Federal Awards		\$	83,381,654	\$ 13,216,870
Non-Cash Awards				
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Food Donation Program	10.550		6,294	 -
Total Federal Awards		\$	83,387,948	\$ 13,216,870

#### NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

#### 1. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Ramsey County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note I to the financial statements. It does not include \$44,277,964 in federal awards expended by the Regional Railroad Authority, a blended component unit of the County, which had a separate single audit.

#### 2. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Ramsey County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2011. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.* Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Ramsey County.

#### 3. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The basis used for CFDA No. 10.550 is the dollar value of vouchers issued. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through grant numbers were not assigned by the pass-through agencies.

#### 4. <u>Clusters</u>

Clusters of programs are groupings of closely related programs that share common compliance requirements. Total expenditures by cluster are:

Child Nutrition Cluster	\$ 124,499
CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster	1,098,604
JAG Program Cluster	364,646
WIA Cluster	4,164,859
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster	9,395,857
Highway Safety Cluster	388,078
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cluster	19,561,416
Child Care and Development Fund Cluster	1,029,506
Foster Care Title IV-E Cluster	3,401,581
Adoption Assistance Cluster	1,397,178
Immunization Cluster	222,318

#### 5. <u>Reconciliation to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue</u>

Federal grant revenue per Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue Non-cash awards	\$ 127,659,618 6,294
Grant received by blended component unit not included	0,274
Highway Planning and Construction	(17,096,394)
Surface Transportation - Discretionary Grants for Capital Investment - ARRA	(26,429,514)
Alternative Analysis	 (752,056)
Expenditures Per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$ 83,387,948

#### 6. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires recipients to clearly distinguish ARRA funds from non-ARRA funding. In the schedule, ARRA funds are denoted by the addition of ARRA to the program name.