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MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT PREPARED AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT OF

CROW WING COUNTY BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

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Management and Compliance Report

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

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: Unmodified

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:

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,	
Infants, and Children	CFDA #10.557
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental	
Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	CFDA #10.561
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	CFDA #93.558
Emergency Contingency Fund for Temporary Assistance	
for Needy Families (TANF) State Program - ARRA	CFDA #93.714
Medical Assistance Program	CFDA #93.778

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$300,000.

Crow Wing County qualified as a low-risk auditee? Yes

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

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED

07-1 Documenting and Monitoring Internal Controls

Criteria: County management is responsible for developing and monitoring its internal control over financial reporting. An essential element of monitoring controls would include documenting the County's accounting policies and procedures and performing a risk assessment of existing controls over significant functions of the accounting system used to produce financial information for members of the County Board, management, and for external financial reporting. The risk assessment is intended to determine if the internal controls established by management are still effective or if changes are needed to maintain a sound internal control structure. Changes may be necessary due to such things as organizational restructuring, updates to information systems, or changes to services being provided. Significant internal controls would cover areas such as: cash and investment activities; capital assets (capitalization process and related depreciation); major funding sources (taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, and miscellaneous items); expenditure/expense processing including social services expenditures; and payroll.

Condition: Our inquiry of County management found that significant internal controls of its accounting system have not been documented, including the documentation of risk assessment and monitoring procedures.

Context: Without formal policies and procedures including risk assessment and monitoring procedures, the County increases its risk of fraud. Monitoring of internal controls is necessary to determine controls are in place and operating effectively.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the County's practices may not be followed as intended by management, and employees may not understand the purpose of internal controls. The lack of risk assessment and monitoring procedures increases the risk of fraud.

Cause: The County has begun to develop formal policies and procedures to include monitoring and risk assessment procedures. Due to limited time and resources, the County has not been able to complete this project.

Recommendation: We recommend that County management continue to take the necessary steps in implementing procedures to document the significant internal controls in its accounting system. We also recommend that a formal plan be developed that calls for assessing and monitoring the significant internal controls on a regular basis, no less than annually. The monitoring should be documented to show the results of the review, changes required, and who performed the work.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM RESOLVED

Eligibility - Documentation and Review Process CFDA Nos. 93.558 and 93.714 (11-1)

During the previous audit, we had noted that eligibility forms documenting that clients were eligible to receive non-medical home visits were not completed by staff from the County's Public Health Department. Furthermore, the County did not have a documented review process of the eligibility forms completed.

Resolution

Eligibility forms are now completed for every client eligible to receive non-medical home visits, and these forms are reviewed by a supervisor.





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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

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners Crow Wing County

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Crow Wing County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 2013. Other auditors audited the financial statements of the Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District, as described in our report on Crow Wing County's financial statements. The financial statements of the Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Crow Wing County's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 07-1, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Crow Wing 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

The Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, 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 audit considered all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with the provisions for tax increment financing because Crow Wing County does not use tax increment financing.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Crow Wing County failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the County's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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September 13, 2013





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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners Crow Wing County

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Crow Wing 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 the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2012. Crow Wing County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Crow Wing County's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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*. 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 Crow Wing 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 on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Crow Wing County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance 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, 2012.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Crow Wing County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 over compliance 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. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Crow Wing County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 2013, which contains unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our report was modified to include a reference to other auditors. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the 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. Such information 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 information 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 basic 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.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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September 13, 2013



SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Ex	penditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	\$	318,116
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services			
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance			
Program (SNAP)	10.561		379,749
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		\$	697,865
U.S. Department of Commerce			
Passed Through Itasca County			
Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program	11.555	\$	454
U.S. Department of the Interior			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources			
Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance	15.608	\$	7,750
U.S. Department of Justice			
Direct			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	\$	1,285
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710		2,731
Passed Through City of Brainerd			
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738		4,474
Total U.S. Department of Justice		\$	8,490
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	\$	2,334
Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants I	20.601		3,636
State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grants	20.610		19,000
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation			
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205		590,298
Total U.S. Department of Transportation		\$	615,268

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
Grant Frogram Title	Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health		
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	\$ 66,458
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening	93.251	375
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	3,050
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Health		
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster		
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	65,823
(Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 93.558 \$903,660)		
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	64,104
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services		
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	93.150	22,932
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	19,629
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster		
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	837,837
(Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 93.558 \$903,660)		
Emergency Contingency Fund for Temporary Assistance for Needy		
Families (TANF) State Program - ARRA	93.714	41,337
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	1,198,008
Refugee and Entrant Assistance - State-Administered Programs	93.566	36
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	49,407
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	44,299
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	2,972
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	463,464
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	386,146
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	10,559
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	111
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	1,679,293
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	62,500
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		\$ 5,018,340

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 (Continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	E	xpenditures
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
Boating Safety Financial Assistance	97.012	\$	86,013
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036		174,568
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042		42,745
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067		31,750
(Total Homeland Security Grant Program 97.067 \$707,750)			
Passed Through Itasca County			
Interoperable Emergency Communication	97.055		8,004
Passed Through Kanabec County			
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067		165,000
(Total Homeland Security Grant Program 97.067 \$707,750)			
Passed Through Saint Louis County			
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067		511,000
(Total Homeland Security Grant Program 97.067 \$707,750)			
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		\$	1,019,080
Total Federal Awards		\$	7,367,247



NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

1. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Crow Wing County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Crow Wing County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2012. 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 Crow Wing County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Crow Wing County.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. 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. Clusters

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

Highway Safety Cluster	\$ 24,970
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster	944,997

5. Reconciliation to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue

Federal grant revenue per Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 7,492,292
Grants received more than 60 days after year-end, deferred in 2012	
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	19,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	2,593
Foster Care - Title IV-E	13,237
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	18,679
Emergency Management Performance Grants	42,745
Homeland Security Grant Program	11,699
Deferred in 2011, recognized as revenue in 2012	
Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Competitive Grants	(15,563)
Emergency Management Performance Grants	(43,384)
Homeland Security Grant Program	 (175,000)
Expenditures Per Schedule of Federal Awards	\$ 7,367,247

6. Subrecipients

Of the expenditures presented in the schedule, Crow Wing County provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

CFDA Number			Amount Provided to Subrecipients	
20.600 20.601	State and Community Highway Safety Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive	\$	2,334	
20.001	Grants I		3,636	
	Total	\$	5,970	

7. 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.