

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of the State Auditor



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**State Auditor**

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**DULUTH TEACHERS' RETIREMENT  
FUND ASSOCIATION  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

## **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 150 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:

**Audit Practice** - conducts financial and legal compliance audits of local governments;

**Government Information** - collects and analyzes financial information for cities, towns, counties, and special districts;

**Legal/Special Investigations** - provides legal analysis and counsel to the Office and responds to outside inquiries about Minnesota local government law; as well as investigates allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance in local government;

**Pension** - monitors investment, financial, and actuarial reporting for approximately 700 public pension funds; and

**Tax Increment Financing** - promotes compliance and accountability in local governments' use of tax increment financing through financial and compliance audits.

The State Auditor serves on the State Executive Council, State Board of Investment, Land Exchange Board, Public Employees Retirement Association Board, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and the Rural Finance Authority Board.

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**Management and Compliance Report**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Board of Trustees  
Duluth Teachers' Retirement Fund Association  
Duluth, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the Duluth Teachers' Retirement Fund Association as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Association's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2015.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, contains three categories of compliance to be tested in connection with the audit of the Duluth Teachers' Retirement Fund Association's financial statements: the deposits section of deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, and the investment section of relief associations. Our audit considered all of the listed categories.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Duluth Teachers' Retirement Fund Association 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 Association's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of those charged with governance and management of the Duluth Teachers' Retirement Fund Association and the State Auditor and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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February 24, 2015

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