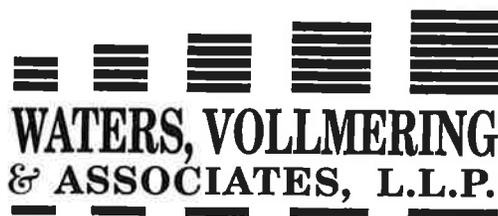


CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS
SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS AND SCHEDULES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

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

To the Honorable Mayor, and City Council
City of Alvarado, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Alvarado, Texas as of and for the year ended September 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the City of Alvarado, Texas' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audit contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered City of Alvarado, Texas' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the City of Alvarado, Texas internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion of the effectiveness of the City of Alvarado, Texas' internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the 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 the 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. However, as described below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Closing procedures

A good system of internal control provides for a timely and accurate closing of financial statements during for interim and year-end periods.. The City's finance department has only one employee who is responsible for not

only the daily financial activities, but also to perform the closing procedures. Closings should include recording fixed assets and long-term debt transactions that occur during the period. These transactions are currently not being recorded in a timely manner.

By adopting closing procedures, the City's internal controls over financial reporting will improve and reduce the possibility of irregularities not being prevented or detected in a timely manner. We recommend that management review the current process for closing the financial statements and prepare a set of formal closing procedures that includes fixed assets and debt transactions incurred during the period.

Between the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2011 and the issuance of the audit report, we determined that the city has taken steps to improve their closing procedures. The City Finance Director has taken a proactive approach in improving her skills and knowledge as to the closing procedures for long-term debt and fixed assets. We have reviewed our audit adjustments related to fixed assets and debt transactions with the Finance Director and she is prepared to make the entries going forward.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Alvarado, Texas' 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

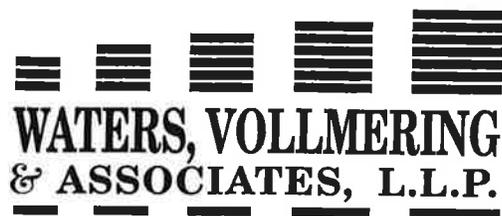
This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council, management, others within the organization, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Waters, Vollmering & Associates, LLP

Mansfield, Texas

February 2, 2012



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,
City of Alvarado, Texas:

Compliance

We have audited The City of Alvarado, Texas', (the City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2011. The City'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 City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit.

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 the City'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 of the City's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, The City of Alvarado, Texas complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2011.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of The City of Alvarado, Texas is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the 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 City's internal control over compliance.

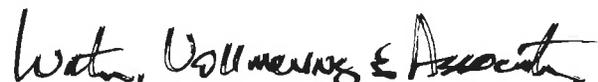
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement 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.

Our consideration of 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 The City of Alvarado, Texas as of and for the year ended September 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2012, which contained unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Waters, Vollmering & Associates

February 2, 2012

**CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

Finding

NONE

**CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements

Significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed; however, none of the significant deficiencies disclosed were deemed to be material weaknesses.

No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the City of Alvarado, Texas were disclosed during the audit.

No significant deficiencies in the internal control over major federal award programs were disclosed during the audit

The independent auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the City of Alvarado, Texas expresses an unqualified opinion on all major programs.

No audit findings are reported.

The programs tested as major programs included:

U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development – 14.255 Community
Development Block Grant

U.S. Dept. of Justice – 16.710 COPS Grant

U.S Environmental Protection Agency – 66.202 Congressionally Mandated Sewer
Rehabilitation

The threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B federal programs was \$300,000.

The City qualified as a low-risk auditee.

B. Findings Related to the Financial Statements Which are Required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, including significant deficiencies in internal control.

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C. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

Program Finding/Noncompliance

Costs

NONE

**CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

Finding

NONE

CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

- A. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is a summary of the activity of the City's federal award programs presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.