

*SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS*

**CITY OF LIBERTY HILL,  
TEXAS**

For the Year Ended  
September 30, 2015

# CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

March 14, 2016

To the Honorable Mayor and  
City Council Members of the  
City of Liberty Hill, Texas:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, and each major fund of the City of Liberty Hill, (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 14, 2016.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency 2015.001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be a material weakness.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated March 14, 2016.

### **City's Response to Findings**

The City's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

March 14, 2016

To the Honorable Mayor and  
City Council Members  
City of Liberty Hill, Texas:

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the City of Liberty Hill (the "City") 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 September 30, 2015. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' 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 its federal programs.

**Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City'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 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 on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

## **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the City 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, 2015.

## **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the City 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 City'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 an 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 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. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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 attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph 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, and each major fund of the City, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated March 14, 2016, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. 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 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 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material

respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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.

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**CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS**  
***SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS***  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

**No prior findings.**



**CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

**A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas.
2. A material weakness in internal control was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
3. Significant deficiencies in internal control were not disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
4. No noncompliance material to the basic financial statements was disclosed during the audit.
5. No significant deficiencies in internal control over major federal award programs were disclosed by the audit
6. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs expresses an unmodified opinion.
7. No audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the City are reported in Part C of this schedule.
8. The programs included as major programs included:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
66.458	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water, State Revolving Funds

9. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$300,000.
10. The City did not qualify as a low-risk auditee in the context of OMB Circular A-133.

**B. FINDINGS – BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

*Material Weaknesses*

**2015.001. CASH BALANCES CLOSING PROCEDURES**

Criteria

The City should ensure that cash accounts on the trial balance reconcile to the bank statements and bank reconciliations.

Condition

Cash accounts on the trial balance did not reconcile to the bank statements and bank reconciliations. Multiple adjustments were required at year-end during the audit process to correct cash accounts on the trial balance.

**CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS**  
***SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)***  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2015**

Effect

There is a potential for a material misstatement if cash accounts on the trial balance do not reconcile to the bank statements and bank reconciliations.

Cause

The City did not perform closing procedures to ensure that cash accounts on the trial balance reconciled with the bank statements and bank reconciliations.

Recommendation

The cash accounts on the trial balance should reconcile to the bank statements and bank reconciliations. The City should perform closing procedures for cash accounts on the trial balance.

Corrective Action Plan

The City has a process of reviewing cash accounts on the trial balance. This process will be performed monthly to ensure that cash accounts on the trial balance reconcile to the bank statements and bank reconciliations.

**C. FINDINGS – FEDERAL AWARDS**

None noted

**CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

<u>Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			
<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b>			
<i>Pass-through Texas Water Development Board</i>			
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water, State Revolving Funds	66.458	XP-96628301	\$ 1,463,948
<b>Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b>			<u>1,463,948</u>
 <b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			
<i>Pass-through Williamson County</i>			
Community Development Block Grant	14.218		72,698
<b>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			<u>72,698</u>
<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>			<u>\$ 1,536,646</u>

# **CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS**

## ***NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS***

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2015**

### **1. REPORTING ENTITY**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas.

### **2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.