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**Independent Auditor's 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**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of
Washoe County, Nevada

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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Washoe County, Nevada (Washoe County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Washoe County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Washoe County'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 Washoe County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Washoe County's internal control.

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. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Washoe County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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*.

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 Washoe County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Washoe County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Reno, Nevada
October 29, 2014

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

STATUTE COMPLIANCE

The required disclosure on compliance with the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code is contained in Note 2 to the financial statements.

PROGRESS ON PRIOR YEAR STATUTE COMPLIANCE

There was one potential statute violation related to the calculation of witness fees noted in the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2013. Corrective action was taken in the current year.

PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no financial statement findings or federal award findings reported in the prior year report.

CURRENT YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no financial statement findings reported for the current year.