



Michigan  
Office of the Auditor General  
**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Management Letter*

*Michigan Exposition and Fairgrounds Authority  
(A Discretely Presented Component Unit of the State of Michigan)  
October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009*

Report Number:  
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*This management letter is used to report significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting and other matters that come to the auditor's attention during the completion of the financial audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. This management letter is being issued in conjunction with our financial audit of the Michigan Exposition and Fairgrounds Authority, a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan.*

**Financial Statements:**

**Auditor's Report Issued**

We have audited the financial statements of the Michigan Exposition and Fairgrounds Authority as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 and have issued a separate report thereon dated December 16, 2009. We issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Authority.

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**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

We identified a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting (Finding 1). We do not consider this significant deficiency to be a material weakness.

The Authority did not establish appropriate accountability for inventory of vendor, exhibitor, camping, or concert tickets (Finding 1).

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**Noncompliance and Other Matters  
Material to the Financial Statements**

We did not identify any instances of noncompliance or other matters applicable to the financial statements that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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**Agency Response:**

Our management letter includes 1 finding and 1 corresponding recommendation. The Department of Management and Budget's (DMB's) preliminary response indicates that it agrees with the recommendation.

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**Abolishment of the Michigan  
Exposition and Fairgrounds Authority**

On February 12, 2009, Governor Granholm issued Executive Order No. 2009-4 transferring the functions of the Authority and the position of general manager of the Authority to DMB and abolishing the Authority and the position of general manager of the Authority. The Executive Order was effective October 1, 2009.

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