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AUDIT REPORT



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The auditor general shall conduct post audits of financial transactions and accounts of the state and of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities and institutions of the state established by this constitution or by law, and performance post audits thereof.

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REPORT SUMMARY

Financial Audit
Including the Provisions of the Single Audit Act

Report Number:
 111-0100-11

Department of Attorney General

October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010

Released:
 May 2011

A single audit is designed to meet the needs of all financial report users, including an entity's federal grantor agencies. The audit determines if the financial schedules and/or financial statements are fairly presented; considers internal control over financial reporting and internal control over federal program compliance; determines compliance with requirements material to the financial schedules and/or financial statements; and assesses compliance with direct and material requirements of the major federal programs.

Financial Schedules:

Auditor's Report Issued

We issued an unqualified opinion on the Department of Attorney General's financial schedules.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We did not report any findings related to internal control over financial reporting.

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

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

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Federal Awards:

Auditor's Reports Issued on Compliance

We audited one program as a major program and issued an unqualified opinion. The Department of Attorney General expended \$7.5 million in federal awards during the two-year period ended September 30, 2010. The federal program audited as a major program is identified on the back of this summary.

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Internal Control Over Major Programs

We did not report any findings related to internal control over federal program compliance.

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Required Reporting of Noncompliance

We did not identify any instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133.

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Internal Accounting and Administrative Control System:

Section 18.1489 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws* requires the Auditor General to evaluate the implementation of Sections 18.1483 - 18.1488 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws* and report to the Legislature in the financial audit of each department. As a result of Executive Reorganization Order No. 2007-31 (Consolidating Internal Audit Functions), in which responsibility for most of the sections was moved to the Office of Internal Audit Services, Department of Management and Budget, we have evaluated the implementation of only Section 18.1485 in this financial audit. Section 18.1485 requires each

department director to establish an internal accounting and administrative control system, defines the elements of that system, defines the duties of the department director, and provides for certain reports. We determined that the Department of Attorney General was in substantial compliance with Section 18.1485 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*.

The remaining sections (Sections 18.1483, 18.1484, and 18.1486 - 18.1488 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*) will be evaluated and reported on in the performance audit of the Office of Internal Audit Services, Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

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We audited the following program as a major program:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Compliance Opinion</u>
93.775	State Medicaid Fraud Control Units	Unqualified

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May 6, 2011

The Honorable Bill Schuette
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Dear Mr. Schuette:

This is our report on the financial audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of Attorney General for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010.

This report contains our report summary, our independent auditor's report on the financial schedules, and the Department's financial schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. This report also contains our independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters, our 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 U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, and our schedule of findings and questioned costs. In addition, this report contains the Department's summary schedule of prior audit findings, its corrective action plan, and a glossary of acronyms and terms.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during this audit.

AUDITOR GENERAL

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL SCHEDULES



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Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Schedules

The Honorable Bill Schuette
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Dear Mr. Schuette:

We have audited the accompanying financial schedules of the Department of Attorney General for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, as identified in the table of contents. These financial schedules are the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial schedules based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial schedules are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the financial schedules present only the revenues and the sources and disposition of authorizations for the Department of Attorney General's General Fund accounts, presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, these financial schedules do not purport to, and do not, constitute a complete financial presentation of either the Department or the State's General Fund in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial schedules referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the revenues and the sources and disposition of authorizations of the Department of Attorney General for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 27, 2011 on our consideration of the Department's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the Department's financial schedules referred to in the first paragraph. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial schedules and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial schedules taken as a whole.

AUDITOR GENERAL

April 27, 2011

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
Schedule of General Fund Revenues
Fiscal Years Ended September 30

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
REVENUES		
From federal agencies	\$ 3,417,066	\$ 3,279,114
From services	11,067,523	11,218,560
From licenses and permits	323,500	322,250
Miscellaneous:		
Court settlements	4,237,489	6,342,385
Court fines, fees, and assessments	780,567	876,927
Forfeitures and seizures	178,079	
Other	234,552	147,972
	<u>20,238,776</u>	<u>22,187,208</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 20,238,776</u>	<u>\$ 22,187,208</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial schedules.

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
Schedule of Sources and Disposition of General Fund Authorizations
Fiscal Years Ended September 30

	2010	2009
SOURCES OF AUTHORIZATIONS (Note 2)		
General purpose appropriations	\$ 28,577,800	\$ 29,918,200
Balances carried forward	2,669,658	3,678,494
Restricted financing sources	37,007,680	37,498,094
Less: Intrafund expenditure reimbursements	(18,436,275)	(18,772,890)
 Total	 \$ 49,818,863	 \$ 52,321,898
 DISPOSITION OF AUTHORIZATIONS (Note 2)		
Gross expenditures	\$ 65,218,288	\$ 68,198,965
Less: Intrafund expenditure reimbursements	(18,436,275)	(18,772,890)
Net expenditures	\$ 46,782,013	\$ 49,426,075
Balances carried forward:		
Encumbrances	\$ 142,399	\$ 221,347
Restricted revenues - not authorized	2,669,187	2,448,311
Total balances carried forward	\$ 2,811,586	\$ 2,669,658
Balances lapsed	\$ 225,264	\$ 226,164
 Total	 \$ 49,818,863	 \$ 52,321,898

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial schedules.

Notes to the Financial Schedules

Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies

a. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial schedules report the results of the financial transactions of the Department of Attorney General for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009. The financial transactions of the Department are accounted for principally in the State's General Fund and are reported on in the *State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (SOMCAFR)*. The Department's financial transactions recorded in the Utility Consumer Representation Fund and the Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund are not presented in these financial schedules but are accounted for separately in those Funds' financial statements, which are presented in the *SOMCAFR*.

The notes accompanying these financial schedules relate directly to the Department of Attorney General. The *SOMCAFR* provides more extensive disclosures regarding the State's significant accounting policies; budgeting, budgetary control, and legal compliance; pension benefits; and other postemployment benefits.

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Presentation

The financial schedules contained in this report are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, as provided by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as they become susceptible to accrual, generally when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred; however, certain expenditures related to long-term obligations are recorded only when payment is due and payable.

The accompanying financial schedules present only the revenues and the sources and disposition of authorizations for the Department of Attorney General's General Fund accounts. Accordingly, these financial schedules do not purport to, and do not, constitute a complete financial presentation of either the Department or the State's General Fund in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Note 2 Schedule of Sources and Disposition of General Fund Authorizations

The various elements of the schedule of sources and disposition of General Fund authorizations are defined as follows:

- a. General purpose appropriations: Original appropriations and any supplemental appropriations that are financed by General Fund/general purpose revenues.
- b. Balances carried forward: Authorizations for multi-year projects, encumbrances, restricted revenues - authorized, and restricted revenues - not authorized or used that were not spent as of the end of the prior fiscal year. These authorizations are available for expenditure in the current fiscal year for the purpose of the carry-forward without additional legislative authorization, except for the restricted revenues - not authorized or used.
- c. Restricted financing sources: Collections of restricted revenues, restricted transfers, and restricted intrafund expenditure reimbursements used to finance programs as detailed in the appropriations act. These financing sources are authorized for expenditure up to the amount appropriated. Depending upon program statute, any amounts received in excess of the appropriation are, at year-end, either converted to general purpose financing sources and made available for general appropriation in the next fiscal year or carried forward to the next fiscal year as either restricted revenues - authorized or restricted revenues - not authorized or used.
- d. Intrafund expenditure reimbursements: Funding from other General Fund departments (sources) to finance a program or a portion of a program (gross expenditures) that is the responsibility of the receiving department. The \$18.4 million and \$18.8 million in intrafund expenditure

reimbursements for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2008-09, respectively, were for attorney services provided by the Department of Attorney General to other State agencies. In addition to the intrafund expenditure reimbursements that appear on the financial schedules, the Department used expenditure credits for services it provided to other State agencies totaling \$589,911 and \$487,716 for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2008-09, respectively. These costs appear as expenditures in the financial schedules of the other departments and are not included in the Department's financial schedules.

- e. Encumbrances: Authorizations carried forward to finance payments for goods or services ordered during the fiscal year but not received by fiscal year-end. These authorizations are generally limited to obligations funded by general purpose appropriations.
- f. Restricted revenues - not authorized or used: Revenues that, by statute, are restricted for use to a particular program or activity. Generally, the expenditure of the restricted revenues is subject to annual legislative appropriation.
- g. Balances lapsed: Authorizations that were unexpended and unobligated at the end of the fiscal year. These amounts are available for legislative appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (1)
For the Period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010

<u>Federal Agency/Program</u>	<u>CFDA (2)</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Directly Expended for the</u> <u>Fiscal Year Ended September 30</u>		<u>Total Expended</u> <u>for the</u> <u>Two-Year Period</u>
		<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
Direct Program:				
State Medicaid Fraud Control Units	93.775	\$ 3,775,470	\$ 3,772,575	\$ 7,548,045
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		\$ 3,775,470	\$ 3,772,575	\$ 7,548,045
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		<u>\$ 3,775,470</u>	<u>\$ 3,772,575</u>	<u>\$ 7,548,045</u>

(1) Basis of Presentation: This schedule presents the federal grant activity of the Department of Attorney General on the modified accrual basis of accounting and in accordance with requirements of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial schedules.

(2) CFDA is defined as *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

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Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schuette:

We have audited the financial schedules of the Department of Attorney General for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 as identified in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Department's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial schedules, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial schedules will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of 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 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 in the preceding paragraph.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's financial schedules 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 schedule 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Attorney General, the Legislature, management, others within the Department, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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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

The Honorable Bill Schuette
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Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schuette:

Compliance

We have audited the Department of Attorney General's 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 the Department's major federal program for the two-year period ended September 30, 2010. The Department's major federal program is 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 its major federal program is the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Department'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 in the preceding paragraph 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 Department'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 Department's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Department of Attorney General complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to in the first paragraph that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the two-year period ended September 30, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Department 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 Department'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 Department'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 a 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 in the preceding paragraph.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Attorney General, the Legislature, management, others within the Department, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

AUDITOR GENERAL

April 27, 2011

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Schedules

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unqualified*
Internal control* over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses* identified?	No
Significant deficiencies* identified?	None reported
Noncompliance or other matters material to the financial schedules?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weaknesses* identified?	No
Significant deficiencies* identified?	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unqualified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget* (OMB) Circular A-133, Section 510(a)?	No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA* Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
93.775	State Medicaid Fraud Control Units

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee*? No

* See glossary at end of report for definition.

Section II: Findings Related to the Financial Schedules

We did not report any findings related to the financial schedules.

The status of the findings related to the financial schedules that were reported in prior single audits* is disclosed in the summary schedule of prior audit findings.

Section III: Findings and Questioned Costs* Related to Federal Awards

We did not report any findings related to federal awards.

** See glossary at end of report for definition.*

OTHER SCHEDULES

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
As of April 27, 2011

PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL SCHEDULES

Audit Findings That Have Been Fully Corrected:

Audit Period: October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008

Finding Number: 1110901

Finding Title: Payroll Controls

Finding: The Department of Attorney General's internal control did not ensure that supervisors approved employee time sheets.

Agency Comments: The Department has complied with the recommendation. The Department has strengthened its payroll internal control by enhancing its monitoring process to include multiple days of monitoring throughout the week of payroll processing.

PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no findings related to federal awards in the prior single audit.

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
Corrective Action Plan
As of April 18, 2011

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL SCHEDULES

There were no findings related to the financial schedules for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2008-09.

FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no findings related to federal awards for the two-year period ended September 30, 2010.

GLOSSARY

Glossary of Acronyms and Terms

<i>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)</i>	The catalog that provides a full listing, with detailed program descriptions, of all federal programs available to state and local governments.
deficiency in internal control over federal program compliance	The design or operation of a control over compliance that 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.
deficiency in internal control over financial reporting	The design or operation of a control that 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.
financial audit	An audit that is designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial schedules and/or financial statements of an audited entity are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with the disclosed basis of accounting.
internal control	A process, effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of the entity's objectives with regard to the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
low-risk auditee	As provided for in OMB Circular A-133, an auditee that may qualify for reduced federal audit coverage if it receives an annual single audit and it meets other criteria related to prior audit results. In accordance with State statute, this single

audit was conducted on a biennial basis; consequently, this auditee is not considered a low-risk auditee.

material misstatement	A misstatement in the financial schedules and/or financial statements that causes the schedules and/or statements to not present fairly the financial position or the changes in financial position or cash flows in conformity with the disclosed basis of accounting.
material noncompliance	Violations of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that could have a direct and material effect on major federal programs or on financial schedule and/or financial statement amounts.
material weakness in internal control over federal program compliance	A deficiency, or a 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.
material weakness in internal control over financial reporting	A deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial schedules and/or financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.
questioned cost	A cost that is questioned by the auditor because of an audit finding: (1) which resulted from a violation or possible violation of a provision of a law, regulation, contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other agreement or document governing the use of federal funds, including funds used to match federal funds; (2) where the costs, at the time of the audit, are not supported by adequate documentation; or (3) where the costs incurred appear unreasonable and do not reflect the actions a prudent person would take in the circumstances.

significant deficiency in internal control over federal program compliance

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.

significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting

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.

single audit

A financial audit, performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, that is designed to meet the needs of all federal grantor agencies and other financial report users. In addition to performing the audit in accordance with the requirements of 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, a single audit requires the assessment of compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program and the consideration of internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

SOMCAFR

State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

unqualified opinion

An auditor's opinion in which the auditor states that:

- a. The financial schedules and/or financial statements presenting the basic financial information of the audited agency are fairly presented in conformity with the disclosed basis of accounting; or

- b. The financial schedules and/or financial statements presenting supplemental financial information are fairly stated in relation to the basic financial schedules and/or financial statements. In issuing an "in relation to" opinion, the auditor has applied auditing procedures to the supplemental financial schedules and/or financial statements to the extent necessary to form an opinion on the basic financial schedules and/or financial statements, but did not apply auditing procedures to the extent that would be necessary to express an opinion on the supplemental financial schedules and/or financial statements taken by themselves; or
- c. The audited agency complied, in all material respects, with the cited requirements that are applicable to each major federal program.

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