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Kitsap County

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City of Bainbridge Island
Bainbridge Island, Washington

Report on Accountability

Please find attached our report on the City of Bainbridge Island's accountability and compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

In addition to this work, we also audit the City's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations. The results of that audit will be included in a separately issued audit report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Sonntag". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
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Audit Summary

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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the City of Bainbridge Island.

We performed audit procedures to determine whether the City complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. We also examined City management's accountability for public resources. Our work focused on specific areas that have potential for abuse and misuse of public resources.

Areas examined during the audit were selected using financial transactions from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

RESULTS

The City complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined. Internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets.

RELATED REPORTS

Our opinion on the City's financial statements and compliance with federal program requirements is provided in a separate report, which includes the City's financial statements.

CLOSING REMARKS

We thank City officials and personnel for their assistance and cooperation during the audit.

Description of the City

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ABOUT THE CITY

The City of Bainbridge Island serves approximately 22,600 citizens in Kitsap County. It is administered by a mayor-council form of government with seven elected Council Members and an independently elected Mayor. During 2006, the City operated on a \$49.9 million budget. Its 130 full-time employees provide an array of services including water, sewer and storm drainage, Municipal Court, street maintenance, parks, community service programs and planning and economic development. The City contracts for fire protection, jail services and emergency medical services. A private company provides solid waste collection.

AUDIT HISTORY

The City has not had a finding during the past four audits (2003-06). During the 2002 audit, we noted the City lacked adequate controls over timely and accurate financial statement reporting. However, during the 2003 audit we noted the City established procedures to improve its operations and established needed internal controls. We believe this reflects the City's desire and commitment to maintain a strong financial system.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Mayor
City Council:

Darlene Kordonowy
Bill Knobloch
Kjell Stoknes
Deborah Vancil
Chris Snow
Nezam Tooloee
Jim Llewellyn
Bob Scales

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

City Administrator
Court Administrator
Finance Director
City Clerk
IT Director
Police Chief
Planning Director
Public Works Director

Mary Jo Briggs
Telma Hauth
Elray Konkel
Rosalind Lassoff
Steve Miller
Matt Haney
Greg Bryne
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Audit Areas Examined

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In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every portion of the City of Bainbridge Island's financial activities during each audit. The areas examined were those representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse. Other areas are audited on a rotating basis over the course of several years. The following areas of the City were examined during this audit period:

ACCOUNTABILITY

We evaluated the City's accountability in the following areas:

- Accounting/financial reporting
- Utility billings
- Cash receipting
- Procurement (bidding/prevaling wage)
- Police/Sheriff/Jail – financial operations/custody of evidence
- Restricted revenues
- Disbursements/expenditures
- Payroll/personnel
- Conflict of interest/ethics laws
- Courts – financial operations
- Proper exercise of fiduciary responsibility
- Compliance with grant requirements
- Inter-fund transactions/balances

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

We evaluated internal controls and tested compliance with federal program requirements, as applicable, for the City's major federal programs, which are listed in the Federal Summary section of the financial statement and single audit report.

FINANCIAL AREAS

Our opinion on the City's financial statements is provided in a separate report. That report includes the City's financial statements and other required financial information. We examined the financial activity and balances of the City including:

- Cash and investments
- Revenues
- Expenditures/expenses
- Financial condition
- Long-term debt
- Overall presentation of the financial statements
- Financial statement preparation



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Our regular audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. We also perform fraud and whistleblower investigations. In addition, we have the authority to conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments.

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