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COULEE BATON GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1999

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The Honorable Roland Harrington
and the Board of Commissioners
Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1
Abbeville, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and the supplementary schedule, as listed in the table of contents. The statements and supplementary schedule, which is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes, were compiled in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements and supplementary schedules information that is the representation of the management of the Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the supplementary schedule and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated April 6, 2000, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

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Crowley, Louisiana
April 6, 2000

COULEE BATON GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
December 31, 1999
See Accountant's Compilation Report

ASSETS	Governmental Fund Types	
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund
Cash	\$ 26,034	\$ 21,172
Receivables	45,034	30,118
Land, equipment, and buildings	-	-
Amount available in debt service fund	-	-
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-
Total assets	\$ 71,068	\$ 51,290
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 13,064	\$ 1,109
Bonds payable	-	-
Total liabilities	\$ 13,064	\$ 1,109
Fund Equity:		
Investment in general fixed assets	\$ -	\$ -
Fund balances:		
Reserved for debt service	\$ -	\$ 50,181
Unreserved - undesignated	58,004	-
Total fund balances	\$ 58,004	\$ 50,181
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 71,068	\$ 51,290

See Notes to Financial Statements.

<u>Account Groups</u>		
<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,206
-	-	75,152
3,628	-	3,628
-	50,181	50,181
-	<u>245,819</u>	<u>245,819</u>
<u>\$ 3,628</u>	<u>\$296,000</u>	<u>\$421,986</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,173
-	<u>296,000</u>	<u>296,000</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$296,000</u>	<u>\$310,173</u>
<u>\$ 3,628</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,628</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,181
-	-	<u>58,004</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$108,185</u>
<u>\$ 3,628</u>	<u>\$296,000</u>	<u>\$421,986</u>

COULEE BATON GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
Year Ended December 31, 1999
See Accountant's Compilation Report

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes:			
Ad valorem	\$ 42,320	\$ 37,053	\$ 79,373
Intergovernmental:			
State revenue sharing	2,553	-	2,553
Other	<u>2,043</u>	<u>1,118</u>	<u>3,161</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 46,916</u>	<u>\$ 38,171</u>	<u>\$ 85,087</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Public works - drainage:			
Salaries and related benefits	\$ 5,329	\$ -	\$ 5,329
Compensation paid to board of commissioners	400	-	400
Office	511	-	511
Accounting and legal	1,300	-	1,300
Group insurance	4,747	-	4,747
Insurance	3,754	-	3,754
Repairs and maintenance	1,156	-	1,156
Pension	1,267	1,109	2,376
Drainage maintenance	56,285	-	56,285
Uncollected taxes	416	448	864
Miscellaneous	1,000	-	1,000
Debt service:			
Principal retirements	-	24,000	24,000
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>-</u>	<u>23,130</u>	<u>23,130</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 76,165</u>	<u>\$ 48,687</u>	<u>\$124,852</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$ (29,249)	\$ (10,516)	\$ (39,765)
Fund balances, beginning	<u>87,253</u>	<u>60,697</u>	<u>147,950</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 58,004</u>	<u>\$ 50,181</u>	<u>\$108,185</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

COULEE BATON GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
See Accountant's Compilation Report

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1758, the Drainage District is governed by five commissioners. These five commissioners are referred to as the Board of Commissioners and are appointed by the parish police jury. The Drainage District was created under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:1751-1802 and was established for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the undrained or partially drained marsh, swamp, and overflowed lands in the district that must be levied and pumped in order to be drained and reclaimed.

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. All GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

In conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the Drainage District is a component unit of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, the governing body of the parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, and other governmental units that comprise the governmental reporting entity.

A. Fund accounting

The accounts of the Drainage District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Revenues are accounted for in these individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

General fund:

The general fund is the general operating fund of the Drainage District. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

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Debt service fund:

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital projects fund:

The capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for acquisition or construction of major capital projects (other than those financed by proprietary funds, special assessment funds, and trust funds).

B. General fixed assets and general long-term obligations

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds. Public domain or infrastructures are not capitalized. Construction period interest is immaterial and is not capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds.

The two account groups are not funds. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Basis of accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The District's accounts are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues:

Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year and become delinquent by December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

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The following is a summary of levied ad valorem taxes, all for general corporate purposes:

	<u>1999</u>
General corporate purposes:	
Operations and maintenance	<u>15.99</u>
Debt service	<u>14.00</u>

Expenditures:

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

D. Budget

Louisiana law exempts all special districts created before December 31, 1974, from the requirements of the Local Government Budget Act. The Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Vermilion Parish was created on May 11, 1909 and, accordingly, is exempt from budgetary requirements. Management has determined that, due to the amount and nature of the expenditures, the adoption of a budget is not required for control purposes. The Drainage District did not adopt a budget for the year ended December 31, 1999; therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include a comparison of revenue and expenditures to the budget.

E. Cash and investments

For reporting purposes, cash and investments include cash, demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. Under state law, Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. Further, the District may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

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At December 31, 1999, the District has cash (book balances) totaling \$47,206, which is all in interest-bearing demand deposits. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 1999, the District has \$48,619 in deposits (collective bank balances). These deposits are fully secured by FDIC insurance and a \$47,206 market value U.S. Treasury note.

F. Pensions

Employees of the Drainage District are covered under the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (social security). The employees and the District contribute equally to the system.

G. Vacation and sick leave

Full-time employees of the District with more than one year of service are allowed two weeks of vacation leave each year; full-time employees with one year's service or less are allowed one week of vacation leave each year. Sick leave is granted on an individual basis as the need occurs. Vacation and sick leave may not be accumulated and carried into future years. At December 31, 1999, there are no accumulated vacation benefits that require accrual or disclosure to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

H. Total column on financial statements

The total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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Note 2. Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Equipment</u>
Balance, December 31, 1998	\$ 3,628
Additions - 1999	-
Reductions - 1999	<u> </u>
Balance, December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 3,628</u>

Note 3. Changes in General Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions during the year:

	<u>Bonded Debt</u>
Long-term obligations payable at December 31, 1998	\$320,000
1999 Principal payments	<u>24,000</u>
Long-term obligations payable at December 31, 1999	<u>\$296,000</u>

General obligation bonds are comprised of the following individual issues:

Original issue of \$100,000 General Obligation Bonds dated November 1, 1981, interest rate 9.25%, final maturity April 1, 2001	\$ 21,000
Original issue of \$326,000 General Obligation Bonds, dated April 1, 1991, interest rates 6.5% to 10.00%, final maturity April 1, 2011	<u>275,000</u>
Total general obligation bonds	<u>\$296,000</u>

The general obligation bonds were issued for the purpose of constructing drainage work in and for the Drainage District and are funded by a property tax on all taxable property within the drainage district.

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The annual requirements to amortize all bonds and/or certificates outstanding at December 31, 1999, including interest of \$132,079 are as follows:

Year Ending

2000	\$ 44,952
2001	43,961
2002	31,438
2003	35,260
2004 and thereafter	<u>272,468</u>
	<u>\$428,079</u>

Note 4. Receivables

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1999:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>
Ad valorem tax	\$ 42,320	\$ 30,118
State revenue sharing	1,285	-
Other	<u>1,429</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 45,034</u>	<u>\$ 30,118</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COULEE BATON GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Year Ended December 31, 1999
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Roland Harrington, President	\$ 50
Ravis Menard	100
Jimmie J. Meaux, Sr.	50
Nicholas Boudreaux	100
Michael Couvillion	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 400</u>

The schedule of compensation paid to board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

The board members receive \$50 per diem for attendance at meetings of the Board.



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We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1999, included in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$15,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No expenditures were made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$15,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

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Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with the required list.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management [agreed-upon procedure (3)] appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).

Budgeting

5. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 is not required to comply with the Budget Act because the District was created before December 31, 1974.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 is not required to comply with the Budget Act because the District was created before December 31, 1974.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 is not required to comply with the Budget Act because the District was created before December 31, 1974.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

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Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All six of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals.

Meetings

- 9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's office building. Management has asserted that such documents were properly posted.

Debt

- 10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

- 11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of the District for the year indicated no approval for the payments noted. We also inspected payroll records for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

Prior Comments and Recommendations

- 12. Review any prior year suggestions, recommendations, and/or comments and indicate the extent to which such matters have been resolved.

Our prior year report, dated May 10, 1999, included comments and unresolved matters addressed in the Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

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Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended for the use of management of Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Crowley, Louisiana
April 6, 2000

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LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

April 24, 2000

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In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of [date] and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of (date of completion/representations).

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office..

Yes No

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes No

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes No

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes No

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes No

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:483, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes No

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes No

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes No

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes No

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes No

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Justin Dubois Secretary 4-24-07 Date

[Signature] Treasurer _____ Date

Robert J. Savinette President _____ Date

COULEE BATON GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
Year Ended December 31, 1999

I. Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

98-1 - Segregation of Duties

Finding: In reviewing the internal control structure, we noted inadequate segregation of duties exists.

Cause: Due to the limited number of personnel performing administrative functions, the same person writes checks, checks the mail, reconciles the bank statement, and enters information into the general ledger.

Recommendation and response: It was recommend that duties be segregated in such a way as to facilitate an adequate segregation of duties. The Board has evaluated this inadequacy and has concluded that the District cannot afford to hire more administrative employees due to the District's limited resources. The costs would exceed the benefits.

Current status: An inadequate segregation of duties still exists. The Board has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded the related costs versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it would require to establish an adequate segregation.

98-2 Premium Reimbursements

Finding: Our audit revealed that the employee portions of group health insurance premiums are not being reimbursed to the District in a timely fashion in one case, and not at all in another instance. This is a direct violation of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution which states that public funds shall not be loaned or pledged for nonpublic purposes.

Cause: The premiums are paid by the District, but the employee portions are not always being reimbursed in a timely fashion. The Board has given the secretary the authority to cancel hospitalization coverage when reimbursements are not received in a timely fashion. However, the coverage has not been canceled.

Recommendation: We recommend that insurance premiums be reimbursed in a timely fashion or the coverage can be canceled.

Response: Management will try to set up a system of repayment for the portion of premiums owed by employees on the group health insurance. One individual who owes the District for premiums will be switching to a different policy and will no longer be covered under the District's group health insurance plan.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)
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98-2 Premium Reimbursements (continued)

Current status: Management asserts that the employee portion of premiums are now being handled correctly.

II. Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

The prior year's report did not disclose any findings relative to federal awards.

III. Management Letter

Suggestion 1998-1. Board Member Compensation

Condition: According to Internal Revenue Code § 31.3401(c)-1, "...officers... whether elected or appointed..." are included in the definition of employee. Therefore, any board member is considered an employee of the District for tax purposes and the compensation paid to them is subject to social security (if not a member of a retirement system), Medicare (if the board member were appointed or re-appointed after March 31, 1986), and federal and state income tax withholding in 1997 and 1998.

Cause: Compensation paid to board members is reported to them at year-end using Form 1099. No taxes are withheld from these amounts or paid by the District on these amounts.

Effect: The District is not withholding taxes from the board's compensation payments or remitting tax payments as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Recommendation: We recommend that payments to the Board be subject to taxes and withholdings as are employee payments. Each board member should be required to complete a Form W-4 annually.

Current status: The District's management asserts that compensation paid to board members is now being handled correctly.