

RMI PORTS AUTHORITY

**(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS)**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS ON
INTERNAL CONTROL AND ON COMPLIANCE**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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***

Board of Directors
RMI Ports Authority:

We have audited the financial statements of the RMI Ports Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 15, 2008. 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A *control deficiency* 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be 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 above.

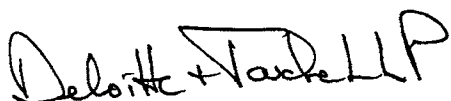
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements 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 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (pages 7 and 8) as item 2007-1.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Authority in a separate letter dated August 15, 2008.

The Authority's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit the Authority's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Authority's, federal awarding agencies, pass-through entities, and the cognizant audit and other federal agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deloitte + Touche LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font.

August 15, 2008

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND ON
THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

Board of Directors
RMI Ports Authority:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the RMI Ports Authority (the Authority) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2007. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (pages 7 and 8). Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Authority'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 above 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 Authority'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 Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Authority 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 Authority's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, 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 Authority's internal control over compliance.

A *control deficiency* in an entity's internal control over compliance 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

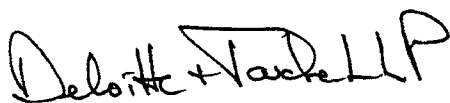
A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be 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 above.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Authority, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 15, 2008. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (page 5) is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule is the responsibility of the management of the Authority. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Authority's, federal awarding agencies, pass-through entities, and the cognizant audit and other federal agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.


August 15, 2008

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended September 30, 2007

Program Title	Grant Number	Program or Award Amount	Balance October 1, 2006	Cash Receipts FY07	Expenditures FY07	Excess (Deficiency) of Authorization Over (Under) Program Expenditures
Funds received in a direct capacity:						
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation:</u>						
<u>CFDA # 20.106</u>						
<u>Airport Improvement Program</u>						
21,500 gal ARFF Vehicles and Protective Clothing	Project #3-68-0001-03	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ (1,329,973)	\$ 1,195,368	\$ (134,605)
ARFF Building - Phase I (Design)	Project #3-68-0001-04	1,000,000	5,674	(716,879)	614,435	(96,770)
Rehabilitate Runway 7/25 -Phase I	Project #3-68-0001-05	10,000,000	2,175,089	(2,175,089)	-	-
Rehabilitate Runway 7/25 -Phase II	Project #3-68-0001-06	13,000,000	2,626,215	(2,483,279)	2,681,730	2,824,666
Construct ARFF Building Phase II and Modify Service Road Design Phase I	Project #3-68-0001-07	14,000,000	-	-	335,301	335,301
		<u>39,500,000</u>	<u>4,806,978</u>	<u>(6,705,220)</u>	<u>4,826,834</u>	<u>2,928,592</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture:</u>						
<u>CFDA #10.766</u>						
<u>Rural Development</u>						
CF Technical Assistant		499,000	(78,000)	-	39,000	(39,000)
Total Capital Improvement Programs		\$ 39,999,000	\$ 4,728,978	\$ (6,705,220)	\$ 4,865,834	\$ 2,889,592

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

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Schedule of Awards Selected for Audit in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 Year Ended September 30, 2007

The following list specifies major awards selected for detailed compliance testing in accordance with applicable OMB Circular A-133 requirements.

<u>Original Grantor</u>	<u>CFDA #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation	20.106	Airport Improvement Program	\$ <u>4,826,834</u>
Total RMI Ports Authority federal program expenditures			\$ <u>4,865,834</u>
% of total RMI Ports Authority federal program expenditures tested			<u>99%</u>

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended September 30, 2007

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. The Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements expressed an unqualified opinion.
2. No significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting were identified.
3. One instance of noncompliance considered material to the financial statements was disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance with requirements applicable to major federal award programs were identified.
5. The Independent Auditors' Report on compliance with requirements applicable to major federal award programs expressed an unqualified opinion.
6. The audit disclosed findings required to be reported by OMB Circular A-133.
7. The program tested as a major program was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation: Airport Improvement Program	20.106

8. A threshold of \$300,000 was used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs as those terms are defined in OMB Circular A-133.
9. The Authority did not qualify as a low-risk auditee as that term is defined in OMB Circular A-133.

B. FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Questioned Costs</u>	<u>Refer Page #</u>
2007-1	Local Noncompliance	\$ -	8

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

No matters are reportable.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued Year Ended September 30, 2007

Local Noncompliance

Finding No. 2007-1

Criteria: All purchases should conform to RMIPA Policies and Procedures for Procuring Goods, Equipment, Services and Construction, which specifically provide for the following:

- If an amount exceeds \$25,000, procurement shall be made under competitive bidding or competitive negotiations. Public notice of the bid shall be made by advertising in a paper of general circulation. Written bid tabulations or scoring sheets shall be prepared upon bid opening. Prior Board approval is required before awarding the contract to the lowest, most responsive and most qualified bidder.
- For procurements of \$25,000 and below, price or rate quotations must be obtained from at least three potential suppliers. Purchase shall be made from the lowest and most responsive vendor considering competitive price, quality, delivery time and other relevant factors.

Condition: Of eight locally-funded expenditures tested totaling \$237,556 of a total population of \$688,846, we noted one item, totaling \$32,227, for the purchase of a vehicle that was not procured through competitive bidding. Although this purchase was authorized and approved by the Board of Directors, documentation on the selection process was limited to one price quotation.

In addition, we noted that the RMIPA Policies and Procedures provides that for procurements below \$5,000, informal solicitations are not required.

Cause: The cause of the above condition is inadequate documentation of purchases and weak controls over ensuring that all procurement policies and procedures are implemented.

Effect: The effect of the above condition is noncompliance with the criteria.

Recommendation: We recommend that management strengthen internal controls over procurement to maximize competition while maintaining the best interests of the Authority. If exceptions are allowed by procurement regulations, they should be reviewed, approved and documented in the procurement file. Furthermore, we recommend that management amend the policies and procedures and ensure that informal solicitations are obtained for all procurements that do not exceed \$25,000 as required in the RMI Procurement Code.

Auditees Response and Corrective Action Plan: Management has noted the auditors' observation, and the recommended suggestion will be submitted to the Board for their review and approval.