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To the City Auditor
Department of Audits, Baltimore City

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of the Department of Audits, Baltimore City (the Department) in effect for the year ended December 31, 2005. A system of quality control encompasses the Department's organizational structure, the policies adopted and procedures established to provide it with reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards. The elements of quality control are described in the Statements on Quality Control Standards issued by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). The Department is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the Department reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the Department's compliance with its system of quality control based on our review.

Our review was conducted in accordance with standards established by the Peer Review Board of the AICPA. During our review, we read required representations from the Department, interviewed Department personnel and obtained an understanding of the nature of the Department's accounting and auditing practice, and the design of the Department's system of quality control sufficient to assess the risks implicit in its practice. Based on our assessments, we selected engagements and administrative files to test for conformity with professional standards and compliance with the Department's system of quality control. The engagements selected represented a reasonable cross-section of the Department's accounting and auditing practice with emphasis on higher-risk engagements. The engagements selected included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*. Prior to concluding the review, we reassessed the adequacy of the scope of the peer review procedures and met with Department management to discuss the results of our review. We believe that the procedures we performed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In performing our review, we obtained an understanding of the system of quality control for the Department's accounting and auditing practice. In addition, we tested compliance with the Department's quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of the Department's policies and procedures on selected engagements. Our review was based on selected tests therefore it would not necessarily detect all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance with it. There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control and therefore noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may

become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of the Department of Audits, Baltimore City in effect for the year ended December 31, 2005, has been designed to meet the requirements of the quality control standards for an accounting and auditing practice established by the AICPA and was complied with during the year then ended to provide the Department with reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards.

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