

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA

SINGLE AUDIT ACT REPORTS

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
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**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***

The Honorable Mayor and City Council of the
City of Cottonwood, Arizona

We have audited the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona (City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 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 City of Cottonwood, Arizona's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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 City'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 City's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described as 08-1 to 08-4 in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

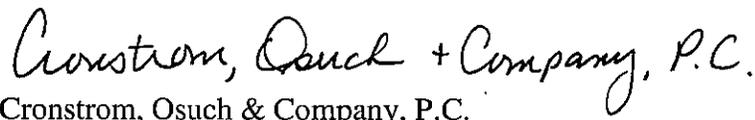
A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control.

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 the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider items 08-2 and 08-4 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Cottonwood, Arizona'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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain matters that we reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated December 11, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members the Arizona State Legislature, the Auditor General of the State of Arizona, the City Council, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities 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.



Cronstrom, Osuch & Company, P.C.

December 11, 2008

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH
MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

The Honorable Mayor and City Council of the
City of Cottonwood, Arizona

Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program

We have audited the compliance of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona (City) 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 each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. The City of Cottonwood, Arizona's major federal programs are 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 each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City of Cottonwood, Arizona'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 City of Cottonwood, Arizona'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 on City of Cottonwood, Arizona's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the City of Cottonwood, Arizona complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

The management of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Cottonwood, Arizona's internal control over compliance with 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 City's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in the City'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 City's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City'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 City'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 financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2008. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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December 11, 2008

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: *Unqualified*
Internal control over financial reporting:
• Material weakness(es) identified? X yes no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified
not considered to be material weaknesses? X yes none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements
noted? yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:
• Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not
considered to be material weaknesses? yes X 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 Circular A-133, Section .510(a)? yes X no

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number(s)
20.507

Name of Federal Program or Cluster
Federal Transit Capital and Operating Assistance

Dollar threshold used to distinguish
between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes X no

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

SECTION II—FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

08-1	<i>Condition/ Context</i>	The City did not maintain an accounts payable subsidiary ledger.
	<i>Criteria</i>	Internal control procedures.
	<i>Effect</i>	Internal control weakness.
	<i>Cause</i>	Clerical oversight.
	<i>Recommendation</i>	In order to strengthen internal controls, the City should maintain an accounts payable subsidiary ledger and should reconcile the subsidiary ledger to the general ledger monthly.
	<i>Corrective Action Plan</i>	The City concurs with this recommendation and will utilize the accounts payable function in its current general ledger software.
	<i>Contact Person</i>	Jesus Rudy Rodriguez, Finance Director

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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SECTION II—FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (CONT'D)

LONG-TERM DEBT

08-2	<i>Condition</i>	Long-term debt was not always properly recorded by the City.
	<i>Context</i>	A. Bond proceeds were not recorded in the proper fund. B. Principal payments on bonds payable in the Enterprise Funds were not recorded as a reduction of the principal balance. C. Bond issuance costs were not amortized. D. Bond premiums were not amortized.
	<i>Criteria</i>	Internal control procedures and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
	<i>Effect</i>	Internal control weakness and the financial statements (prior to any audit adjustments) were not prepared in accordance with GAAP.
	<i>Cause</i>	Clerical oversight.
	<i>Recommendation</i>	In order to strengthen internal controls and comply with GAAP, bond proceeds should be recorded in the proper fund, principal payments on bonds recorded in the Enterprise Funds should be recorded as a reduction of the principal balance and bond issuance costs and premiums should be amortized.
	<i>Corrective Action Plan</i>	The City concurs with this recommendation and will ensure long-term debt is recorded properly in the future.
	<i>Contact Person</i>	Jesus Rudy Rodriguez, Finance Director

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

SECTION II—FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (CONT'D)

CAPITAL ASSETS

08-3	<i>Condition/ Context</i>	Current year Enterprise Fund capital asset additions, deletions and depreciation were not recorded by the City.
	<i>Criteria</i>	Internal control procedures and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
	<i>Effect</i>	Internal control weakness and the financial statements (prior to any audit adjustments) were not prepared in accordance with GAAP.
	<i>Cause</i>	Clerical oversight.
	<i>Recommendation</i>	In order to strengthen internal controls and comply with GAAP, Enterprise Fund capital asset additions, deletions and depreciation should be recorded.
	<i>Corrective Action Plan</i>	The City concurs with this recommendation and will ensure Enterprise Fund capital assets are recorded properly in the future.
	<i>Contact Person</i>	Jesus Rudy Rodriguez, Finance Director

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

SECTION II—FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (CONCL'D)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

08-4	<i>Condition/ Context</i>	Adequate internal controls were not maintained over the compilation and review of the year-end financial statements and related disclosures.
	<i>Criteria</i>	Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and internal control procedures.
	<i>Effect</i>	Noncompliance with GAAP and significant audit adjustments were necessary to properly state account balances for financial statement disclosures.
	<i>Cause</i>	The City did not have the staffing level necessary to properly review the adjusted ending balances and review the financial statement disclosures prior to the audit.
	<i>Recommendation</i>	In order to comply with GAAP and strengthen internal controls, the City should develop internal control procedures that specifically address financial statement disclosures to ensure amounts and footnote disclosures are adequately reported.
	<i>Corrective Action Plan</i>	The City concurs with this recommendation and will review its internal control procedures and will seek outside assistance (if necessary) to properly design its control procedures over the financial statements and related disclosures.
	<i>Contact Person</i>	Jesus Rudy Rodriguez, Finance Director

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted.

SECTION IV – SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL TRANSIT CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE
PASSED THROUGH ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CFDA No. 20.507**

07-5	<i>Condition</i>	The year-end financial statements and single audit reports were not completed by March 31.
	<i>Status</i>	Corrected in the current fiscal year.
07-6	<i>Condition</i>	Material audit adjustments were necessary to properly report financial statement amounts and financial statement disclosures.
	<i>Status</i>	Similar condition noted in the current year. See items 08-2 to 08-4.

CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
 SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Grantor Agency	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Justice			
Passed through City of Sedona:			
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	N/A	\$ 20,572
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>20,572</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Airport Improvement Grant	20.106	N/A	174,887
Passed through Arizona Department of Transportation:			
Federal Transit Capital and Operating Assistance	20.507	KR06-0480TRN	492,127
Passed through Governor's Office of Highway Safety:			
Selective Traffic Enforcement Program	20.600	2006-PT-017	21,819
DUI Task Force Enforcement Overtime-Tri-City DUI Task Force	20.600	2007-K8HV-021	16,644
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>705,477</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed through Arizona Department of FEMA:			
Homeland Security Grant	97.074	2005-GE-T5-0030	72,445
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>72,445</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 798,494</u>

(1) This schedule was prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting.