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

To the Honorable Judge Louis H. Bruni and
the Honorable County Commissioners
Webb County, Texas

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Webb County, Texas, with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* and the *State of Texas Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards (UGCMS)* that are applicable to each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2002. Webb County, Texas' major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' 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 and state programs is the responsibility of Webb County, Texas' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Webb County, Texas' 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; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and the *UGCMS*. Those standards, OMB Circular A-133 and UGCMS 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 or state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Webb County, Texas' 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 Webb County, Texas' compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Webb County, Texas complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2002.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Webb County, Texas is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal and state programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Webb County, Texas' internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and UGCMS.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal or state program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards

We have audited the basic financial statements of Webb County, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 21, 2003. 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 and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and UGCMS, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. 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 basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Laredo, Texas
February 21, 2003

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