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The Office of the State Auditor has completed its report on Federally Assisted Programs of Subrecipients of the State of Minnesota for the year ended June 30, 2008.

## General

The State of Minnesota, as a recipient of federal funds, is responsible for assuring that its subrecipients of federal funds have audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133.

This report on "Federally Assisted Programs of Subrecipients of the State of Minnesota" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, is prepared to demonstrate the State of Minnesota's compliance with the requirement for audit of federal funds granted to its subrecipients.

This report represents a compilation of financial and compliance information pertaining to federal grants. The data has been obtained from audited financial statements of subrecipients submitted to this office. Subrecipients covered in this report include cities, counties, nonprofit agencies, regional development commissions, school districts and related agencies, tribal governments, and other local units of government in Minnesota.

### Memorandum of Understanding

In April 1983, a Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) was signed that documented the arrangement for conducting a single audit of federal funds awarded directly to the State of Minnesota and expended either by the State or an authorized subrecipient. This Memorandum remains in effect for the current-year single audit report of the State of Minnesota.

The Memorandum outlines the broad issues agreed to, as well as the specific responsibilities of each party. The parties participating in the Memorandum and their duties are:

- Minnesota Management & Budget serves as the lead state agency, representing all Minnesota state agencies receiving federal funds, and coordinates single audit requirements.
- The Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor performs the statewide single audit and prepares the audit report at the state level.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture - Office of the Inspector General serves as the lead cognizant audit agency, representing all federal agencies awarding funds to the State of Minnesota, and serves as liaison with the other parties participating in the Memorandum and federal agencies.
- The Minnesota Office of the State Auditor monitors subrecipient audits by reviewing audit reports for timeliness and compliance with federal reporting standards. Subrecipient audit reports are considered acceptable when they include the reporting elements required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. The Office prepares this summary report, which includes expenditures of federal awards by subrecipients, along with their auditor's questioned costs and noncompliance findings. This summary report is provided to the other parties of the Memorandum.

### Review of Subrecipient Audit Reports

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, 447 entities were determined to have received sufficient federal funds from the State of Minnesota to require them to submit audited financial statements. Not all subrecipients submitted audited financial statements in time to be included in this report.

Audits expected and audits received, by type, are:

	Total	Received	Failed to Report	Not Received in Time for Publication
Cities	57	57	-	-
Counties	75	74	1	-
Nonprofit Agencies	75	54	13	8
Other Governmental Agencies	21	18	1	2
Regional Development Commissions	7	6	-	1
Schools and Related Agencies	205	201	4	-
Tribal Governments	7	4	3	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>
 Percent	 100%	 93%	 5%	 2%

### Significant Items

To be included in this report, financial statements must have been received by February 12, 2009. The Single Audit Act requires governments to file their single audit reports within nine months of year end; therefore, governmental entities with fiscal years ending May 12, 2008, or earlier, should have filed their financial statements in time for this report. In addition, the State requires school districts to file their financial statements by December 31. Twenty-two entities failed to report in compliance with these requirements. An additional eleven reports were not received in time for this publication reflecting the fact that entities (other than schools) with fiscal years ending between May 13 and July 1, 2008, may have reporting deadlines extending beyond the publication date of this report.

### Contents of This Report

This report contains six exhibits. The exhibits contain information included in audited financial statements of subrecipients having fiscal year-ends between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. The resolution of questioned costs, noncompliance, and crosscutting findings is the responsibility of the administering agency. The exhibits are:

**Exhibit 1 Questioned Costs**

Exhibit 1 is a summary of questioned costs by administrative agency. For each questioned cost the exhibit lists the subrecipient entity, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number, and the reason for and the amount of the questioned costs.

**Exhibit 2 Expenditures of Federal Awards by CFDA Number**

Exhibit 2 is a summary of expenditures of federal awards by CFDA number and by the administering agency type--direct federal or passed through the state or other agency.

- Exhibit 3 Expenditures of Federal Awards by Subrecipient Entity  
Exhibit 3 is a summary of expenditures of federal awards by subrecipient entity and the administrative agency type--direct federal or passed through the state or other agency. Also shown are those entities that were to file a single audit report and did not. The exhibit identifies whether the entity's audit report is acceptable; that is, if the audit report contains all reporting elements required by applicable auditing standards.
- Exhibit 4 Expenditures of Federal Awards by Administering Agency  
Exhibit 4 is a summary of expenditures of federal awards by the administrative agency and a breakdown of those agencies by the subrecipient entities and CFDA numbers. Also indicated are federal or nonfederal crosscutting findings or grant noncompliance (refer to Exhibits 5 and 6 for detailed crosscutting findings). The exhibit also identifies if the entity's audit report is acceptable.
- Exhibit 5 Summary of Nonfederal Crosscutting Findings by Agency Type  
Exhibit 5 is a summary of nonfederal crosscutting findings by entity. A nonfederal crosscutting finding is non-monetary and does not pertain to federal programs.
- Exhibit 6 Summary of Federal Crosscutting Findings by Agency Type  
Exhibit 6 is a summary of federal crosscutting findings by entity. A federal crosscutting finding is non-monetary and does not pertain to a specific federal program.

For detail regarding information in these exhibits, the audit report should be reviewed or the subrecipient should be contacted.

#### Report Distribution

This report will be posted on the Office of the State Auditor's website ([www.osa.state.mn.us](http://www.osa.state.mn.us)) and will be distributed to:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture, the cognizant agency for the State of Minnesota;
- Minnesota Management & Budget;
- Office of the Legislative Auditor;
- Any other agencies that request a copy.

Statistical Information

The following table shows the number of subrecipients submitting single audits that were included in our reports for each of the ten years ended June 30, 2008:

Year	Cities	Counties	Nonprofit Agencies	Other Governments	Regional Development Commissions	Schools and Related Agencies	Tribal Governments	Total
2008	57	74	54	18	6	201	4	414
2007	61	78	60	15	5	183	5	407
2006	66	71	54	17	3	188	4	403
2005	88	74	49	19	6	183	5	424
2004	102	76	57	22	5	179	4	445
2003	67	85	46	18	9	259	4	488
2002	62	83	47	19	9	227	4	451
2001	71	79	48	27	7	209	5	446
2000	39	74	49	25	8	200	5	400
1999	61	79	46	21	6	186	4	403

The following table summarizes the federal grant revenue by administering agency type included in this report for the last ten years: (Dollars in millions)

Year	Administering Agency			Total
	Federal	State	Other	
2008	\$ 504	\$ 1,238	\$ 82	\$ 1,824
2007	764	1,226	99	2,089
2006	531	1,147	86	1,764
2005	620	1,166	73	1,859
2004	528	1,156	75	1,759
2003	503	1,114	61	1,678
2002	459	1,056	52	1,567
2001	363	1,009	48	1,420
2000	392	808	43	1,243
1999	281	789	42	1,112

The following is a tabulation of the questioned costs for the last ten years:

June 30	Amount
2008	\$ 75,895
2007	550,025
2006	595,758
2005	538,301
2004	613,906
2003	358,423
2002	809,429
2001	364,580
2000	802,586
1999	644,500

Acknowledgment

The preparation of this report on Federally Assisted Programs of Subrecipients of the State of Minnesota for the year ended June 30, 2008, was accomplished through the effort of the Single Audit Division and the cooperation of various federal, state, and local agencies. I wish to acknowledge those local entities that submitted their annual reports in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Rebecca Otto*

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