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MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT OF THE

CITY OF DULUTH
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

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**CITY OF DULUTH
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Year Ended December 31, 2014



Management and Compliance Report

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: **Unmodified**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **Yes**

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? **No**

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **No**

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: **Unmodified**

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? **No**

The major programs are:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	CFDA #14.218
Home Investment Partnerships Program	CFDA #14.239
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	CFDA #66.468
Hazard Mitigation Grant	CFDA #97.039

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$525,629.

The City of Duluth qualified as a low-risk auditee? **Yes**

II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS NOT RESOLVED

Finding 1996-005

Departmental Internal Control

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. In order to maintain proper internal control over City revenue transactions and cash assets, cash collection duties should be segregated so the basic functions of authorization, custody, and recording are not under the control of any one employee.

Condition: Due to the limited number of office personnel within the various City departments, proper segregation of the accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not possible.

Context: The size of the department and its staffing limits the internal control that management can design and implement into the organization.

Effect: Unknown errors and irregularities may happen without timely detection.

Cause: Limited staffing within the various departments because of cost considerations.

Recommendation: Management should be aware of the lack of segregation of the accounting functions within City departments and, if possible, implement oversight procedures to ensure that the internal control policies and procedures are being performed by staff. The City should consider centralizing the cash collection functions under the City Treasurer and recording functions under the City Auditor in order to strengthen the internal control over revenue accounting.

Client's Response:

The City is aware that, in some departments, staffing levels prevent an ideal segregation of duties. Mitigating controls are implemented when possible. In late 2012, the City implemented a new software system, TRACKiT, in the City's Planning and Construction Services Office (One Stop Shop). Also, in early 2013, the City implemented new procedures for business licensing and permitting in the City Clerk's Office using software that is integrated with the City's financial management system. The new software and procedures strengthens internal controls in the City Clerk's Office and in the One Stop Shop. In 2015, the City will investigate the feasibility of expanding the licensing and permitting software to the Parks & Recreation Department. Finally, payment options now include credit cards. As the use of credit cards increase, the risk of loss diminishes due to the decreased use of cash.

Finding 2006-002

Computer Risk Management

Criteria: Management is responsible for identifying and managing the risks associated with its computer system. Computer risk management suggests that a formal plan be developed to identify the risks associated with the City's information system and document the internal controls implemented to address the identified risks.

Condition: The City has internal controls in place for its computer systems. The City has not completed a formal plan to identify and manage risks associated with its computer systems. However, the City's Management Information Systems Department completed a risk analysis of the City's computer systems which will be used to develop a formal plan on how to manage the identified risks.

Context: Staffing limits the development of a formal plan. Without a formal plan, computer risks could exist that are not identified on a timely basis.

Effect: Unprotected risks could result in a loss or compromise of data that could negatively influence City operations.

Cause: Lack of providing resources needed to develop a formal computer risk management plan.

Recommendation: The City administration should develop a plan to ensure that internal controls are in place to reduce the risks associated with the City's computer systems. Internal controls implemented should be documented in a well-maintained policies and procedures manual, which should be communicated to the City's staff. Staff adherence to these policies and procedures should be monitored. Because computer systems are ever changing, the City should include in its plan periodic re-assessment of risks to ensure existing internal controls are still effective.

Client's Response:

In 2014, a division reorganization as well as unfilled staff vacancies made it difficult to formalize a Risk Management Plan. IT has plans to fill the vacant positions as well as adding a Security Administrator position in 2015 to augment the capabilities of risk identification and security infractions as well as aide in the development and ongoing review of the Risk Management and Business Continuity Plan. IT Management continues to update the IT Risk Profile developed in 2013 as new systems are implemented as well as formalize additional policies and procedures in accordance with the State of MN OET Enterprise Vulnerability Management Security Standard to ensure internal controls are in place to reduce risk associated with the City's ongoing technology systems. Beginning with the 2014 ITSC Governance Process implementation, IT Management introduced the requirement for new technology project requests to identify risks before inception and are continually monitored for proper internal controls and vulnerabilities throughout the

project implementation. In 2014, IT Management and Staff developed project lists with corresponding priorities based on risk as well as other factors for all identified improvement, regulatory and security changes required. IT Management will use the ITSC Governance Process, Risk Profile, and Project Lists to complete the Risk Management and Business Continuity plan, it is our intent to have a formalized plan in place by the end of 2015.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None.

IV. OTHER ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the independent organization that establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments. Effective for your calendar year 2015 financial statements, the GASB changed those standards as they apply to employers that provide pension benefits.

GASB Statement 68 significantly changes pension accounting and financial reporting for governmental employers that prepare financial statements on the accrual basis by separating pension accounting methodology from pension funding methodology. Statement 68 requires employers to include a portion of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) total employers' unfunded liability, called the "net pension liability," on the face of the City's government-wide statement of financial position. The City's financial position will be immediately impacted by its unfunded share of the pension liability.

Statement 68 changes the amount employers report as pension expense and defers some allocations of expenses to future years—deferred outflows or inflows of resources. It requires pension costs to be calculated by an actuary; whereas, in the past pension costs were equal to the amount of employer contributions sent to PERA during the year. Additional footnote disclosures and required supplementary information schedules are also required by Statement 68.

The net pension liability that will be reported in the City of Duluth's financial statements is an accounting estimate of the proportionate share of PERA's unfunded liability at a specific point in time. That number will change from year to year and is based on assumptions about the probability of the occurrence of events far into the future. Those assumptions include how long people will live, how long they will continue to work, projected salary increases, and how well pension trust investments will do. PERA has been proactive in taking steps toward implementation and will be providing most of the information needed by employers to report the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources.



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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*

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Don Ness, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Duluth, Minnesota

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Duluth, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2015. These financial statements include the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority activities for the year ended April 30, 2014. We issue separate management and compliance letters for the Duluth Airport Authority, the Duluth Economic Development Authority, the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority, the Duluth Transit Authority, and the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority. The letters for the Duluth Airport Authority and the Duluth Transit Authority include the reports required for a single audit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Duluth's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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'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.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 1996-005 and 2006-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Duluth's financial statements are free from 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, contains seven categories of compliance to be tested in connection with the audit of the City's financial statements: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our audit considered all of the listed categories.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the City of Duluth failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the City's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

Other Matters

Also included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs is an other item for consideration. We believe this information to be of benefit to the City, and it is reported for that purpose.

City of Duluth's Response to Findings

The City of Duluth's responses to the internal control findings identified in our audit have been included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The City's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance, and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Don Ness, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Duluth, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Duluth's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014. The City of Duluth's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

The City of Duluth's basic financial statements include the operations of the Duluth Airport Authority and the Duluth Transit Authority component units, which expended \$2,992,082 and \$6,810,321, respectively, in federal awards during the year ended December 31, 2014, which are not included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Duluth Airport Authority and the Duluth Transit Authority because they had separate single audits in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City of Duluth's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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 Duluth'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 on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Duluth complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Duluth is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 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 deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on

a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Duluth, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the SEFA is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Direct			
Cooperative Forestry Assistance		10.664	\$ 1,000
Urban and Community Forestry Program		10.675	16,831
Emergency Watershed Protection Program		10.923	188,082
(Total Emergency Watershed Protection Program 10.923 \$212,486)			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources			
Emergency Watershed Protection Program		10.923	24,404
(Total Emergency Watershed Protection Program 10.923 \$212,486)			
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			\$ 230,317
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Direct			
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants		14.218	\$ 2,026,485
Emergency Solutions Grant Program		14.231	247,013
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239	795,369
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing		14.900	490,607
Passed Through Minnesota Housing Finance Agency			
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	02-2009-05-NSP	14.228	10,771
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			\$ 3,570,245
U.S. Department of the Interior			
Passed Through Minnesota Historical Society			
Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid		15.904	\$ 12,644
U.S. Department of Justice			
Direct			
Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms - Training Assistance		16.012	\$ 75,025
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program		16.590	216,728
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		16.592	4,411
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program		16.607	7,906
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program		16.738	71,931
Total U.S. Department of Justice			\$ 376,001

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Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Labor			
Passed Through Senior Service America, Inc. Senior Community Service Employment Program (Total Senior Community Service Employment Program 17.235 \$371,792)	116	17.235	\$ 257,934
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Senior Community Service Employment Program (Total Senior Community Service Employment Program 17.235 \$371,792)	4045100/5045100	17.235	113,858
Incentive Grants - WIA Section 503	2042500	17.267	4,721
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) National Emergency Grants	2041400/2048900	17.277	54,596
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Cluster WIA Adult Program	3043100/4043100	17.258	169,875
WIA Youth Activities	3043600/4043600	17.259	296,608
WIA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	3048000/4048000	17.278	<u>94,509</u>
Total U.S. Department of Labor			\$ 992,101
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Construction (Total Highway Planning and Construction 20.205 \$4,231,206)	Various	20.205	\$ 1,853,106
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety Highway Planning and Construction - Emergency Relief Program (Total Highway Planning and Construction 20.205 \$4,231,206)	Various	20.205	2,378,100
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety State and Community Highway Safety	Various	20.600	61,271
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	Various	20.608	199,251
National Priority Safety Programs	Various	20.616	<u>20,434</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			\$ 4,512,162
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			
Direct Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program		66.041	\$ 25,875
Urban Waters Small Grants		66.440	6,063
Great Lakes Program (Total Great Lakes Program 66.469 \$21,508)		66.469	5,617
Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements		66.818	227,215

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Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Continued)			
Passed through Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development			
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Various	66.458	223,516
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds with Principal Forgiveness	MPFG-13-0050-R-FY15	66.458	5,624
(Total Clean Water State Revolving Funds 66.458 \$229,140)			
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Various	66.468	4,765,491
Passed through Minnesota Pollution Control Agency			
Great Lakes Program		66.469	15,891
(Total Great Lakes Program 66.469 \$21,508)			
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			\$ 5,275,292
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Direct			
Assistance to Firefighters Grant		97.044	\$ 103,041
Port Security Grant Program		97.056	38,892
(Total Port Security Grant Program 97.056 \$157,565)			
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)		97.083	222,323
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
Hazard Mitigation Grant		97.039	549,976
Emergency Management Performance Grants	A-EMPG-2011-DULUTHCI-00249	97.042	15,137
Port Security Grant Program	A-PSGP-2011-DULUTHCI-00002	97.056	118,673
(Total Port Security Grant Program 97.056 \$157,565)			
Homeland Security Grant Program	Various	97.067	24,896
(Total Homeland Security Grant Program 97.067 \$73,162)			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	Various	97.036	1,430,990
Passed Through St. Louis County			
Homeland Security Grant Program	2010-OSGP-00822	97.067	48,266
(Total Homeland Security Grant Program 97.067 \$73,162)			
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			\$ 2,552,194
Total Federal Awards			\$ 17,520,956

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

1. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by the City of Duluth. It does not include \$2,992,082 and \$6,810,321 in federal awards expended by the Duluth Airport Authority and the Duluth Transit Authority, respectively, component units of the City, which had separate single audits. The City's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the City of Duluth under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2014. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Duluth, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City of Duluth.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

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4. Reconciliation to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue

Federal grant revenue per Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue	\$	12,661,268
Grants received more than 60 days after year-end, unavailable in 2014		
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants		262,054
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii		3,275
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)		1,616,890
Emergency Solutions Grant Program		4,461
Hazard Mitigation Grant		5,892
Highway Planning and Construction		21,369
Highway Planning and Construction - Emergency Relief Program		1,140,540
Home Investment Partnerships Program		9,996
Urban and Community Forestry Program		16,831
Unavailable in 2013, recognized as revenue in 2014		
Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements		(1,550)
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants		(203,961)
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii		(2,362)
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)		(2,302,947)
Emergency Solutions Grant Program		(1,646)
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Programs		(9,770)
Highway Planning and Construction		(63,757)
Highway Planning and Construction - Emergency Relief Program		(606,750)
Home Investment Partnerships Program		(7,317)
Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing		(33,209)
Timing differences between expenditures and related reimbursements		(72,489)
Capital grants received in enterprise funds		
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds		223,516
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds with Principal Forgiveness		5,624
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds		4,765,491
Grant received by Component Unit - Duluth Economic Development Authority		
Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements		89,507
Expenditures Per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$	17,520,956

5. Clusters

Clusters of programs are groupings of closely related programs that share common compliance requirements. Total expenditures by cluster are:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Cluster	\$	560,992
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6. Subrecipients

Of the expenditures presented in the schedule, the City of Duluth provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Amount Provided to Subrecipients</u>
14.218	Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	\$ 1,569,151
14.231	Emergency Solutions Grant Program	231,289
14.239	Home Investment Partnerships Program	795,369
14.900	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately-Owned Housing	467,753
66.041	Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program	25,875
	Total	<u>\$ 3,089,437</u>