

Independent Auditors' Reports as Required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 and Government Auditing Standards and Related Information

Year ended June 30, 2011

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on Each Major Program, on Internal Control over Compliance, and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

The Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Boston, Massachusetts:

Compliance

We have audited the City of Boston, Massachusetts' (the City) 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 June 30, 2011. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of current year 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's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit.

The City's basic financial statements include the operations of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston Public Health Commission, and the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, which received federal awards which are not included in the City's schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the year ended June 30, 2011. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of these entities because they engaged other auditors to perform audits in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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'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 of the City's compliance with those requirements.



As described in items 2011-01 and 2011-02 in the accompanying schedule of current year findings and questioned costs, the City did not comply with the following requirements:

| Program | CFDA # | Requirement |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Education Jobs Fund | 84.410 | Allowable costs/cost principles |
| School Improvement Grants Cluster | 84.377 | Reporting |
| Title I, Part A Cluster | 84.010 / 84.389 | Reporting |
| Special Education Cluster | 84.027 / 84.173 | Reporting |
| Title I, Part A Cluster | 84.010 | Cash management |

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the City to comply with the requirements applicable to these programs.

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the preceding paragraph, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. However, the results of our auditing procedures also disclosed other instances of noncompliance with those requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings and questioned costs as items 2011-03 through 2011-07.

Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings and questioned costs as items 2011-01 and 2011-02 to be material weaknesses.



A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a 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 attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings and questioned costs as items 2011-03 through 2011-07 to be significant deficiencies.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

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 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon, dated December 21, 2011, which was modified to include a reference to other auditors and an explanatory paragraph regarding the City's implementation of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (Exhibit II) 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 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.

The City's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the City's responses, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, elected officials and management, 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.



March 2, 2012 (except as to the paragraph relating to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, which is as of December 21, 2011)

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

| Federal grantor/pass-through grantor/program title | CFDA number | Program or award amount | Expenditures made to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2011 | Unexpended balance July 1, 2010 | 2011 Grant revenue | 2011 Expenditures | Unexpended balance June 30, 2011 |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| U.S. Department of Agriculture: | | | | | | | |
| Direct programs: Cooperative Forestry Assistance | 10.664 | 139,310 | | 25,808 | | | 25,808 |
| Total direct programs | | 139,310 | _ | 25,808 | _ | _ | 25,808 |
| Passed-through Massachusetts Department of Education: Food Donation Program (note 2) Summer Food Service Program for Children (note 4) National School Lunch Program (notes 2 and 4) Summer Food Service Program for Children Food and Nutrition Total passed-through Massachusetts Department of Education | 10.550 10.559 10.555 10.558 10.582 | 884,789 3,162,672 72,600,889 85,860 602,920 77,337,130 | | 1,393,268 15,309 1,408,577 | 884,789 1,386,982 25,377,730 14,870 419,706 28,084,077 | 884,789 1,386,982 25,377,730 14,870 435,015 28,099,386 | 1,393,268 ———————————————————————————————————— |
| Total U.S. Department of Agriculture | | 77,476,440 | | 1,434,385 | 28,084,077 | 28,099,386 | 1,419,076 |
| U.S. Department of Commerce: Direct program: TV Converter Box Coupon Program ARRA - Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Total U.S. Department of Commerce | 11.556 11.557 | 47,560 6,218,915 6,266,475 | | 22,439 | 2,114,025 2,114,025 | 2,114,025 2,114,025 | 22,439 |
| U.S. Department of Defense: Direct program: National Guard Civil Youth Opportunities Mathematical Sciences Grant Program | 12.404 12.901 | 3,314,205 415,333 | | | 877,183 103,706 | 877,183 103,706 | |
| Total U.S. Department of Defense | | 3,729,538 | | | 980,889 | 980,889 | |
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Direct programs: Community Development Block Grants (note 4) Rental Rehab Program Emergency Shelter Grants Program Supportive Housing Program Shelter Plus Care H.O.M.E. Investment Partnerships Program (note 3) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS E.D.I. Section 108 Loans (note 3) ARRA – Community Development Block Grants (note 4) ARRA – Neighborhood Stabilization Program ARRA – Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Fair Housing Assistance Program: Federal Regional Housing Opportunity Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in Privately Owned Housing | 14.218 14.230 14.231 14.235 14.235 14.238 14.239 14.241 14.246 14.248 14.253 14.256 14.257 14.401 14.857 14.900 | 248,234,412 1,287,776 2,634,684 58,899,657 13,460,328 54,409,700 7,323,971 25,646,190 183,960,840 5,366,011 14,060,989 8,209,151 250,500 3,925,950 10,810,452 | 5,738,198 | 6,401,465 209,275 174,923 1,721,117 680,428 516,792 393,457 2,093,379 3,349,116 231,938 - 7,651 154,918 629,869 1,221,267 | 21,495,107 733,766 11,423,161 5,356,163 7,125,615 1,535,554 1,265,022 1,866,252 1,555,601 5,115,086 3,862,165 13,543 21,814 1,142,477 | 21,014,410 733,766 11,916,117 5,696,870 7,125,615 1,535,554 1,265,022 1,866,252 1,555,601 5,115,086 3,862,165 13,543 21,814 1,142,477 | 6,882,162 209,275 174,923 1,228,161 339,721 516,792 393,457 2,093,379 3,349,116 231,938 7,651 154,918 629,869 1,221,267 |
| Total direct programs | | 638,480,611 | 32,307,489 | 17,785,595 | 62,511,326 | 62,864,292 | 17,432,629 |

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

| Federal grantor/pass-through grantor/program title | CFDA number | Program or award amount | Expenditures made to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2011 | Unexpended balance July 1, 2010 | 2011 Grant revenue | 2011 Expenditures | Unexpended balance June 30, 2011 |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Passed-through Boston Housing Authority: | 14,000 | D 707.250 | | 201.005 | 10.427 | 10.420 | 201.004 |
| Housing Choice Program | 14.000 | \$ 707,350 | | 301,095 | 10,427 | 10,428 | 301,094 |
| Total passed-through Boston Housing Authority | | 707,350 | | 301,095 | 10,427 | 10,428 | 301,094 |
| Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | | 639,187,961 | 32,307,489 | 18,086,690 | 62,521,753 | 62,874,720 | 17,733,723 |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Passed-through Environmental Protection Division: Historic Preservation Fund Grants-in-Aid | 15.904 | 260,300 | | 88,504 | 20,303 | 20,303 | 88,504 |
| Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | | 260,300 | | 88,504 | 20,303 | 20,303 | 88,504 |
| U.S. Department of Justice: Direct programs: | | | | | | | |
| Violent Crime Force | 16.000 | 97,274 | _ | 1,610 | _ | _ | 1,610 |
| Enhanced Training & Services to end Violence and Abuse | 16.528 | 52,838 | _ | _ | 10,702 | 10,702 | _ |
| Missing Children's Assistance | 16.543 | 300,000 | | _ | 23,943 | 23,943 | _ |
| Title V Delinquency Prevention Program | 16.548 | 609,492 | 40,450 | | 73,256 | 73,256 | |
| National Institute of Justice Research Evaluation and Demonstration | 16.560 | 1,182,530 | 89,325 | 2,534 | 317,372 | 317,372 | 2,534 |
| Crime Laboratory | 16.564 | 61,019 | _ | 2,691 | _ | _ | 2,691 |
| Edward Byrne Memorial State & Local Law Enforcement Discretionary Grant Program | 16.580 | 89,435 | _ | _ | (2,380) | (2,380) | _ |
| Violence Against Women Formula Grants | 16.588 | 79,373 | | - | 38,673 | 38,673 | - |
| Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies | 16.590 | 8,418,915 | 130,314 | 126,145 | 399,327 | 399,327 | 126,145 |
| Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program | 16.592 | 7,387,372 | _ | 585,100 | 26.012 | 26.012 | 585,100 |
| Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants | 16.710 | 915,465 | _ | 43,331 | 36,012 | 36,012 | 43,331 |
| ARRA – Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants | 16.710 | 11,843,200 | _ | _ | 3,534,239 | 3,534,239 | _ |
| Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program Value-Based Collaborative | 16.727 16.737 | 27,500 150,000 | _ | _ | 7,196 (3,992) | 7,196 (3,992) | _ |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (note 4) | 16.738 | 3.003.520 | _ | | 901,464 | 901,464 | _ |
| Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program | 16.741 | 1,728,381 | _ | 12,119 | 311,679 | 311,678 | 12,120 |
| Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant | 16.742 | 621.527 | | 16.847 | 134,375 | 134,375 | 16,847 |
| Criminal and Juvenile Mental Health Collaboration Pro | 16.745 | 175,000 | 16,085 | 10,647 | 22,077 | 22,077 | 10,647 |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant | 16.751 | 500,000 | 45,436 | 3,218 | 182,433 | 185,651 | |
| ARRA – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Hiring Grant (note 4) | 16.804 | 4,427,221 | -5,+50 | 4,734 | 967,172 | 971,906 | |
| Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative | 16.812 | 749,828 | 48,301 | ,75- | 134,733 | 134,733 | _ |
| ARRA – Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant | 16.808 | 1,895,484 | | _ | 637,732 | 637,732 | _ |
| Total direct programs | | 44,315,374 | 369,911 | 798,329 | 7,726,013 | 7,733,964 | 790,378 |
| Passed-through State Executive Office of Public Safety: | | | | | | | |
| No-Suspect Case Work, DNA | 16.542 | 66,460 | _ | 5,098 | _ | _ | 5,098 |
| National Institute of Justice | 16.564 | 33,829 | _ | 487 | _ | _ | 487 |
| Byrne Formula Grant Program | 16.579 | 147,939 | _ | 105,983 | _ | _ | 105,983 |
| Weed and Seed | 16.595 | 120,710 | | 24,816 | 20,710 | 20,710 | 24,816 |
| Total passed-through State Executive Office of Public Safety | | 368,938 | | 136,384 | 20,710 | 20,710 | 136,384 |
| Total U.S. Department of Justice | | 44,684,312 | 369,911 | 934,713 | 7,746,723 | 7,754,674 | 926,762 |
| U.S. Department of Labor: Passed-through Economic Development Industrial Corporation: | 17.250 | 127.012 | _ | _ | 05.252 | 05.252 | _ |
| Workforce Investment Act – Youth Activities | 17.259 | 137,812 | | | 95,372 | 95,372 | |
| Total U.S. Department of Labor | | 137,812 | | | 95,372 | 95,372 | |

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

| Federal grantor/pass-through grantor/program title | CFDA number | Program or award amount | Expenditures made to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2011 | Unexpended balance July 1, 2010 | 2011 Grant revenue | 2011 Expenditures | Unexpended balance June 30, 2011 |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| U.S. Department of Transportation: | | | | | | | |
| Direct program: Port Security Grant Program | 20.401 | \$ 142,752 | | 34 | | | 34 |
| Total direct program | | 142,752 | | 34 | | | 34 |
| Passed-through State Department of Transportation: Highway Safety Grant Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants State and Community Highway Safety | 20.205 20.500 20.600 | 5,600,001 3,328,051 348,983 | _ | | 930,643 114,284 37,740 | 930,643 114,284 37,740 | 73,194 |
| Total passed-through programs | | 9,277,035 | | 73,194 | 1,082,667 | 1,082,667 | 73,194 |
| Total U.S. Department of Transportation | | 9,419,787 | | 73,228 | 1,082,667 | 1,082,667 | 73,228 |
| National Science Foundation: Direct programs: Biological Sciences Education and Human Resources | 47.074 47.076 | 592,838 1,924,486 | 135,156 | 55,634 | 288,842 303,337 | 288,842 303,489 | 55,482 |
| Total National Science Foundation | | 2,517,324 | 135,156 | 55,634 | 592,179 | 592,331 | 55,482 |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Direct programs: Congressionally Mandated Award Brownfields Assessment & Clean-up Cooperative | 66.202 66.818 | 199,992 1,188,180 | | 197,592 | 214,170 | 190,171 | 197,592 23,999 |
| Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | | 1,388,172 | | 197,592 | 214,170 | 190,171 | 221,591 |
| U.S. Department of Energy: Direct program: ARRA- Renewable Energy Research & Development Renewable Energy Research & Development Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Information ARRA – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program | 81.087 81.087 81.117 81.128 | 1,343,020 300,000 150,000 6,506,200 | 183,000 183,000 — | 24,786 | 73,499 297,795 15,283 1,203,057 | 73,499 297,795 15,283 1,203,057 | 24,786 |
| Total U.S. Department of Energy | | 8,299,220 | 366,000 | 24,786 | 1,589,634 | 1,589,634 | 24,786 |
| U.S. Department of Education: Direct programs: Civil Rights Training & Advisory Services International Research & Studies Teaching American History Foundation for Citizens through Character Education Foreign Language Assistance Education Research, Development & Dissemination Advanced Placement | 84.004 84.017 84.215 84.215 84.223 84.305 84.330 | 241,680 442,607 876,562 3,609,845 567,216 141,592 1,535,609 | 26,122 57,507 9,999 | 3,973 13,171 5,213 56,520 — 44,677 | 39,949 185,454 | 39,949 185,454 | 3,973 13,171 5,213 56,520 — 44,677 |
| Total direct programs | | 7,415,111 | 228,986 | 123,554 | 2,469,684 | 2,469,684 | 123,554 |
| Passed-through State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Title I – Grants to Local Educational Agencies (note 4) Special Education (note 4) | 84.010 84.027 | 177,499,398 57,165,950 | = | 16,553,590 6,631,126 | 42,632,634 17,305,913 | 42,632,634 17,305,913 | 16,553,590 6,631,126 |

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

| Federal grantor/pass-through grantor/program title | CFDA number | Program or award amount | Expenditures made to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2011 | Unexpended balance July 1, 2010 | 2011 Grant revenue | 2011 Expenditures | Unexpended balance June 30, 2011 |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Vocational Education | 84.048 \$ | 5,147,748 | _ | 509,307 | 1,511,332 | 1,511,332 | 509,307 |
| Magnet School Assist | 84.165 | 511,715 | _ | 4,601 | 1,511,552 | 1,511,552 | 4,601 |
| Special Education – Preschool Grants (note 4) | 84.173 | 973,773 | _ | 247,705 | 508,552 | 508,552 | 247,705 |
| Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities | 84.186 | 1,709,671 | _ | 159,060 | 228,275 | 228,275 | 159,060 |
| Rehabilitation Training | 84.265 | 2,422,841 | 95,000 | - | 718.058 | 718,058 | |
| Education for Homeless Children and Youth (note 4) | 84.196 | 120,000 | 426 | 45,628 | 57,507 | 57,507 | 45,628 |
| Goals 2000: State and Local Education Systems Improvement Grants | 84.276 | 25,000 | | 13,549 | | | 13,549 |
| Office of Elementary and Secondary Education | 84.282 | 20,000 | _ | 20,000 | 19.308 | 19,308 | 20,000 |
| Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers | 84.287 | 3,153,750 | 215,436 | 500,367 | 1,824,304 | 1,824,304 | 500,367 |
| Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants (note 4) | 84.318 | 760,299 | | 244,411 | 242,741 | 242,741 | 244,411 |
| Project Achieve | 84.323 | 1,529,981 | 26,093 | 24,318 | 222,559 | 222,559 | 24,318 |
| Reading First Grant | 84.357 | 1,200,115 | _ | 4,093 | _ | 3,297 | 796 |
| Early Reading First | 84.359 | 131,437 | _ | 96,554 | 96,104 | 96,104 | 96,554 |
| Title III Bilingual Language | 84.365 | 2,249,623 | _ | 1,035,948 | 404,030 | 404,030 | 1,035,948 |
| Mathematics and Science Partnerships | 84.366 | 624,733 | 81,566 | 235,110 | 291,356 | 290,356 | 236,110 |
| Title II Improving Teacher Quality | 84.367 | 13,019,896 | 379,548 | 1,082,531 | 4,426,024 | 4,426,024 | 1,082,531 |
| School Improvement (note 4) | 84.377 | 1,668,936 | _ | 1,642,942 | | 1,552,451 | 90,491 |
| ARRA – Education Technology Grant (note 4) | 84.386 | 849,785 | _ | 300,087 | 288,515 | 288,515 | 300,087 |
| ARRA – Education for Homeless Children & Youth (note 4) | 84.387 | 115,000 | 12,704 | 31,537 | 55,908 | 55,908 | 31,537 |
| ARRA – School Improvement Grants (note 4) | 84.388 | 7,594,156 | _ | _ | 3,609,168 | 3,609,168 | _ |
| ARRA – Title I – Grants to Local Educational Agencies (note 4) | 84.389 | 43,890,283 | _ | 7,535,068 | 20,041,233 | 20,019,233 | 7,557,068 |
| ARRA – Special Education (note 4) | 84.391 | 20,489,124 | _ | 572,849 | 10,372,387 | 10,372,387 | 572,849 |
| ARRA – Special Education – Preschool Grants (note 4) | 84.392 | 796,343 | _ | 163,844 | 372,228 | 372,228 | 163,844 |
| ARRA – State Fiscal Stabilization Funds – Government Services | 84.397 | 2,466,211 | _ | _ | 2,140,787 | 2,140,787 | _ |
| Education Jobs Fund | 84.410 | 2,900,154 | _ | _ | 2,900,154 | 2,900,154 | _ |
| Race to the Top Early Learning Initiative | 84.412 | 2,315,283 | | | 92,739 | 92,739 | |
| Total passed-through State Department of Education | | 351,351,205 | 810,773 | 37,654,225 | 110,361,816 | 111,894,564 | 36,121,477 |
| Total U.S. Department of Education | | 358,766,316 | 1,039,759 | 37,777,779 | 112,831,500 | 114,364,248 | 36,245,031 |
| National Historical Publications and Records Commission: | | | | | | | |
| Direct program: Public Schools Desegregation – ERA Records Project | 89.003 | 118,525 | _ | 5,562 | 5,062 | 5,062 | 5,562 |
| Total National Historical Publications and Records Commission | | 118,525 | | 5,562 | 5,062 | 5,062 | 5,562 |
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Direct programs: | | | | | | | |
| Injury Prevention and Control Research | 93.136 | 5,000 | _ | _ | 4,064 | 4,064 | _ |
| CDC Investigations and Technical Assistance | 93.283 | 396,634 | 44,700 | 1,110 | 159,559 | 159,559 | 1,110 |
| ARRA - Geography Violence | 93.701 | 20,000 | _ | _ | 5,818 | 5,818 | _ |
| ARRA – Strengthening Communities | 93.711 | 529,960 | | _ | 167,390 | 167,390 | _ |
| ARRA- Prevention & Wellness Community | 93.724 | 2,302,776 | 6,760 | _ | 718,935 | 718,935 | _ |
| Cooperative Agreements to Support Comprehensive Aids Education | 93.938 | 29,139 | | | 21,819 | 21,819 | |
| Total direct programs | | 3,283,509 | 51,460 | 1,110 | 1,077,585 | 1,077,585 | 1,110 |
| Passed-through State Executive Office of Elderly Affairs: MDU Fire Deployment | 93.003 | 105,530 | _ | 839 | 839 | 839 | 839 |
| Special Programs for the Aging: Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman | 93.042 | 703,927 | 43,731 | 93,681 | 165,776 | 165,776 | 93,681 |
| Title III, Part D | 93.043 | 356,327 | 41,878 | 51,798 | 36,145 | 63,884 | 24,059 |

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

| Federal grantor/pass-through grantor/program title | CFDA number | Program or award amount | Expenditures made to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2011 | Unexpended balance July 1, 2010 | 2011 Grant revenue | 2011 Expenditures | Unexpended balance June 30, 2011 |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Title III, Part B (note 4) | 93.044 | \$ 3,351,482 | 488,840 | 185,637 | 775,593 | 775,593 | 185,637 |
| Title III, Part C (note 4) | 93.045 | 9,136,882 | 721,043 | 1,244,416 | 2,590,214 | 2,590,214 | 1,244,416 |
| Title III, Part E | 93.052 | 2,009,952 | 75,423 | 9,778 | 401,745 | 401,745 | 9,778 |
| Nutritional Services Incentive Program (note 4) Area Agency on Aging | 93.053 93.633 | 1,575,806 1,457,005 | 260,899 2,091 | 204,128 161,337 | 654,350 359,188 | 654,350 359,188 | 204,128 161,337 |
| | 93.033 | | | | | | |
| Total passed-through State Executive Office of Elderly Affairs | | 18,696,911 | 1,633,905 | 1,951,614 | 4,983,850 | 5,011,589 | 1,923,875 |
| Passed-through State Office of Family Services: Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) | 93.575 | 1,848,745 | | 50,615 | 168,084 | 168,084 | 50,615 |
| Total passed-through State Office of Family Services | | 1,848,745 | | 50,615 | 168,084 | 168,084 | 50,615 |
| Passed-through State Department of Public Health: Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry ARRA - National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness | 93.884 93.889 | 100,000 57,441 | = | 2,062 | 2,068 11,203 | 2,068 11,203 | 2,062 |
| Total passed-through State Department of Public Health | | 157,441 | | 2,062 | 13,271 | 13,271 | 2,062 |
| Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | | 23,986,606 | 1,685,365 | 2,005,401 | 6,242,790 | 6,270,529 | 1,977,662 |
| Corporation for National and Community Services: Direct programs: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Senior Companions Programs | 94.002 94.016 | 447,719 916,823 | | 3,356 829 | 122,423 222,595 | 122,423 222,595 | 3,356 829 |
| | 94.016 | | | | | | |
| Total direct | | 1,364,542 | | 4,185 | 345,018 | 345,018 | 4,185 |
| Passed-through State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Learn and Serve America: School and Community Based Program | 94.004 | 7,500 | 990 | | 1,386 | 1,386 | |
| Total Corporation for National and Community Services | | 1,372,042 | 990 | 4,185 | 346,404 | 346,404 | 4,185 |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Direct: | | | | | | | |
| Port Security Grant Program ARRA – Port Security Grant Program | 97.056 97.116 | 2,025,920 1,259,820 | | | 1,960,149 447,898 | 1,960,149 447,898 | |
| Total direct | | 3,285,740 | | | 2,408,047 | 2,408,047 | |
| Passed-through State Executive Office of Public Safety: Disaster Grants Public Assistance Assistance to Firefighters Homeland Security Grant Program Buffer Zone Protection Plan Hurricane Katrina Case Management Program Severe Repetitive Loss Program Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program | 97.036 97.044 97.067 97.078 97.084 97.110 97.111 | 2,157,638 2,954,341 44,086,356 796,706 9,878 924,626 3,073,882 | 452,610 — — — — — | 114,449 278,815 — 47 — | 2,157,638 87,329 5,984,422 126,924 — 311,539 1,318,907 | 2,157,638 87,329 5,984,422 126,924 — 311,539 1,318,907 | 114,449 278,815 — 47 — |
| Total passed-through State Executive Office of Public Safety | | 54,003,427 | 452,610 | 393,311 | 9,986,759 | 9,986,759 | 393,311 |
| Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security | | 57,289,167 | 452,610 | 393,311 | 12,394,806 | 12,394,806 | 393,311 |
| Total federal assistance | | \$ 1,234,899,997 | 36,357,280 | 61,104,209 | 236,862,354 | 238,775,221 | 59,191,342 |

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

(1) Definition of Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements of the City of Boston, Massachusetts (the City) include various component units that have separate single audits conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of federal financial assistance programs of the City, exclusive of component units.

All federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through other governmental agencies, are included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the City are set forth below:

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

(b) National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs (CFDA # 10.555)

The City accounts for local, state, and federal expenditures of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs in a combined program. Program expenditures in the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards represent total expenditures for meals provided during 2011.

(c) Food Donation Program (CFDA # 10.550)

Noncash contributions of commodities under the Food Donation program are received under a State distribution formula and are valued at federally published wholesale prices for purposes of this schedule. Such commodities are not recorded in the financial records, although memorandum records are maintained.

(3) Section #108 and H.O.M.E. Loans (CFDA #s 14.248 and 14.239)

Total expenditures in the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the Section #108 and H.O.M.E. programs include the total amount of new loans made during fiscal year 2011. On June 30, 2011, the unpaid principal balance from loans originated in previous years that are subject to continuing compliance requirements, as defined by OMB Circular A-133, for the Section #108 and H.O.M.E. programs is \$28,680,837 and \$72,301,056, respectively. These amounts are not included in the total expenditures in the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards but are considered federal awards for purposes of determining Type A and Type B programs.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

(4) Clustered Programs

OMB Circular A-133 defines a "cluster" as "a grouping of closely related programs that share common compliance requirements." The table below details the federal programs included in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that are required by OMB Circular A-133 to be "clustered" for purposes of testing federal compliance requirements and identifying Type A programs.

| CFDA # | Program title | 1 | Expenditures |
|----------------------------|---|-----|---------------------------------|
| 93.044 93.045 93.053 | Aging Cluster: Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C Nutritional Services Incentive Program | \$ | 775,593 2,590,214 654,350 |
| | Aging Cluster Total | \$_ | 4,020,157 |
| 14.218 14.253 | CDBG Entitlement Grants Cluster: Community Development Block Grant ARRA – Community Development Block Grant | \$ | 21,014,410 1,555,601 |
| | CDBG Entitlement Grants Cluster Total | \$ | 22,570,011 |
| 10.555 10.559 | Child Nutrition Cluster: National School Lunch Program Summer Food Service Program for Children | \$ | 25,377,730 1,386,982 |
| | Child Nutrition Cluster Total | \$_ | 26,764,712 |
| 84.196 84.387 | Education of Homeless Children and Youth Cluster: Education for Homeless Children & Youth ARRA – Education for Homless Children & Youth | \$ | 57,507 55,908 |
| | Education of Homeless Children and Youth Cluster Total | \$_ | 113,415 |
| 84.318 84.386 | Educational Technology State Grants Cluster: Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants ARRA – Education Technology State Grants | \$ | 242,741 288,515 |
| | Educational Technology State Grants Cluster Total | \$_ | 531,256 |
| 16.738 16.804 | Justice Assistance Grant Cluster: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ARRA – Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Hiring Grant | \$ | 901,464 971,906 |
| | Justice Assistance Grant Cluster Total | \$ | 1,873,370 |

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Exhibit II

CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

| CFDA # | Program title | | Expenditures |
|--------------------------------------|---|------|--|
| 84.377 84.388 | School Improvement Grants Cluster: School Improvement Grant ARRA – School Improvement Grant | \$ | 1,552,451 3,609,168 |
| | School Improvement Grant Cluster Total | \$_ | 5,161,619 |
| 84.027 84.173 84.391 84.392 | Special Education (IDEA) Cluster: Special Education Special Education – Preschool Grants ARRA – Special Education ARRA – Special Education – Preschool Grants | \$ | 17,305,913 508,552 10,372,387 372,228 |
| | Special Education (IDEA) Cluster Total | \$_ | 28,559,080 |
| 84.010 84.389 | Title I, Part A Cluster: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies ARRA – Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | \$ | 42,632,634 20,019,233 |
| | Title I, Part A Cluster total | \$ _ | 62,651,867 |



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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 City of Boston, Massachusetts:

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 Boston, Massachusetts (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2011. Our report was modified to include a reference to other auditors and an explanatory paragraph regarding the City's implementation of GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. 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. Other auditors audited the financial statements of certain funds and component units included in the City's financial statements, as described in our report on the City's financial statements. The financial statements of the permanent funds, private-purpose trust funds and OPEB trust fund, which were audited by other auditors, were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

For purposes of this report, our consideration of internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants, and other matters did not include the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the State-Boston Retirement System. We have issued separate reports on our consideration of internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants, and other matters for these entities. The findings, if any, included in those reports are not included herein.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City'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'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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated December 21, 2011.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City's audit committee, elected officials and management, 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.



December 21, 2011

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

(1)

| Summary of Auditors' Results | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Financial Statements | | | | |
| Type of auditors' report issued: | Unqualified for all opinion units | | | |
| Internal control over financial reporting: | | | | |
| Material weakness(es) identified? | yes <u>x</u> no | | | |
| • Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? | yes <u>x</u> none reported | | | |
| Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? | yes <u>x</u> no | | | |
| Federal Awards | | | | |
| Internal control over major programs: | | | | |
| Material weakness(es) identified? | <u>x</u> yes no | | | |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | <u>x</u> yes <u> </u> | | | |
| Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: | Qualified – Education Jobs Fund Qualified – Title I, Part A Cluster Qualified – Special Education Cluster Qualified – School Improvement Grants C Unqualified – All Other Major Programs | | | |
| Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? | <u>x</u> yes no | | | |

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Identification of Major Programs

| Name of federal program or o | eluster | CFDA # |
|--|--------------|--------|
| CDBG Entitlement Grants Cluster: | | |
| Community Development Block Grants | 14.218 | |
| Community Development Block Grants – ARRA | | 14.253 |
| Supportive Housing Program | | 14.235 |
| H.O.M.E. Investment Partnerships Program | | 14.239 |
| Community Development Block Grants – Section 108 Lo | oans | 14.248 |
| Neighborhood Stabilization Program – ARRA | | 14.256 |
| Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing – ARRA | | 14.257 |
| Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grant | ts | 16.710 |
| Justice Assistance Grant Cluster: | | |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant | | 16.738 |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Hiring Gr | ant – ARRA | 16.804 |
| Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program | | 81.128 |
| Title I, Part A Cluster: | | |
| Title I – Grants to Local Educational Agencies | | 84.010 |
| Title I – Grants to Local Educational Agencies – ARR | A | 84.389 |
| Special Education (IDEA) Cluster: | | |
| Special Education | | 84.027 |
| Special Education – Preschool Grants | | 84.173 |
| Special Education – ARRA | | 84.391 |
| Special Education – Preschool Grants, ARRA | | 84.392 |
| School Improvement Grants Cluster: | | |
| School Improvement Grant | | 84.377 |
| School Improvement Grant – ARRA | | 84.388 |
| State Fiscal Stabilization Funds – Government Services - | - ARRA | 84.397 |
| Education Jobs Fund | | 84.410 |
| Homeland Security Grant Program | | 97.067 |
| | | |
| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between | | |
| type A and type B programs: | \$3,000,000 | |
| •• | . , , | |
| Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? | <u>x</u> yes | _ no |

(2) Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

None reported.

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

(3) Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

Finding number: 2011-01

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Education

Pass-through agency: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Program: Education Jobs Fund

CFDA #: 84.410

Award numbers: 206-126-1-0035-L

Award year: August 10, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Finding: Documentation of Time and Effort

Criteria

OMB Circular A-87 (A-87) establishes principles and standards for determining allowable direct and indirect costs for Federal awards.

To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must meet general criteria (A-87, Attachment A, paragraph C.1), including that it be allocable to Federal awards under the provisions of A-87 (A-87, Attachment A, paragraph C.3) and be adequately documented. A cost is allocable to a particular cost objective if the services involved are chargeable or assignable to such cost objective in accordance with relative benefits received.

Condition

The City chose to fund custodial salaries with this Federal grant, which is considered to be an allowable activity. During our audit, however, we noted that the City could not locate some or all timesheets for 11 of 40 (28%) salary costs charged to the grant that were selected for testing. Further, we found that six (6) timesheets of the 40 (15%) salary costs selected for testing were incomplete for one or more days during the time period, meaning that the employee did not sign-in.

Cause

Historically, custodial salaries have not been funded by grant awards. With the addition of federal funding, the City was not prepared for the documentation needed to demonstrate compliance with A-87.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with the documentation standards of A-87 for 17 of 40 (43%) payroll charges tested.

Questioned Costs: \$15,124

IV-3 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Recommendation

We recommend that the City develop policies and procedures to ensure that all time and effort documentation is maintained and reviewed regularly.

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

Management's Response

Boston Public Schools concurs with the finding.

The Department of Facilities Management has sent notifications of documentation requirements to all custodians within the Boston Public Schools.

The Office of Business Services, Payroll Department will conduct periodic random audits to ensure compliance.

Anticipated Completion Date:

June 30, 2012

IV-4 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Finding number: 2011-02

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Education

Pass-through agencies: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

Programs: Title I, Part A Cluster

Special Education Cluster School Improvement Grants

CFDA #s: 84.010; 84.389 (ARRA); 84.027; 84.173; 84.377

Award numbers: 305-347-0-0035-K (84.010); 771-008-0-0035-K (84.389);

240-330-0-0035-K (84.027); 26210BOSTONPUBLICSCH (84.173);

510-026-0-0035-K (84.377)

Award years: 9/21/09 - 8/31/10 (84.010); 4/15/10 - 8/31/10 (84.389); 9/30/09 - 8/31/10

(84.027); 9/1/09 - 8/31/10 (84.173); 5/5/10 - 8/31/10 (84.377)

Finding: Management of Grant Funds

Criteria

The City of Boston Public Schools (BPS) receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE). DESE sets policy for the grants and required reports. DESE issues guidance in *Grants for Schools: Getting Them and Using Them, A Procedural Manual*.

According to the DESE's procedure manual, "At the conclusion of grant activities, recipients must submit a final financial report to the Department, accounting for the expenditure of funds received. Grants Management has developed a standard form (FR1) for collecting this information. Grant recipients should file their reports after carefully reconciling all figures with their city auditor, town accountant, or agency business manager."

Further, the manual states that draw down "requests should be based, as much as possible, on actual expenditures, rather than what is obligated". The manual further states that "by submitting a request the grantee certifies that the request is in compliance with the "Cash Management Act" and EDGAR regulations, which allows for cash advances provided grantees maintain procedures to minimize the time elapsing between receipt and disbursement of grant funds".

Condition

During our audit of cash management, we found that the City drew down the entire grant award by August 31, 2010, which reflects an advance of federal funds as the City did not incur expenditures prior to the final draw to make it a request for reimbursement. In most cases, it took the City an additional eleven months to spend that advance and in some cases a large amount of the advance remained unspent as

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

of June 30, 2011. It does not appear that the City minimized the amount of time between draw down and expense for these advances. The following table summarizes our results:

| | _ | Cash drawn at August 31, 2010 | Expenditures recorded for grant at June 30, 2011 | Difference |
|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Title I – 84.010 | \$ | 43,601,760 | 38,361,758 | 5,240,002 |
| Title I – 84.389 | | 1,989,191 | 1,988,000 | 1,191 |
| Special Education – 84.027 | | 19,343,648 | 19,121,858 | 221,790 |
| Special Education – 84.173 | | 487,838 | 486,468 | 1,370 |
| School Improvement Grants – 84.377 | | 1,392,219 | 1,352,365 | 39,854 |

In testing the final financial reports (FR1) for awards received from DESE for the state grant year ending August 31, 2010 for the programs detailed above, we noted that the amount included in the FR1 on the line titled "B. Funds expended" did not reconcile to the expenditure amounts for the awards as recorded in the City's general ledger through the FR1 reporting date of August 31, 2010. The following table summarizes our results:

| | | Amount per | | |
|------------------------------------|----|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | _ | Amount per FR-1 | general ledger | Difference |
| Title I – 84.010 | \$ | 43,601,760 | 31,505,064 | 12,096,696 |
| Title I – 84.389 | | 1,989,191 | 1,495,187 | 494,004 |
| Special Education – 84.027 | | 19,343,648 | 14,408,288 | 4,935,360 |
| Special Education – 84.173 | | 487,838 | 322,945 | 164,893 |
| School Improvement Grants – 84.377 | | 1.392.219 | 91.519 | 1.300.700 |

Cause

Throughout the year the City charges expenses to its grant funds, however, often those expenses alone are not sufficient to cover the entire grant award. It has been the City's practice to draw the entire award and report the budgeted expenditures as actual expenditures at the end of the grant year. Subsequent to this the City typically has transferred allowable expenses into the grant fund such that the expenses recorded in the grant support the amounts reported and cash drawn. However, in 2011, it appears that the City did not follow this process.

Effect

The City drew cash in advance and did not minimize the time between this cash draw and expenditures. The City also did not file an accurate report with the pass-through entity.

Questioned Costs: None

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Recommendation

We recommend that the City implement policies and procedures to ensure that accurate amounts are reported to the Commonwealth annually.

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

Management's Response

Boston Public Schools concurs with the finding.

Grants Management within the Boston Public Schools has gone through significant changes in organizational structure over the past several years. A Director of Grants Management – Financial, has been appointed, a stronger collaborative relationship with DESE has been established. Specific procedures will be developed in order to address this finding

Anticipated Completion Date

August 31, 2012

IV-7 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Finding number: 2011-03

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Pass-through agency: Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety

Program: Homeland Security Grant Program

CFDA #: 97.067

Award number: 2008-TU-GE-T8-0090

Award year: June 30, 2011

Finding: Equipment Inventory Not Performed

Criteria

A-102 Common Rule requires that equipment be used in the program for which it was acquired or, when appropriate, other Federal programs. Equipment records shall be maintained, a physical inventory of equipment shall be taken at least once every two years and reconciled to the equipment records, an appropriate control system shall be used to safeguard equipment, and equipment shall be adequately maintained.

Condition

During our audit, we found that the City has not performed a physical inventory of the equipment acquired with Federal funds in the past two years.

Cause

This appears to be a management oversight.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with the requirement to perform a physical inventory of equipment at least once every two years.

Questioned Costs: None

Recommendation

We recommend that the City implement policies and procedures to ensure that a proper physical inventory of equipment acquired by this grant is performed at least once every two years and properly documented.

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

IV-8 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Management's Response

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management will schedule regular inventory site visits with program staff and regional partners on a regular basis, as stated in all MOAs: Section III. C.2. Inventory results will be captured and maintained in inventory computer database.

Anticipated Completion Date

June 30, 2012

IV-9 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Finding number: 2011-04

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass-through agency: N/A – Direct Funding

Program: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Entitlement Cluster

CFDA #s: 14.218; 14.253 (ARRA)

Award numbers: B-09-MC25-0002; B-09-MY25-0002

Award year: July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Finding: Support for Earmarking Requirements

Criteria

Federal law requires that entities who receive Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds earmark those funds to be used for specific purposes. Specifically, the earmarking requirements are as follows:

- Not less than 70% of the funds must be used over a period of up to three years, as specified by the grantee in its certification, for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In determining low- and moderate-income benefits, the criteria set forth in 24 CFR sections 570.200(a)(3) and 570.208(a) are used.
- Not more than 20% of the total grant, plus 20% of program income received during a program year, may be obligated during that year for activities that qualify as planning and administration pursuant to 24 CFR sections 570.205 and 570.206 (24 CFR section 570.200 (g)).
- The amount of CDBG funds obligated during the program year for public services must not exceed 15% of the grant amount received for that year plus 15% of the program income it received during the preceding program year. (24 CFR section 570.201(e).

Condition

The City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) uses the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to annually demonstrate to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it has met the earmarking requirements described above.

However, DND is unable to provide detailed expenditures supporting the CAPER line items used to prove compliance with the earmarking requirements. Therefore, DND currently cannot demonstrate that the funds being reported for a particular purpose, such as public services, were actually used for that purpose.

Cause

This appears to result from a lack of reconciliation procedures that ties general ledger expenditure detail into HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System, and, ultimately, the CAPER.

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Effect

Based on the figures reported in the CAPER, it appears that DND is in compliance with the earmarking requirements. However, we are unable to determine whether the data on the CAPER is complete and accurate.

Questioned Costs: Not Determinable

Recommendation

We recommend that DND implement procedures to reconcile the City's general ledger to the CAPER. Such a reconciliation would ensure that DND has the necessary detail to prove that funds were spent on the required activities.

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

Management's Response

Procedures are being put into place to reconcile financial activity on a weekly basis. In addition, a consultant will be hired to review our procedures and help create department policies.

Anticipated Completion Date

June 30, 2012

IV-11 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Finding number: 2011-05

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass-through agency: N/A – Direct Funding

Program: H.O.M.E. Investment Partnerships Program

CFDA #: 14.239

Award number: B-10-MC-25-0200

Award year: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Finding: Housing Quality Standards

Criteria

The City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) receives federal awards from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the H.O.M.E. Investment Partnerships Program. 24 CFR Sections 92.551, 92.252, and 92.504 (b) require that DND perform on-site inspections to determine compliance with property standards and verify the information submitted by the owners. Based on the number of units in a property, on-site inspection must be made according to a schedule that ranges from every year for projects with more than 26 units to every three years for projects with less than 5 units.

Condition

During our testing of DND's monitoring of housing quality standards, we noted that 15 of 30 (50%) projects selected were not monitored properly within the required guidelines. Housing Quality Standards testing resulted in the following:

- 5 of 30 tested projects were not inspected within the applicable time period, and it was disclosed that when inspections were performed on 1 of the 5 properties, the incorrect units (owner-occupied units) were being inspected instead of rental units.
- For 6 of 30 tested projects, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) has been contracted to perform the inspections for DND; however, BHA did not provide documentation of these inspections to DND. DND is in a legal process with BHA to obtain this documentation.
- For 3 of 30 tested projects, tenants refused to allow DND to perform the inspection, which has been referred to DND legal department.
- For 1 of 30 tested projects, an inspection was not performed due to the property being categorized as owner-occupied. However, the owner no longer resides on the property.

Cause

This appears to be due to a lack of policies and procedures on monitoring of housing quality standards.

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Effect

The City is not monitoring housing quality standards within the required timeframe.

Questioned Costs: None

Recommendation

We recommend that DND implement policies and procedures to strengthen the review process to ensure that all projects are properly monitored for quality standards.

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

Management's Response

Procedures have been put in place to ensure that projects are properly monitored. In addition, a consultant will be hired to review our procedures and help create department policies.

Anticipated Completion Date

June 30, 2012

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Finding number: 2011-06

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass-through agency: N/A – Direct Funding

Program: H.O.M.E. Investment Partnerships Program

CFDA #: 14.239

Award number: B-10-MC-25-0200

Award year: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Finding: Income Monitoring

Criteria

24 CFR 92.216 (a) requires that units be occupied only by households that are eligible as low-income families and that only certain levels of rent may be charged for the units. The Compliance Unit of the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) Administration and Finance maintains a monitoring database for H.O.M.E. units. There is a requirement that an annual verification be done to determine that a low-income family occupies the unit and that the rent level is appropriate.

Condition

During our testing of income monitoring, we noted that 9 of 30 (30%) projects selected were not properly monitored. Low Income Eligibility testing resulted in the following:

- Documentation was not provided to verify correct rental amounts being charged for 7 of 30 properties tested for low income eligibility.
- 2 of 30 properties refused to provide documentation to DND to verify correct rental amounts being charged, which has been referred to DND's legal department.

We also noted that 11 of 30 (37%) projects with loans selected did not have documentation to verify correct rental amounts being charged for low income eligibility.

Cause

This appears to be due to a lack of policies and procedures on monitoring of income eligibility.

Effect

The City is not properly monitoring income eligibility.

Ouestioned Costs: None

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Recommendation

We recommend that DND implement policies and procedures to strengthen the review process to ensure that all projects are properly monitored for income status.

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

Management's Response

Procedures have been put in place to ensure that projects are properly monitored. In addition, a consultant will be hired to review our procedures and help create department policies.

Anticipated Completion Date

June 30, 2012

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

Finding number: 2011-07

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Education

Pass-through agency: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Program: Title I, Part A

CFDA #s: 84.010

Award numbers: 305-344-0-0035-J

Award year: September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010

Finding: Overcharge of Retirement Costs

Criteria

OMB Circular A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Government states: "To be allowable under Federal awards.....costs must...be allocable to Federal awards under the provisions of this Circular...(and)....be adequately documented."

Condition

When auditing retirement costs assigned to the aforementioned award number under the Title I grant, it was noted that the costs assigned were based on the available amount budgeted for pension expense under the assumption that the City would expend the full salary amount budgeted for the grant. Retirement costs charged typically represent 9% of salaries charged to the award. Retirement costs charged were not based on a listing of employees whose salaries are charged to the grant. Because the actual salaries charged to the award were less than the amount budgeted, the City overcharged the award for retirement costs by \$56,895. Total retirement costs charged to this award were \$389,542.

Cause

In 2010 the City did not expend the budgeted salary amount of the award and thus charged retirement costs in excess of 9% of the actual salary costs.

Effect

Based on an analysis performed by the City, the City overcharged retirement costs by \$56,895.

Questioned Costs: \$56,895

Recommendation

We recommend that the City establish policies and procedures to ensure that retirement costs are allocated to federal grants based on actual individuals whose salaries are charged to the grant, and to ensure that costs charged are not in excess of actual costs incurred for these individuals.

IV-16 (Continued)

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2011

Auditee Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person: Mary Raysor

Management's Response

Boston Public Schools concurs with the finding.

Prior to filing final financial reports, a calculation will be made to ensure that no more than 9% of eligible salary expenditures have been charged to the grant. Any amount above 9% will be charged to the general fund budget.

Anticipated Completion Date

March 1, 2012