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COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

The Chairman and Members
of the County Legislature
County of Tioga
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Tioga (the County) for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated September 7, 2012. The Industrial Development Agency, Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, component units of the County, were audited by other auditors. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, and *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular A-133, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 30, 2012. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Other than Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions," no new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the County during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the basic financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the basic financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were self-insurance liabilities and accumulated depreciation.

Management's estimates of self-insurance liabilities and accumulated depreciation are based on various assumptions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the self-insurance liabilities and accumulated depreciation estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures concern capital assets, debt, and the other postretirement benefits expense and liabilities, the details of which are presented in Notes 2.A.8, 2.B.2 and 2.B.3-2.B.5 of the financial statements.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The audit adjustments referred to are described below:

Capital Fund	Asset	Liability	Fund Balance
Record retainage	\$ -0-	\$ 172,821	\$ (172,821)

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor’s report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 7, 2012.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the County’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Other Audit Matters or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the County of Tioga’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

We would like to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and support given to us during the course of the audit. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and look forward to our continued involvement.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the County Legislature, 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.

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September 7, 2012
Ithaca, New York