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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER, LOUISIANA

**REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

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SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS AND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Summary of Auditor's Results

- A. We issued an unqualified opinion on the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana for the audit of its financial statements for the year ended September 30, 1999.
- B. The financial statements are prepared on the Enterprise Method. See Auditor's Report and Note A.
- C. No reportable conditions in internal control were disclosed by our audit of the financial statements
- D. The audit did not disclose any noncompliance which is material to the financial statements.
- E. No reportable conditions in internal control were disclosed by our audit over major programs.
- F. We issued an unqualified opinion on compliance for major programs.
- G. Our audit disclosed two audit findings that we are required to report under 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.
- H. Major programs are as follows, and see Schedule of Federal Expenditures for CFDA numbers and amounts:
 - 1. Low Income Housing
 - 2. CIAP
 - 3. Drug Elimination

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS AND SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

- I. The dollar threshold to distinguish Type A and Type B programs is \$ 300,000.
- J. The Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana did not qualify for the year ended September 30, 1999 as a low-risk auditee.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

- K. There are no findings in these financial statements that is required to be reported in accordance with GAGAS.
- L. There are two audit findings or questioned costs for Federal awards which shall include audit findings as described in 510a of OMB Circular A-133.

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Housing Authority of the
City of DeRidder
DeRidder, Louisiana

Regional Inspector General for Audit
Office of Inspector General
Department of Housing and Urban
Development

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana at and for the year ended September 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana as of September 30, 1999 and the results of its operations and changes in its total equity for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As described in Note A to the financial statements, the PHA has changed from the Governmental Funds to the Enterprise Funds method for the year ended September 30, 1999.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated March 10, 2000 on our consideration of Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part on an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Mike Estes, P.C.

Fort Worth, Texas
March 10, 2000

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
BALANCE SHEET - ENTERPRISE FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FW - 826

Assets

Current assets

Cash - Exhibit F	\$ 47,121.00
Investments	11,833.00
Accounts receivable - HUD	16,051.00
Accounts receivable - tenants, net of allowance for bad debts, \$ 2,347	376.00
Inventories	766.00
Prepaid insurance	12,112.00

Total current assets

88,259.00

Fixed Assets

Land	134,411.00
Buildings	4,373,993.00
Furniture, equipment & machinery	119,492.00
	<hr/> 4,627,896.00

Less: Accumulated depreciation

2,999,330.00
Net fixed assets

1,628,566.00

Noncurrent Assets

Deferred charges	81,707.00
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Total noncurrent assets

81,707.00
Total assets

\$ 1,798,532.00

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
BALANCE SHEET - ENTERPRISE FUND BASIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FW - 826

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Tenant's security deposits	\$ 8,025.00
Accounts payable - other	17,243.00
Accrued wages, compensated absences	<u>14,811.00</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>40,079.00</u>

Fund equity

Net HUD contributions	<u>1,711,352.00</u>
Total contributed capital	<u>1,711,352.00</u>

Retained earnings - Exhibit B	<u>47,101.00</u>
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Total Equity	<u>1,758,453.00</u>
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Total Liabilities and Equity	<u><u>\$ 1,798,532.00</u></u>
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The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN
RETAINED EARNINGS - ENTERPRISE FUND
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FW - 826

Revenues

Tenant revenue	\$ 202,492.00
HUD subsidy - Low Rent	83,794.00
HUD CIAP soft costs grant	48,940.00
Interest income	1,596.00
Other revenue	5,893.00

Total Operating Revenue	<u>342,715.00</u>
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Operating expenses	
Administrative	81,585.00
Tenant services	48.00
Utilities	75,523.00
Maintenance	108,487.00
General expense	40,626.00
Depreciation	138,543.00
CIAP soft costs	48,940.00

Total operating expenses	<u>493,752.00</u>
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Net operating income	(151,037.00)
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Retained earnings (operating reserve), 9-30-98	79,113.00
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Add: HUD - REAC prior year GAAP adjustments	<u>119,025.00</u>
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Retained earnings, 9-30-99	<u>\$ 47,101.00</u>
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Net HUD contribution, 9-30-98	4,242,532.00
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Current year addition and REAC adjustments	<u>(2,531,180.00)</u>
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Net HUD contribution, 9-30-99	<u>1,711,352.00</u>
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Total Equity, 9-30-99 - Exhibit A	<u><u>\$ 1,758,453.00</u></u>
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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ENTERPRISE FUND
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FW - 826

Cash flows from operating activities:

Tenant revenue	\$ 202,492.00
Other operating revenue	5,893.00
Operating expenses	<u>(493,752.00)</u>
Net cash (used) in operating activities	<u>(285,367.00)</u>

Cash flows from noncapital financing activities

Operating subsidies received	<u>132,734.00</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>132,734.00</u>

Cash flows from capital and related financing activities

HUD CIAP hard cost advances	105,698.00
Equipment and CIAP additions	<u>114,538.00</u>
Net cash provided (required) by capital and financing activities	<u>(8,840.00)</u>

Cash flows from investing activities

Interest income	<u>1,596.00</u>
Net cash provided (used) from investing activities	<u>\$ 1,596.00</u>

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ENTERPRISE FUND (continued)
 YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FW - 826

Adjustments

Depreciation	138,543.00
NET HUD - REAC adjustments - noncash	81,662.00
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	\$ (12,749.00)
Increase in inventories	(766.00)
Increase in prepaid insurance	(12,112.00)
Increase in deferred charges	(73,710.00)
Increase in accrued wages and payroll taxes	14,811.00
Increase in security deposits	975.00
Increase in accounts payable	1,580.00
Total adjustments	<u>138,234.00</u>
Change in cash and equivalents	(21,643.00)
Cash and equivalents beginning of year	<u>68,764.00</u>
Cash and equivalents end of year - Exhibit A	\$ <u>47,121.00</u>

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
COMPARISON OF ACTUAL HUD REVENUE AND
EXPENSES TO HUD BUDGETED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FW - 826

	HUD Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Revenues			
Tenant revenue	\$ 216,030.00	\$ 202,492.00	\$ (13,538.00)
HUD subsidy - Low Rent	83,794.00	83,794.00	0.00
HUD CIAP soft costs grant	48,940.00	48,940.00	0.00
Interest income	1,800.00	1,596.00	(204.00)
Other revenue	4,000.00	5,893.00	1,893.00
Total operating revenue	<u>354,564.00</u>	<u>342,715.00</u>	<u>(11,849.00)</u>
Operating expenses			
Administration, net of CIAP soft cost:	80,927.00	81,585.00	658.00
Tenant services	0.00	48.00	48.00
Utilities	88,200.00	75,523.00	(12,677.00)
Maintenance	97,052.00	108,487.00	11,435.00
General expense	38,071.00	40,626.00	2,555.00
Depreciation	0.00	138,543.00	138,543.00
CIAP soft costs	48,940.00	48,940.00	0.00
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 353,190.00</u>	<u>\$ 493,752.00</u>	<u>\$ 140,562.00</u>
Excess (deficient) revenues	1,374.00	(151,037.00)	(152,411.00)
Add:			
Depreciation - not budgeted by HUD	0.00	138,543.00	138,543.00
Deduct:			
Capital expenditures - budgeted by HUD	<u>(5,840.00)</u>	<u>(8,840.00)</u>	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of budgeted revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (4,466.00)</u>	<u>\$ (21,334.00)</u>	<u>\$ (16,868.00)</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES AND CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

The Housing Authority of DeRidder, Louisiana (the Authority), a public corporate body, was organized for the purpose of providing decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income.

The Authority is engaged in the acquisition, modernization, and administration of low-rent housing. In addition, the Authority has administrative responsibility for various other community development programs whose primary purpose is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income.

The Authority is administered by a governing Board of Commissioners (the Board), whose members are appointed by the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana. Each member serves a five-year term on a rotating basis. Substantially all of the Authority's revenue is derived from subsidy contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Contributions Contracts entered into by the Authority and HUD provide operating subsidies for Authority-owned public housing facilities and housing assistance payments for eligible individuals.

(1) Financial Reporting Entity

Generally accepted accounting principles require that the financial statements present the accounts and operations of the Authority and its component units, entities for which the Authority is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the Authority's operations and data from these units, if any, are combined with data of the Authority. Each discretely presented component unit, if any, would be reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Authority. As of September 30, 1999, and for the fiscal then ended, the Authority had no discretely presented component units or any component units required to be blended in these financial statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(continued)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES AND CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE (continued)

(2) Change in Accounting Principle

For the year ended September 30, 1999, the PHA has changed from the Government Funds Method to the Enterprise Method. This change was strongly recommended by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) of The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Enterprise Funds Method accounts for operations in a manner similar to a private business. Under this method, all assets, including fixed assets, and all liabilities are in one fund, and one financial statement.

The Enterprise Fund recognizes revenues and expenses on the full accrual basis. Revenues are recognized when earned and become measurable. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable. In the prior method used, the Governmental Funds Method, the modified accrual method was necessary.

Depreciation expense must be recognized for the Enterprise Fund. Under the Governmental Funds Method, depreciation was optional and the PHA elected not to recognize it.

REAC suggests that accumulated depreciation be charged to HUD Capital Contributions, not Retained Earnings. REAC directs that soft costs from development and modernization be deleted from fixed assets and charged to HUD Capital Contributions.

REAC also directs PHA's to delete outstanding debt owed to HUD, annual contributions and debt amortization funds receivable due from HUD, and close them to HUD Capital Contributions.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(continued)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES AND CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE (continued)

The amount of the September 30, 1998 operating reserve becomes the beginning retained earnings. There is no cumulative effect on beginning retained earnings resulting from the accounting method change.

(3) Budgetary Data

The Authority is required by its HUD Annual Contributions Contracts to adopt annual budgets for the Low-Rent Housing Program and the Section 8 Programs. Annual budgets are not required for CIAP grants as their budgets are approved for the length of the project. Both annual and project length budgets require grantor approval.

The Authority is under a limited budget review from HUD with the control category of total operating expenditures. If there are no overruns of the total operating expenditures, then HUD does not require budget revisions other than when there are substantial additions to nonroutine expenditures.

The budget is prepared on a statutory (HUD) basis and does not contain a provision for uncollectible tenant receivables, or depreciation. The budget does reflect furniture and equipment additions from operations.

(4) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The entity defines cash and cash equivalents to include certificates of deposit, money market funds, savings accounts, and demand deposits.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(continued)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES AND CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE (continued)

(5) Tenant Receivables

Receivables for rentals and service charges are reported in the General Fund, net of allowances for doubtful accounts.

(6) Compensated Absences

Authority employees accrue personal leave, or compensated absences, by a prescribed formula based on length of service.

NOTE B - CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

It is the entity's policy for deposits to be secured by collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The entity's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at September 30, 1999. The categories are described as follows:

- Category 1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name.
- Category 2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.
- Category 3 - Uncollateralized, uninsured and unregistered, but with securities held by the bank, its trust department, or its agent, pledged to the PHA, but not in the PHA's name.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(continued)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE B - CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (continued)

Cash Deposits, categorized by level of risk, (at cost, which approximates market) are:

Total Bank Balances	Category		
	1	2	3
\$ <u>58,954</u>	\$ <u>58,954</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Housing Authority that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE C - ACTIVITIES OF THE PHA

At September 30, 1999, the PHA was managing 124 units of low-rent in two projects under Program FW - 826.

NOTE D - CONTINGENCIES

The entity is subject to possible examinations by federal regulators who determine compliance with terms, conditions, laws and regulations governing grants given to the entity in the current and prior years. These examinations may result in required refund by the entity to federal grantors and/or program beneficiaries.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(continued)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE E - FIXED ASSETS

As noted in Note A, soft costs formerly capitalized have been written off and fixed assets are now depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Site improvements	15 Years
Buildings	33 Years
Buildings improvements	15 Years
Nondwelling structures	15 Years
Equipment	3 to 7 Years

	09/30/99 Cost	09/30/98 Accumulated Depreciation	Current Depreciation	09/30/99 Accumulated Depreciation
Land	\$ 134,411			
Buildings and Improvements	4,373,993	2,792,356	123,648	2,916,004
Equipment	119,492	68,430	14,895	83,325
	<u>\$ 4,627,896</u>	<u>2,860,786</u>	<u>138,543</u>	<u>2,999,329</u>

All land and buildings are encumbered by a Declaration of Trust in favor of the United States of America as security for obligations guaranteed by the government and to protect other interests of the government.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(continued)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

NOTE F - LONG-TERM DEBT

As noted in Note A, long-term debt owed to HUD has been closed to HUD Capital Contributions. For the year ended September 30, 1999, Housing Agency bonds outstanding of \$ 889,613.00 were closed to capital contributions.

NOTE G - DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

Cash and Investments

The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

NOTE H - ACCOUNTING FOR THE IMPAIRMENT OF LONG - LIVED ASSETS

The full amount of the carrying value of buildings and land improvements are deemed recoverable from future cash flows.

NOTE I - USE OF ESTIMATES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF ACTUAL MODERNIZATION COST

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT

FW - 826

1. The Actual Modernization Costs are as follows:

	Project 1996
Funds Approved	\$ 275,000.00
Funds Expended	<u>275,000.00</u>
Excess of Funds Approved	<u>0.00</u>
Funds Advanced	\$ 275,000.00
Funds Expended	<u>275,000.00</u>
Excess of Funds Advanced	<u>0.00</u>

2. The distribution of costs by project as shown on the Final Statement of Modernization Cost dated August 5, 1999 accompanying the Actual Modernization Costs Certificate submitted to HUD for approval is in agreement with the PHA's records.
3. All modernization costs have been paid and all related liabilities have been discharged through payment.

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
STATEMENT OF MODERNIZATION COSTS - UNCOMPLETED

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

CASH BASIS

	<u>DEP 1998</u>	<u>Project 1997</u>
Funds Approved	\$ 37,042.58	\$ 264,600.00
Funds Expended	<u>37,042.58</u>	<u>252,978.89</u>
Excess of Funds Approved	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,621.11</u>
 Funds Advanced	 \$ 37,042.58	 \$ 236,928.07
Funds Expended	<u>37,042.58</u>	<u>252,978.89</u>
Excess of Funds Advanced	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>(16,050.82)</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
 ANALYSIS OF GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE
 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
FW - 826

Composition Before Adjustments

Net operating receipts retained:

Retained earnings - Exhibit B

\$	47,101.00
	<u>47,101.00</u>

Adjustments

Expenses/costs not paid:

Current fund imbalance

1,079.00

Current liabilities

40,079.00

Income not received:

Accounts receivable

(16,427.00)

General Fund Cash Available

71,832.00

General Fund Cash:

Invested

11,833.00

Applied to deferred charges

(prepaid insurance, inventories, etc.)

12,878.00

General Fund Cash - Exhibit A

47,121.00

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

FEDERAL GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLE	CDFA NO.	GRANT ID NO.	PROGRAM EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Direct Programs:			
Low-Income Housing			
Operating Subsidy	14.850	FW - 826	83,794.00
Major Program Total			83,794.00
Comprehensive			
Improvement			
Assistance Program	14.852	FW - 826	199,302.00
Major Program Total			199,302.00
Drug Elimination	14.854	FW - 826	37,043.00
Major Program Total			37,043.00
Total HUD			\$ 320,139.00

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Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each
Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in
Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

Housing Authority of the
City of DeRidder
DeRidder, Louisiana

We have audited the compliance of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 1999. The Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; 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 Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's compliance with those requirements. We noted two instances of noncompliance that are Audit Findings #1 and #2.

In our opinion, the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 1999.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of The Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our 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.

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

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

Mike Estes, P.C.

Fort Worth, Texas
March 10, 2000

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards

Housing Authority of the
City of DeRidder
DeRidder, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana as of and for the year ended September 30, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's financial statements fare free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing a 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 that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards*, or the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Housing Authority of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce, to a relatively low level, the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Mike Estes, P. C.

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March 10, 2000

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

Prior Audit Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no prior audit findings.

Current Audit Findings

Utility Allowances

- 1) The PHA must review utility rate data for each utility category each year and adjust its utility allowance schedule if there has been a rate change of 10 percent or more for a utility category since the last time the utility allowance was revised (24 CFR section 982.517).

Recommendation

The PHA's latest Utility Allowance revision was several years ago. Another analysis should be done soon, and if needed, the utility allowance will be revised.

Reply

Since August 1999, we have performed an Energy Audit and revised our utility allowances.

Waiting Lists

- 2) The Housing Authority's Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) states that the following will be indicated on the waiting list: race/ethnicity, determination of eligibility or ineligibility, screening, preference determination, date assigned to dwelling unit and identification of unit to which assigned or date and unit offered and rejected with reason for the rejection noted, reason for moving applicant from consideration for housing. Some of this information was not found on the computerized waiting list.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DeRIDDER
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

Waiting Lists (continued)

It appears the PHA always keeps this data. However, for a portion of the fiscal year audited, this information was not contained on one, complete waiting list.

Recommendation

The PHA should keep the information available on one waiting list in compliance with the PHA's ACOP and 24 CFR 982.204.

Reply

Since mid-April 1999, our computer is generating a version of the waiting list that has the required information. I am also making manual notes on the sheets.