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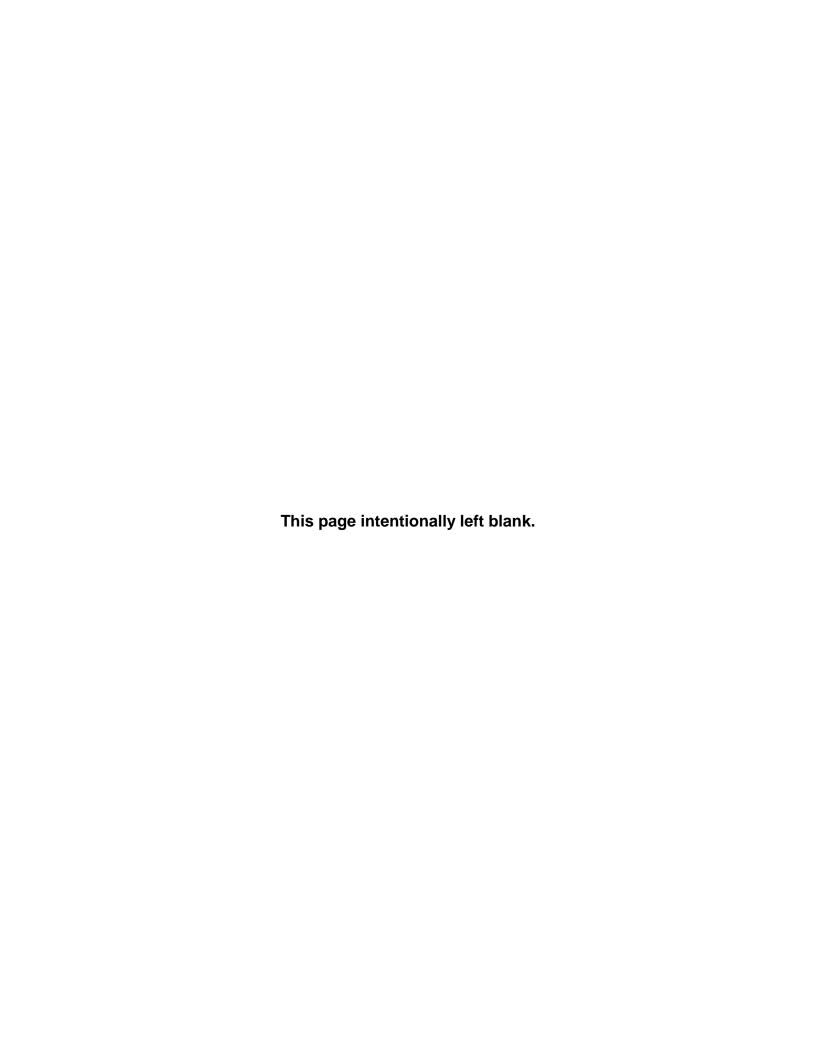
REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 - 1999



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Noble Regional Airport Authority Noble County 301 Lincoln Drive Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Noble Regional Airport Authority, Noble County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

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. 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 provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Authority prepares its financial statement on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Noble Regional Airport Authority, Noble County, as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2001 on our consideration of the Authority'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 of 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

August 31, 2001

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

	2000	1999
Cash Receipts:		
County Contributions	\$	\$2,500
Sale of Fuel	511	
Rents	3,620	2,930
Office Rent	3,000	
Intergovernmental		34,602
Interest	258	147
Miscellaneous	39	
Total Cash Receipts	7,428	40,179
Cash Disbursements:		
Supplies and Materials	346	131
Fuel Purchases	2,877	
Repairs and Maintenance		99
Audit		1,316
Utilities	53	635
Capital Outlay		45,854
Miscellaneous	865	350
Total Cash Disbursements	4,141	48,385
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	3,287	(8,206)
Cash Balance, January 1	10,809	19,015
Cash Balance, December 31	\$14,096	\$10,809

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Noble Regional Airport Authority, Noble County (the Authority), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Authority is directed by a five member Board, appointed by the Noble County Commissioners. The Authority is responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the airport.

The Authority's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Authority is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statement.

2. CASH

The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits	\$ 14,096	\$ 10,809

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Noble Regional Airport Authority Noble County 301 Lincoln Drive Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Noble Regional Airport Authority, Noble County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2001. 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statement is 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 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Authority in a separate letter dated August 31, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Authority's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A reportable condition is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2000-61061-001.

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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness. We noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Authority in a separate letter dated August 31, 2001.

Noble Regional Airport Authority Noble County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

August 31, 2001

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2000-61061-001

Bank Reconciliations

The monthly Regional Airport Authority general account reconciliations have not been performed for 2000 and 1999. The Regional Airport Authority prepared bank reconciliations at year-end only.

The Regional Airport Authority monthly bank reconciliations should be prepared immediately upon receiving applicable bank statements so evidence exists that the Regional Airport Authority accounting records are in agreement with the depository account and that any errors can be detected in a more timely manner.

We recommend the secretary/treasurer perform a reconciliation of the cashbook. This reconciliation should be performed immediately upon receipt of the applicable monthly depository statement. Additionally, the completed reconciliation should be reviewed by someone other than the preparer. The review should be evidenced by a signature, specimen of initials or by some other means. This will help ensure that errors, such as those noted above, are detected in a timely manner.

We also issued this comment in our audit of the Authority's 1997 and 1998 financial statements.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED OCTOBER 2, 2001