

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008



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Auditor of State

Board of Directors
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Columbiana County, prepared by Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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April 22, 2009

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AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing
Authority

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Authority basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective change in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 26, 2009, on my consideration of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. 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 result of my audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiry of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion thereon.

My Audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditure 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 Government and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respect in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc.

February 26, 2009

**COLUMBIANA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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The Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority’s (“the Authority”) management’s discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Authority’s financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Authority’s financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), and (d) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

Since the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current years activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Authority’s financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net assets were \$10,282,124 and \$9,918,895 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and 2008, respectively. The Authority-wide statements reflect a increase in total net assets of \$363,229 during 2008. This increase is reflective of the year’s activities.
- The business-type activity revenue increased by \$859,205 during 2008, and were \$5,913,447 and \$5,054,242 for 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- The total expenses of all Authority programs increased by \$293,654. Total expenses were \$5,550,218 and \$5,256,564 for 2008 and 2007, respectively.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The following graphic outlines the format of this report:

MD&A ~ Management Discussion and Analysis ~
Basic Financial Statements ~ Authority-wide Financial Statements ~ ~ Fund Financial Statement ~ ~ Notes to Financial Statements ~
Other Required Supplementary Information ~ Required Supplementary Information (other than MD&A) ~

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The focus is on both the Authority as a whole (authority-wide) and the major individual funds. Both perspectives (authority-wide and major fund) allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison (year to year or Authority to Authority) and enhance the Authority’s accountability.

Authority-Wide Financial Statements

The Authority-wide financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business type activities are consolidated into columns, which add to a total for the entire Authority.

These statements include a Statement of Net Assets, which is similar to a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Assets reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets, minus liabilities, equal “Net Assets”, formerly known as equity. Assets and liabilities are presented in order of liquidity, and are classified as “Current” (convertible into cash within one year), and “Non-current”.

The focus of the Statement of Net Assets (the “Unrestricted Net Assets”) is designed represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority. Net Assets (formerly equity) are reported in three broad categories:

Net Assets, Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt: This component of Net Assets consists of all Capital Assets, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Assets: This component of Net Assets consists of restricted assets, when constraints are placed on the asset by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, etc.

Unrestricted Net Assets: Consists of Net Assets that do not meet the definition of “Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt”, or “Restricted Net Assets”. This account resembles the old operating reserves account.

The Authority-wide financial statements also include a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets (similar to an Income Statement). This Statement includes Operating Revenues, such as rental income, Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, and maintenance, and depreciation, and Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, such as grant revenue, investment income and interest expense.

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The focus of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets is the “Change in Net Assets”, which is similar to Net Income or Loss.

Finally, a Statement of Cash Flows is included, which discloses net cash provided by, or used for operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and from capital and related financing activities.

Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the Financial Statements presentation more familiar. The focus is now on Major Funds, rather than fund types. The Authority consists of exclusively Enterprise Fund. Enterprise fund utilize the full accrual basis of accounting. The Enterprise method of accounting is similar to accounting utilized by the private sector accounting.

Business Type Programs:

Conventional Public Housing (PH) – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

Capital Fund Program (CFP) – This is the current primary funding source for the Authority’s physical and management improvements. While the formula funding methodology used for the CGP was revised for the CFP, funds are still provided by formula allocation and based on size and age of your units.

Housing Choice Voucher Program – Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Authority administers contracts with independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family’s rent through a Housing Assistance Payment made to the landlord. The program is administered under and Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides Annual Contributions Funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that sets the participants’ rent at 30% of household income.

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State and Local Program – The State and Local Program represents the Authority contracts with the Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services, City of Salem, City of East Liverpool and Columbiana Mental Health Board. Under these contracts the Authority administers a voucher program for the Cities of East Liverpool and City of Salem. The Authority contract with the Mental Health Board is to provide housing quality inspections and the contract with the Department of Job and Family Service is to operate an After School Program for disadvantage youths.

Shelter Plus Care Program – Under the Shelter Plus Care Program, the Authority administers contracts with independent landlords that own the property and property owned and managed by Columbiana County Mental Health. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment made to the landlord. The program is administered under and Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides Annual Contributions Funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that sets the participants' rent at 30% of household income.

Component Unit – The component unit represent the program operated by the Housing Program Limited Corporation, a not for profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Service ruling section 501 (c) (3). This out of school program is an educational and recreational program for school aged resident. The program is provided on site at the Authority family developments. The program offers a safe, friendly and clean setting that promotes educational programs targeting a healthy lifestyle and reducing risky behaviors. The program also reinforces academics by helping students with homework and providing educational computer software in the Authority computer labs.

AUTHORITY-WIDE STATEMENT

Statement of Net Assets

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Assets compared to prior year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

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Table 1 - Condensed Statement of Net Assets Compared to Prior Year

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current Assets	\$ 1,328,062	\$ 838,195
Capital Assets	<u>10,191,111</u>	<u>10,345,795</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 11,519,173</u>	 <u>\$ 11,183,990</u>
 Current Liabilities	 \$ 320,140	 \$ 220,983
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>916,909</u>	<u>1,044,112</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>1,237,049</u>	 <u>1,265,095</u>
 Net Assets:		
Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt	9,214,851	9,273,702
Restricted Net Assets	671,989	318,804
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>395,284</u>	<u>326,389</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>10,282,124</u>	 <u>9,918,895</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$ 11,519,173</u>	 <u>\$ 11,183,990</u>

Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Net Assets

During 2008 total assets increased by \$335,183 and total liabilities decreased by \$28,046. The change in total assets was mainly due to increase in cash on hand from Housing Choice Voucher Program for HAP funds received but not spent by year end. This cash is reported as restricted cash and will be used in following year to issue additional vouchers.

The decrease in total liabilities was mainly due to debt principle payment made during the year of \$95,834. Deferred revenue increased by \$51,205 due to grant funds received by year end that was not spent until July.

Net Assets increased by \$363,229. This increase is mainly due to the change in Restricted Net Assets due to HAP money received that was not spent at year end.

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Change in Net Assets

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous fiscal year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

Table 2 - Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Tenant Revenues - Rents & Other	\$ 627,799	\$ 567,736
Operating Subsidies	4,664,343	4,133,261
Capital Grants	418,421	297,561
Investment Income	42,427	12,582
Other Revenues	160,457	43,102
Total Revenues	<u>5,913,447</u>	<u>5,054,242</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administrative	1,253,113	946,702
Tenant Services	7,713	12,054
Utilities	486,848	447,647
Maintenance	720,188	718,875
Protective Services	211,756	199,509
General and Interest Expenses	168,885	205,418
Housing Assistance Payments	2,003,018	2,050,559
Depreciation	698,697	675,800
Total Expenses	<u>5,550,218</u>	<u>5,256,564</u>
Net Increases (Decreases)	<u>\$ 363,229</u>	<u>\$ (202,322)</u>

Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

Tenant revenue increased by \$60,063 during the year. This is reflective of additional units leased up during the year and also to new families moving in the units that contribute toward the rent payment.

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Operating Subsidies and Capital Grants increased for the year by \$651,942. The increase in revenue was mainly due to additional grant revenue received for HAP payments and also due to additional capital improvement activities taking place during the year. With the anticipation of additional stimulus funds available, in the following year, the housing authority will be able to increase capital improvements that were delayed in past years due to lack of funding.

Total expenses increased for the year by \$293,654. This increase is due to additional administrative costs incurred in relation to the capital funded activities and additional programs operated during the year (such as the Shelter Plus Care and the grants received with the City of Salem, East Liverpool and Department of Job and Family Services).

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of year-end, the Authority had \$10,191,111 invested in a variety of capital assets as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a net decrease (addition, deductions and depreciation) of \$154,684 from the end of last year.

Table 3 - Condensed Statement of Changes in Capital Assets

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land and Land Rights	\$ 1,063,604	\$ 1,063,604
Buildings	22,308,890	21,332,715
Equipment	863,315	806,506
Leasehold Improvements	2,413,291	2,410,192
Construction in Progress	613,485	1,155,541
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(17,071,474)</u>	<u>(16,422,763)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,191,111</u>	<u>\$ 10,345,795</u>

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Table 4 - Changes in Capital Assets

Beginning Balance - June 30, 2007	\$	10,345,795
Current year Additions		504,156
Current year Deletion		39,856
Current year Depreciation Expense		(698,697)
Rounding Adjustment		<u>1</u>
 Ending Balance - June 30, 2008	 \$	 <u><u>10,191,111</u></u>
 Current year Additions are summarized as follows:		
- Roof Repairs	\$	99,686
- Carpet Replacement		10,977
- Updated Wiring		<u>393,493</u>
 Total 2008 Additions	 \$	 <u><u>504,156</u></u>

Debt Outstanding

As of year-end, the Authority had \$976,260 in debt (bonds, notes, etc.) outstanding compared to \$1,072,093 for prior year. The change of \$95,834 was due to principal payments made during the year:

Table 5 - Condensed Statement of Changes in Debt Outstanding

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,072,093	\$ 1,122,657
Current Year Principal Payments	(95,834)	(50,566)
Rounding Adjustment	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
 Ending Balance	 \$ <u><u>976,260</u></u>	 \$ <u><u>1,072,093</u></u>

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ECONOMIC FACTORS

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Local labor supply and demand, which can affect salary and wage rates
- Local inflationary, recessionary and employment trends, which can affect resident incomes and therefore the amount of rental income
- Inflationary pressure on utility rates, supplies and other costs

IN CONCLUSION

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority takes great pride in its financial management and is pleased to report on the sound financial condition of the Authority.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

The individual to be contacted regarding this report is Claudia Pilarcik, Deputy Director of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority. Specific requests may be submitted to Claudia Pilarcik, Deputy Director, Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, 325 Moore Street, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

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Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$513,332
Restricted Cash	671,989
Receivables, net	53,012
Inventories, net	32,430
Prepaid expenses and other assets	57,299
Total current assets	<u>1,328,062</u>

Noncurrent assets

Capital assets:

Land	1,063,604
Building and equipment	25,585,496
Construction in Progress	613,485
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(17,071,474)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>10,191,111</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$11,519,173</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$52,840
Accrued liabilities	47,021
Intergovernmental payables	22,703
Tenant security deposits	46,403
Deferred revenue	53,017
Bonds, notes, and loans payable	<u>98,156</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>320,140</u>

Noncurrent liabilities

Bonds, notes, and loans payable	878,104
Accrued compensated absences non-current	<u>38,805</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>916,909</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$1,237,049</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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Statement of Net Assets (Continued)
Proprietary Funds
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NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$9,214,851
Restricted net assets	671,989
Unrestricted net assets	395,284
Total net assets	<u><u>\$10,282,124</u></u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets
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OPERATING REVENUES

Tenant Revenue	\$627,799
Government operating grants	4,664,343
Other revenue	160,457
Total operating revenues	<u>5,452,599</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Administrative	1,253,113
Tenant services	7,713
Utilities	486,848
Maintenance	720,188
Protective services	211,756
General	114,120
Housing assistance payment	2,003,018
Depreciation	698,697
Total operating expenses	<u>5,495,453</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(42,854)</u>

NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)

Interest and investment revenue	42,427
Interest expense	(54,765)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(12,338)</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	(55,192)

Capital grants	418,421
Change in net assets	363,229
Total net assets - beginning	9,918,895
Total net assets - ending	<u><u>\$10,282,124</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating grants received	\$4,644,383
Tenant revenue received	620,569
Other revenue received	172,050
General and administrative expenses paid	(2,793,526)
Housing assistance payments	<u>(2,003,018)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>640,458</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest earned received	<u>31,718</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>31,718</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES	
Capital grant funds received	427,476
Property and equipment purchased	(504,156)
Interest Payment	(54,765)
Principal Payment	<u>(95,834)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	<u>(227,279)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	444,897
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of year	<u>740,424</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - End of year	<u><u>\$1,185,321</u></u>

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RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$42,854)
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
- Depreciation	698,697
- (Increases) Decreases in Accounts Receivable	42,829
- (Increases) Decreases in Inventory	(12,852)
- (Increases) Decreases in Prepaid Assets	(15,327)
- Increases (Decreases) in Accounts Payable	18,072
- Increases (Decreases) in Accounts Payable - Intergovernmental	(4,530)
- Increases (Decreases) in Accrued Expenses Payable	11,660
- Increases (Decreases) in Deferred Revenue	51,205
- Increases (Decreases) in Tenant Security Deposits	3,437
- Increases (Decreases) in Other Liabilities	(6,020)
- Increases (Decreases) in Compensated Leave Payable	<u>(6,037)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$738,280</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: REPORTING ENTITY

Introduction

The Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority was established for the purpose of engaging in the development, acquisition and administrative activities of the low-income housing program and other programs with similar objectives. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has direct responsibility for administering the low-income housing program under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended. HUD is authorized to enter into contracts with local housing authorities to make grants to assist the local housing authorities in financing the acquisition, construction and/or leasing of housing units and to make annual contributions (subsidies) to the local housing authorities for the purpose of maintaining the low-rent character of the local housing program.

The financial statements of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority (the Authority) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provision of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 14, the Financial Reporting Entity, in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities and functions for which the Authority is financially accountable. This report includes all activities considered by management to be part of the Authority by virtue of Section 2100 of the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

Section 2100 indicates that the reporting entity consists of a) the primary government, b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's government body and either it is able to impose its will on that

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NOTE 1: REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

A primary government has the ability to impose its will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, or activities of, or the level of services performed or provided by, the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government a) is entitled to the organization's resources; b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or c) is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

The accompanying financial statements present the Authority's primary government and the Housing Program Limited Corporation, component unit, which the Authority exercises, significant control.

Component Units

The component unit reported in the Authority financial statements as shown below:

Blended Presented Component Unit

Housing Program Limited Corporation

Brief Description and Relationship

A not for profit corporation under the IRS ruling 501 (c) (3). The corporation was created by Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority to operate it's after school program and to be eligible to apply for other funding that the non-profit organization may be eligible for. The board members consist of the Executive Director, Finance Director and another staff of the Authority.

Description of programs

The following are the various programs which are included in the single enterprise fund:

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NOTE 1: REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

A. Public Housing Program

The public housing program is designed to provide low-cost housing within the County. Under this program, HUD provides funding via an annual contribution contract. These funds, combined with the rental income received from tenants, are available solely to meet the operating expenses of the program.

B. Capital Fund Program

The capital fund program provides funds annually, via a formula, to Public Housing Agencies for capital and management activities, including modernization and development housing.

C. Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Housing Choice Voucher Program was authorized by Section 8 of the National Housing Act and provides housing assistance payments to private, not-for-profit or public landlords to subsidize rentals for low-income persons.

D. Shelter Plus Care

The Shelter Plus Care program is designed to link rental assistance to supportive services for hard to serve homeless persons with disabilities. The Authority administers contracts with independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment made to the landlord. The program is administered under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides Annual Contributions Funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that sets the participants' rent at 30% of household income.

E. State and Local Fund

The Authority administered a contract with Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services, City of Salem, City of East Liverpool and Columbiana Mental Health to provide rental assistance services to their clients. CMHA administers contracts with independent landlords that own the property. This funding enables the Authority to structure a lease that sets the participants' rent at 30% of the household's income.

COLUMBIANA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, statement of revenue, expenses and changes net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

Fund Accounting

The Authority uses the proprietary fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations for its programs. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The Authority uses the proprietary category for its programs.

Proprietary Fund Types

Proprietary funds are used to account for the Authority's ongoing activities, which are similar to those found in the private sector. The following is the proprietary fund type:

Enterprise Fund - This fund is used to account for the operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenue earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The proprietary funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, the Authority follows GASB guidance as applicable to proprietary funds and FASB Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued after November 30, 1989, that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes all cash balances and highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less. The Authority places its temporary cash investments with high credit quality financial institutions. Amounts in excess of FDIC insurance limits are fully collateralized.

Inventory

The Authority's inventory is comprised of maintenance materials and supplies. Inventory is valued at cost and the Authority uses the first-in, first-out (FIFO) flow assumption in determining cost.

The consumption method is used to record inventory. Under this method, the acquisition of materials and supplies is recorded initially in inventory accounts and charged as expenditures when used.

Investments

The provisions of the HUD Regulations restrict investments. Investments are valued at market value. Interest income earned in fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 totaled \$42,427.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. The capitalization policy of the Authority is to depreciate all non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and purchase price of \$500 or more per unit; and property betterment and additions costing \$2,500 and more. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of three years to forty years. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged directly to expense as they are incurred. Expenditures determined to represent additions or betterments are capitalized.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets – net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated

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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are recorded as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use by internal or external restrictions.

Income Taxes

No provision for income taxes is recorded as the Authority is a non-profit, tax exempt entity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary fund and expenses incurred for the day to day operation. For the Authority, operating revenues are tenant rent charges, operating subsidy from HUD and other miscellaneous revenue.

Capital Contributions

This represents contributions made available by HUD with respect to all federally aided projects under an annual contribution contract.

Compensated Absences

The Authority accounts for compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16. Sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments. To calculate the liability, these accumulations are reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination payment. All employees who meet the termination policy of the Authority for years of services are included in the calculation of the compensated absence accrual amount.

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met: (1) the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee. (2) It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

In the proprietary fund, the compensated absences are expensed when earned with the amount reported as a fund liability.

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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Authority is required by contractual agreements to adopt annual, appropriated operating budgets for all its Enterprise Funds receiving federal expenditure awards. All budgets are prepared on a HUD basis, which is materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The Board of Commissioners adopts the budget through passage of a budget resolution.

NOTE 3: DEPOSIT

State statutes classify monies held by the Authority into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Authority treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawn on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits identified as not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit, maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit, or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of Authority deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by collateral held by Authority or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

COLUMBIANA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
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NOTE 3: DEPOSIT (Continued)

At fiscal year end June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits totaled \$1,185,321 and its bank balance was \$1,300,602. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2008, \$1,000,602 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$300,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Authority will not be able to recover the deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at the Federal Reserve Banks or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Authority.

NOTE 4: TENANT ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES

As of June 30, 2008, tenant account receivable is \$7,230; shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,417.

NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

All full-time employees of Authority participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. OPERS provide basic retirement, disability and survivor benefits, based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for OPERS. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 466-2085 or (800) 222-PERS.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System administers three separate pension plans as described below:

1. The Traditional Pension Plan – A cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.

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NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

2. The Member-Direct Plan – A defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Direct Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions, plus any investment earnings.
3. The Combined Plan – A cost sharing, multiple-employer defined pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefits similar in nature to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.5 percent through December 31, 2007 and 10.0 percent effective January 1, 2008. The employer share of the contribution rate for the Authority was 13.85 percent through December 31, 2007 and 14.0 percent effective January 1, 2008. Contributions are authorized by state statute. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The Authority's contribution for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 amounted to \$137,116, \$124,919, and \$122,729. These costs have been charged to the employee fringe benefit account. All required contributions have been paid.

NOTE 6: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (OPERS) provides post-employment health care benefits to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit and to primary survivor recipients of such retirees. Health care coverage for disability recipients is also available. The health care coverage provided by the OPERS is considered an Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 12. A portion of each employer's contribution to the OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory Authority requiring public employers to fund post-employment health care through their contributions to the OPERS. The portion of the 2007 employer contribution rate (identified above) that was used to fund health care for the year ended June 30, 2008 was 4.0 percent of covered payroll, which amounted to \$49,255. The significant actuarial assumptions and calculations

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NOTE 6: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

relating to post-employment health care benefits were based on the OPERS' latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2007. An entry age normal actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining the present value of OPEB. The difference between assumed and actual experience (actuarial gains and losses) becomes part of unfunded actuarial accrued liability. All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Under this approach assets are adjusted annually to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets. The investment assumption rate for 2007 was 6.5 percent. An annual increase of 4.0 percent compounded annually is the base portion of the individual pay increase assumption. This assumes no change in the number of active employees. Additionally, annual pay increases, over and above the 4.0 percent base increase, were assumed to range from 0.50 percent to 6.3 percent. Health care costs were assumed to increase at a project wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from 0.5% to 4.0% for the next 7 years. In subsequent years (8 and beyond), health care costs were assumed to increase at 4% (the projected wage inflation rate).

Benefits are advanced-funded on an actuarially determined basis. The number of active contributing participants was 365,503. The actuarial value of the OPERS' net assets available for OPEB at December 31, 2007 was \$12.8 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial cost method used, were \$29.8 billion and \$17.0 billion, respectively.

OPERS Retirement Board Implemented its Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP). HCPP was adopted on September 9, 2004, and is effective on January 1, 2008. In addition, OPERS created a separate investment pool for health care assets. Members and employers contribution rates increases in January 1, 2007 and in 2008 will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance 6/30/2007	Adjust / Additions	Adjust / Deletion	Balance 6/30/2008
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$1,063,604	\$0	\$0	\$1,063,604
Construction in Progress	1,155,541	(542,056)	0	613,485
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	2,219,145	(542,056)	0	1,677,089

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NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

	Balance 6/30/2007	Adjust / Additions	Adjust / Deletion	Balance 6/30/2008
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	21,332,715	982,648	(6,473)	22,308,890
Furniture, Mach. & Equip	806,506	60,464	(3,656)	863,314
Leasehold Improvement	2,410,192	3,100	0	2,413,292
Capital Assets Being Depreciated	24,549,413	1,046,212	(10,129)	25,585,496
Accumulated Depreciated:				
Buildings	13,738,972	554,985	(650)	14,293,307
Furniture, Mach. & Equip	709,806	89,285	(49,336)	749,755
Leasehold Improvement	1,973,985	54,427	0	2,028,412
Total Accumulated Depreciated	16,422,763	698,697	(49,986)	17,071,474
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	8,126,650	347,515	39,857	8,514,022
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$10,345,795	(\$194,541)	\$39,857	\$10,191,111

NOTE 8: LONG-TERM DEBT

Lease/Purchase Agreement – Citicorp North America, Inc.

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority entered into an energy performance contract with Honeywell International Inc. on February 11, 2004 for \$1,294,815. North America, Inc. (CitiCapital) provides the financing source for the project. The term of the loan is 144 semi-annual payments at 4.35% fixed interest rate. The outstanding loan balance as of June 30, 2008 is \$976,260.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2008:

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NOTE 8: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE 06/30/07</u>	<u>ROUNDING ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>RETIRED</u>	<u>BALANCE 06/30/08</u>
Citicorp North America, Inc.	\$1,072,093	\$ 1	\$95,834	\$976,260
TOTAL	<u>\$1,072,093</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$95,834</u>	<u>\$976,260</u>

Debt maturities for the next five years are estimated as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
June 30, 2009	\$98,156	\$41,490
2010	102,472	37,174
2011	106,978	32,668
2012	111,682	27,964
2013	116,593	23,053
2014 – 2018	<u>440,379</u>	<u>37,485</u>
Total	<u>\$976,260</u>	<u>\$199,834</u>

NOTE 9: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Both the PHA Low Rent Housing Program and the Voucher Program are economically dependent on annual contributions and grants from HUD. Both programs operate at a loss prior to receiving the contributions and grants.

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT

Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major programs. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage except for deductibles.

NOTE 11: CONTINGENCIES

Litigations and Claims

In the normal course of operations the PHA may be subject to litigation and claims. At June 30, 2008 the PHA was involved in such matters. While the outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined, management believes that their ultimate resolution will not have a material effect on the financial statements.

COLUMBIANA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
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NOTE 12: SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL AWARD

The accompanying schedule of expenditure of federal award is a summary of the activity of the Authority's federal programs. This schedule has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

FEDERAL GRANTOR / PASS THROUGH GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLES	CFDA NUMBER	EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Direct Program		
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	\$115,415
Low Rent Public Housing	14.850	1,521,068
Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services	14.870	103,789
Housing Choice Vouchers	14.871	2,445,120
Public Housing Capital Fund Program	14.872	<u>715,507</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		<u>4,900,899</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pass-Through Program From Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services		
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	<u>150,000</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		<u>150,000</u>
Total Expenditure of Federal Award		<u><u>\$5,050,899</u></u>



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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**

Board of Directors
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority

I have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 26, 2009. I conducted my 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.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the authority's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the authority's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the authority's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be 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 Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statements amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The result of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Board of Directors, 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.

Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc.

February 26, 2009



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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**

Board of Directors
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing
Authority

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, 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 June 30, 2008. Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's result 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 Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I 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 Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination on Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, 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 June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing my audit, I considered Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an Authority's internal control over compliance 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Authority's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors, management, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc.

February 26, 2009

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 OMB Circular A-133 § .505
 June 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
Were there any significant deficiency reported as material weakness at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any significant deficiency reported for any major federal programs as material weakness?	No
Were there any other significant deficiency reported for the major federal programs?	No
Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
Major Programs (list):	CFDA # 14.871 Housing Choice Voucher Programs
Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: All Others
Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There are no Findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

3. FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There are no Findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority
Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
June 30, 2008

The audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 contained no audit findings.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

COLUMBIANA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

COLUMBIANA COUNTY

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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 7, 2009**