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Management letter

The Board of County Commissioners
Lee County, Florida:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lee County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, which collectively comprise Lee County, Florida's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2008.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have also issued our report on internal control over financial reporting, and on compliance and other matters, and the related schedule of findings and questioned costs. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated January 31, 2008, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and require that certain items be addressed in this letter.

The *Rules of the Auditor General* Section 10.554(1)(h)(1), require that we address in the management letter, if not already addressed in the auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters, or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs, whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit.

As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General* Section 10.554(1)(h)(2), the scope of our audit included a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Lee County, Florida had not complied with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

The *Rules of the Auditor General* Section 10.554(1)(h)(3) require that we address in the management letter any findings and recommendations to improve financial management, accounting procedures, and internal controls. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

The Rules of the Auditor General, Section 10.554(1)(h)(4), require that we address in the management letter any violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements or abuse that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

The *Rules of the Auditor General*, Section 10.554(1)(h)(5), require disclosure in the management letter based on the auditors' professional judgment of the following inconsequential matters, if not already addressed in the auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters:

- (1) Violations of laws, rules, regulations, and contractual provisions or abuse that have occurred, or were likely to have occurred, and would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements;
- (2) Improper or illegal expenditures or illegal acts that would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements;
- (3) Control deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Improper or inadequate accounting procedures (e.g., the omission of required disclosures from the financial statements);
 - (b) Failures to properly record financial transactions; and
 - (c) Other inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that come to the attention, of the auditor.

The results of our audit disclosed no violations of laws, rules, regulations or contractual provisions or abuse, no improper expenditures or illegal acts, or other control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies.

The *Rules of the Auditor General* Section 10.554(1)(h)(6) also require that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Lee County, Florida was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d).

As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General* Section 10.554(1)(h)(7)(a), a statement must be included as to whether or not the local government entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1) *Florida Statutes*. In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that would indicate Lee County, Florida is in a state of financial emergency as a consequence of conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*.

As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General* Section 10.554(1)(h)(7)(b), we determined that the annual financial report for Lee County, Florida for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007.

As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General* Sections 10.554(1)(h)(7)(c) and 10.556(8), we applied financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to Section 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General*. It is management's responsibility to monitor Lee County, Florida's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

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This management letter is intended solely for the information of the Lee County, Florida Board of County Commissioners, management of Lee County, Florida, and the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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March 9, 2008
Certified Public Accountants