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Mr. Thomas Salmon, CPA
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Dear Mr. Salmon:

We have reviewed the system of quality control applicable to performance audits of the Office of the Vermont State Auditor (SAO) in effect for the period January 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. A system of quality control encompasses the office's organizational structure and the policies adopted and procedures established to provide it with reasonable assurance of conforming with government auditing standards. The design of the system and compliance with it are the responsibility of the SAO. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system, and the SAO's compliance with the system based on our review.

We conducted our review in accordance with the policies and procedures for external peer reviews established by the National State Auditors Association (NSAA). In performing our review, we obtained an understanding of the SAO's system of quality control for engagements conducted in accordance with government auditing standards. In addition, we tested compliance with the SAO's quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of the SAO's policies and procedures on selected engagements. The engagements selected represented a reasonable cross-section of the SAO's engagements conducted in accordance with government auditing standards. We believe that the procedures we performed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our review was based on selective tests; therefore, it would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of lack of compliance with it. Also, there are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control; therefore, noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the system of quality control applicable to performance audits of the SAO in effect for the period January 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 has been suitably designed and was complied with during the period to provide reasonable assurance of conforming with government auditing standards.

As is customary in a peer review, we have issued a letter under this date that sets forth comments that were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect the opinion expressed in this report.

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