

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT
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OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

MINNEAPOLIS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Description of the Office of the State Auditor

The Office of the State Auditor serves as a watchdog for Minnesota taxpayers by helping to ensure financial integrity, accountability, and cost-effectiveness in local governments throughout the state.

Through financial, compliance, and special audits, the State Auditor oversees and ensures that local government funds are used for the purposes intended by law and that local governments hold themselves to the highest standards of financial accountability.

The State Auditor performs approximately 250 financial and compliance audits per year and has oversight responsibilities for over 4,300 local units of government throughout the state. The office currently maintains five divisions:

Audit Practice - conducts financial and legal compliance audits for local governments;

Government Information - collects and analyzes financial information for cities, towns, counties, and special districts;

Legal/Special Investigations - provides legal analysis and counsel to the Office and responds to outside inquiries about Minnesota local government law; as well as investigates allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance in local government;

Pension - monitors investment, financial, and actuarial reporting for over 700 public pension funds; and

Tax Increment Financing, Investment and Finance - promotes compliance and accountability in local governments' use of tax increment financing through financial and compliance audits.

The State Auditor serves on the State Executive Council, State Board of Investment, Land Exchange Board, Public Employee's Retirement Association Board, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and the Rural Finance Authority Board.

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Management and Compliance Report

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REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Members of the Retirement Board
Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2005.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Local Government*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Local Government* contains five main categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, and claims and disbursements. Our study included all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance in contracting and bidding, public indebtedness, and claims and disbursements because these areas do not apply to MERF.

The results of our tests indicate that, for the items tested, MERF complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

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

We would like to express our appreciation to the MERF Board of Directors and staff for their cooperation and assistance during the audit.

/s/Pat Anderson

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End of Fieldwork: October 31, 2005