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MUNICIPALITY OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO**

GENERAL-PURPOSE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

(WITH THE ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED BY
THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND OMB CIRCULAR A-133)

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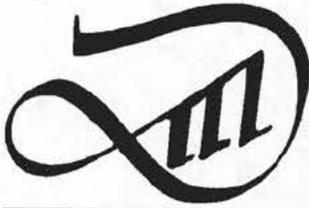
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PART I
FINANCIAL



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Municipal Legislature
Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico**

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose combined financial statements of the **Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico (Municipality)**, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general-purpose combined financial statements are the responsibility of the **Municipality's** management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraphs, 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 general-purpose combined financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose combined financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose combined financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The **Municipality's** accounting system and records of property, plant and equipment did not include all transactions that should be capitalized on the general fixed assets account group. We were unable to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter through audit procedures, to satisfy ourselves regarding the reasonableness of the amounts presented in the accompanying general-purpose combined financial statements. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on such amount presented in the general fixed assets account group.

Because of inadequacies in the **Municipality's** accounting records, we were unable to form an opinion regarding the amounts of cash presented in the General Fund.

In our opinion, except for the effect, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to audit the fixed assets of the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and the balance in the Cash Account of the General Fund, as explained in above paragraphs, the general-purpose combined financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Municipality**, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of operations and changes in the fund balances for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 27, 2004 on our consideration of the **Municipality's** internal control structure 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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The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures 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 Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general-purpose combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose combined financial statements taken as a whole.

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Caguas, Puerto Rico
February 27, 2004



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPALITY OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET –
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

JUNE 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS:							
Cash and Investments (Notes 1 E and 2).....	\$ 231,022	\$ 824,147	\$ 3,120,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,175,937
Cash with Fiscal Agent (Note 1 E).....	-	-	6,886	236,029	-	-	242,915
Receivables:							
Property Tax	-	-	-	3,213	-	-	3,213
Federal Grants (Note 10).....	-	1,684,580	-	-	-	-	1,684,580
Other Receivables	58,706	-	-	-	-	-	58,706
Due from Governmental Units (Note 3).....	446,065	864,212	-	-	-	-	1,310,277
Others Funds (Note 4).....	1,491,692	3,400,469	3,372,285	-	-	-	8,264,446
Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 6).....	-	-	-	-	17,238,910	-	17,238,910
Amount Available in Debt Service Fund (Note 8).....	-	-	-	-	-	172,010	172,010
Amount to be Provide for Payment of							
General Long-Term Debt (Note 7).....	-	-	-	-	-	2,060,382	2,060,382
Claims and Judgments (Note 7).....	-	-	-	-	-	380,013	380,013
Advance Property Taxes (Note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	3,937,484	3,937,484
Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Debt (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	865,505	865,505
Vested Compensated Absences (Note 1 I)	-	-	-	-	-	629,884	629,884
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS.....	\$ 2,227,485	\$ 6,773,408	\$ 6,499,939	\$ 239,242	\$17,238,910	\$ 8,045,278	\$41,024,262

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

JUNE 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 431,518	\$ 26,884	\$ -	\$ 66,688	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525,090
Due to:							
Government Units (Note 5)	82,693	-	-	-	-	-	82,693
Other Funds (Note 4)	6,772,753	1,397,850	93,299	544	-	-	8,264,446
Deferred Revenues:							
Volume of Business Tax (Note 10)	208,028	-	-	-	-	-	208,028
Local Grants	-	1,650,521	-	-	-	-	1,650,521
Others	448,598	-	-	-	-	-	448,598
Long-Term Debts:							
General Obligations Bonds (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	1,290,000	1,290,000
Special Obligations Notes (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	1,842,392	1,842,392
Advances of Property Taxes (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	3,037,484	3,037,484
Claims and Judgments (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	380,013	380,013
Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Debt (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	865,505	865,505
Vested Compensated Absences (Note 1 I)	-	-	-	-	-	629,884	629,884
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,943,590	3,075,255	93,299	67,232	-	8,045,278	19,224,654

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

JUNE 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	
FUND EQUITY (DEFICIT):							
Investment in Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 6).....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$17,238,910	\$ -	\$17,238,910
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Encumbrances (Note 1 L)	220,758	-	-	-	-	-	220,758
Unreserved (Deficit):							
Designated for Debt Service (Note 1 L).....	-	-	-	172,010	-	-	172,010
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures.....	-	3,698,153	6,406,640	-	-	-	10,104,793
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>(5,936,863)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,936,863)</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY (DEFICIT).....	<u>(5,716,105)</u>	<u>3,698,153</u>	<u>6,406,640</u>	<u>172,010</u>	<u>17,238,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,799,608</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,227,485</u>	<u>\$ 6,773,408</u>	<u>\$ 6,499,939</u>	<u>\$ 239,242</u>	<u>\$17,238,910</u>	<u>\$ 8,045,278</u>	<u>\$41,024,262</u>

The accompanying notes to general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPALITY OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTAL MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	
REVENUES					
Property Taxes (Note 9).....	\$ 653,876	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,257	\$ 705,133
Volume of Business Taxes (Note 10)	170,622	-	-	-	170,622
Federal Assistance (Note 11)	-	1,813,177	-	-	1,813,177
Intergovernmental (Note 11)	3,793,693	2,730,169	4,963,424	-	11,487,286
Licenses and Permits.....	548,466	-	-	-	548,466
Miscellaneous	902,471	-	-	-	902,471
TOTAL REVENUES	6,069,128	4,543,346	4,963,424	51,257	15,627,155
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Mayor and Municipal Legislature	1,097,367	-	-	-	1,097,367
General Government	2,539,148	2,238,057	474,914	-	5,252,119
Public Safety	566,836	-	-	-	566,836
Public Works	1,239,917	-	-	-	1,239,917
Culture and Recreation	240,422	-	-	-	240,422
Sanitation	644,800	-	-	-	644,800
Human Services and Welfare	519,179	1,196,051	-	-	1,715,230
Urban Development	40,499	98,495	74,905	-	213,899
Capital Outlays	43,703	-	-	-	43,703
Advance of Property Taxes.....	200,878	-	-	-	200,878
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement (Notes 7 and 8).....	-	-	-	882,387	882,387
Interest Payment	-	-	-	246,224	246,224
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	7,132,749	3,532,603	549,819	1,128,611	12,343,782
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	(1,063,621)	1,010,743	4,413,605	(1,077,354)	3,283,373

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTAL MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES (USES):					
Advances of Property Taxes (Note 9).....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	1,024,900	1,024,900
Operating Transfer Out	<u>(87,785)</u>	<u>(937,215)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,025,000)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(87,785)</u>	<u>(937,215)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,024,900</u>	<u>(100)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures.....	(1,151,406)	73,528	4,413,605	(52,454)	3,283,273
Fund Balances (Deficit), as Restated at Beginning of Year (Note 15)	<u>(4,564,699)</u>	<u>3,624,625</u>	<u>1,993,035</u>	<u>224,464</u>	<u>1,277,425</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) AT END YEAR	<u>(\$ 5,716,105)</u>	<u>\$ 3,698,153</u>	<u>\$ 6,406,640</u>	<u>\$ 172,010</u>	<u>\$ 4,560,698</u>

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
ENCUMBRANCES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET
AND ACTUAL – GENERAL AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	GENERAL			DEBT SERVICE		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES						
Property Taxes Advances	\$ 614,646	\$ 653,876	\$ 39,230	\$ 101,886	\$ 51,257	(\$ 50,629)
Volume of Business Taxes	384,844	170,622	(214,222)	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	4,349,097	3,793,693	(555,404)	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	789,241	548,466	(240,775)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	851,890	902,471	50,581	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES.....	6,989,718	6,069,128	(920,590)	101,886	51,257	(50,629)
EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES						
Mayor and Municipal Legislature	1,083,518	1,130,010	(46,492)	-	-	-
General Government:						
Finance	1,226,444	1,252,090	(25,646)	-	-	-
Personnel	722,198	1,049,911	(327,713)	-	-	-
Insurance	200,451	182,821	17,630	-	-	-
Public Safety	598,362	569,296	29,066	-	-	-
Public Works	1,396,955	1,282,495	114,460	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	366,685	241,820	124,865	-	-	-
Sanitation	638,148	648,890	(10,742)	-	-	-
Human Services and Welfare	521,398	521,205	193	-	-	-
Urban Development	53,915	40,499	13,416	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	49,453	43,703	5,750	-	-	-
Amortization of Property Tax	5,000	200,878	(195,878)	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	101,886	191,396	(89,510)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES	6,862,527	7,163,618	(301,091)	101,886	191,396	(89,510)
EXCESS OF REVENUES Over (Under)						
Expenditures and Encumbrances	127,191	(1,094,490)	(1,221,681)	-	(140,139)	(140,139)

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
ENCUMBRANCES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET
AND ACTUAL – GENERAL AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	GENERAL			DEBT SERVICE		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES (USES):						
Operating Transfer In (Out).....	(\$ 127,191)	(\$ 87,785)	\$ 39,406	\$ -	\$ 87,685	\$ 87,685
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources (Uses) Over Expenditures And Other Uses.....	\$ -	(1,182,275)	(\$ 1,182,275)	\$ -	(52,454)	(\$ 52,454)
Adjustment Required Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles:						
Net Change in Encumbrances		30,869			-	
Fund Balances (Deficit), as Restated at Beginning of Year (Note 15)		(4,564,699)			224,464	
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR.....		(\$ 5,716,105)			\$ 172,010	

The accompanying notes to general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPALITY OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico (Municipality) was founded in the year 1844, and operates as a governmental unit of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, under Law Number 81 of August 30, 1991, known as "Autonomic Municipalities Law of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico". The governmental system of the Municipality is composed of the executive and legislative branches. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer and is elected every four years in the general elections of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The legislative body consists of 12 legislators also elected in the general elections of Puerto Rico for a four-year period.

The Municipality provides services such as: health, public works, sanitation, aids and services to low-income and elderly citizens, public safety, housing and urban development, culture and recreation, planning, zoning and other general and administrative services.

The accounting policies of the Municipality conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the most significant of such policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The general-purpose financial statements of the Municipality have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is a standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The most significant of these accounting policies are described below and, where appropriate, subsequent pronouncements will be referenced.

The general-purpose financial statements present the financial position of the various fund types and account groups and the results of operations of the various fund types of the Municipality. This includes the organizations units governed by the Executive Officers and members of the Municipal Legislature of the Municipality. In evaluating the Municipality as a reporting entity, management has considered all the potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the provisions of GASB Number 14.

The basic, but not the only criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is if elected officials of a primary government are financially accountable for the entity. Financial accountability exists if the primary government appoints a voting majority of the entity's governing body, fiscal dependency of the potential component units and if either one of the following conditions exist: the primary government can impose its will on the other entity or the potential exists for the other entity to

(1) provide specific financial benefits to or (2) impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is if the nature and significance of the relationship between the entity and a primary government are such that to exclude the entity from the financial reporting entity would render the financial statements misleading or incomplete.

The relative importance of each criteria must be evaluated in light of specific circumstances in order to determine which components units are to be included as part of the reporting entity. Our specific evaluations of the criteria applicable to the Municipality indicates that the reporting entity consists of all funds and accounts groups included in the combined balance sheet, therefore, no organizations, activities or functions are required to be included in the reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Municipality are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The various funds and account groups are summarized by type in the accompanying general-purpose financial statements. The Municipality records its transactions in the fund types and account groups described below. Transactions between funds within a fund type, if any, have been eliminated.

Amounts in the "Totals Memorandum Only" column in the combined financial statements represent a summation of the combined financial statements line items of the fund types and account groups, and are presented for the analytical purposes only. The summation include fund types and account groups that use different basis of accounting includes interfund transactions that have not been eliminated and the caption "amounts to be provided", which is not an asset in the usual sense. Consequently, amounts shown in the "Totals Memorandum Only" column are not comparable to a consolidation and do not represent the total resources available or total revenues and expenditures of the Municipality.

Also, on December 16, 1997, the Municipality created the "Corporación para el Desarrollo de la Salud en la Isla Nena-Vieques", a non-profit organization, according to State and Municipal Laws for administer and supervise the operation of Health Center located in Vieques. The Mayor has the authority to appoint 1/3 part of member of Board of Director of the Corporation that have voting power except the directors that are municipal employees. The Health Center's operational activity was recognized in the General Fund during the fiscal year.

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NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continuation)

B. Basis of Presentation (continuation)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Municipality are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the Municipality's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following are the Municipality's governmental fund types:

General Fund – This is the general operating fund of the Municipality. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – This is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Debt Service Fund – This is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interests.

Capital Projects Fund – This is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Special Revenue Fund). Completed assets if a stewardship nature is transferred to the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

ACCOUNT GROUPS

Account groups is not fund; it does not reflect available financial resources and related liabilities, but is accounting record for the general long-term obligations. Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for the Municipality's general fixed assets and the unmatured principal of its general long-term debts and other long-term obligations. The following is a description of the Account Group of the Municipality:

General Fixed Assets Account Group – This account group is used to account for all general fixed assets of the Municipality. General Fixed Assets are recorded as expenditures of the various funds at the time of purchase and are subsequently capitalized for memorandum purposes in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group – This account group is used to account for all long-term debt including bonds, notes and other long-term liabilities of the governmental fund type of the Municipality.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the general-purpose financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The governmental fund types follow the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter, normally within sixty days, to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Revenues collected in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply are recorded as deferred revenues and recognized as revenues in the years to which they apply.

In applying the "susceptible to accrual" concept to intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the numerous individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially three types of these revenues. For one type, moneys must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the Municipality; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures recorded. For the second type, moneys are received in advance and recorded as deferred revenues until the appropriate expenditures are made, at which time the revenues are recorded.

For the third type, revenues are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and nearly irrevocable or revocable only for failure to comply with the prescribed requirements, such as equal employment opportunity provisions. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if they meet the "available" criteria.

Property taxes are recognized as revenues when collected by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, even though a portion of the taxes may be collected in subsequent years. Licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when collected, because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures and related liabilities are generally recorded in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) vacation, sick leave, disallowance, and litigation are recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group; (2) expenditures and related liabilities for principal and interest on long-term obligations, which are recorded when due; (3) landfill obligation is included in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group since it will not be funded with available expendable financial resources.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continuation)

D. Budgetary Accounting

The Municipality's Annual Budget is prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting, represents departmental appropriations recommended by the Mayor, and approved by the Municipal Legislature prior the beginning of the fiscal year. Budgetary control is maintained at the department level for each individual appropriation. Amendments to the budget, including transfers, require the approval of the Municipal Legislature. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of the next fiscal year.

The Municipality follows these procedures, in accordance with law, in order to establish the budgetary data reflected in the general-purpose financial statements:

1. Prior of May 15 of each fiscal year, the Mayor submits to the Municipal Legislature a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1 in addition of a budget message.
2. The budget document is available for public inspection prior to its approval by the Municipal Legislature.
3. The Commissioner of Municipal Affairs examines the budget to verify if it complied with the law's standards and sends it to the Mayor for any comments or recommendation before the limited date establishes by the Law.
4. Prior to June 13, the annual budget is legally enacted through passage of the annual appropriation ordinance.
5. Subsequent to the enactment of the annual appropriation ordinance, the Municipal Legislature has the authority to make necessary amendments made during the fiscal year and are reflected in the budget information included in the general-purpose financial statements.
6. Budgetary data for the Special Revenue Fund has not been presented in the accompanying combined financial statements as such funds are budgeted over the life of the respective grant or project and not on an annual basis.

Since the budgetary basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), actual amounts for the General Fund in the accompanying Combined Financial Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Encumbrances and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual, is presented on the budgetary basis to enhance comparability.

The principal differences between the budgetary and GAAP bases are the following:

1. Encumbrances are recorded as expenditures under the budgetary basis and as a reserve of fund balances under GAAP.
2. The non-exonerated portion of the property tax advances are presented as revenue in the budgetary basis and as other financing sources under GAAP (See Note 9).
3. Interfund transactions of the General and Special Revenue Funds are not included in the budgetary basis.
4. Certain accrued liabilities and other debts are not included in the budgetary basis.
5. Certain revenues susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available, are not included in the budgetary data.

All encumbrance appropriations in the operating budget lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Property taxes collected during the current year by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center (Fiscal Agent) are presented as revenues in the accounting basis but are not considered in the budgetary basis.

The special funds of the Special Revenue Fund have not been included in the budget and actual comparison because balances are not budgeted. Also the budget prepared for the Federal Finance Awards Programs included in the Capital Projects and Special Revenue Funds is based on a program period which is not necessarily a year. Accordingly, it's not practical to present an annual comparison of budget and actual for such programs.

E. Cash and Investment

The Director of Finance of the Municipality is responsible for investing the available resources in certificates of deposit and other short-term investments. Investments are made from the available combined funds of the Municipality and, accordingly, it is not practical to disclose certificates of deposit and other short-term investments individually by fund in the combined financial statements. Interest earned on certificates of deposit and other short-term investments are recognized as revenue in the General Fund. Cash in the Special Revenue, Debt Service and Capital Project Funds are restricted; accordingly, resources available were not used for pool investments.

Cash with fiscal agent represents property tax collections retained by the Municipal Revenues Collection Center and undisbursed proceeds of certain bonds, loans or grants which are maintained in a cash custodian account by the Government Development Bank of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continuation)

E. Cash and Investment (continuation)

Cash balance recognized in the Debt Service Fund is restricted for the payment of the Municipality's obligations, and others are restricted for specific projects, such as the acquisition or construction of permanent improvements. This sinking fund is maintained by the Governmental Development Bank of Puerto Rico, agency which acts as the insurer and payer of the Municipality's bonds and notes issued in accordance with the law.

F. Receivables

Receivables are stated net of estimated allowances for uncollectible accounts, which are determined upon past collection experience and current economic conditions. Receivable from Federal Government represents amounts owed to the Municipality for reimbursement of expenditures incurred pursuant to federally funded programs.

G. Inventories

The General, Special Revenue and Capital Project Funds, purchases office and printing supplies, gasoline, oil and other expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of purchases is recorded as expenditure in the appropriate fund and the inventory is not recorded in the general-purpose financial statements.

H. General Fixed Assets

The General Fixed Assets Account Group reflects the cost of fixed assets of a stewardship nature (certain land, buildings, certain improvements other than building, furniture and fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles acquired or constructed by the Municipality. Public domain (infrastructure) fixed assets consisting of roads, bridges, underground water and sewer facilities and certain other property are recorded as expenditures and are not capitalized in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. No depreciation has been provided and the interest on financing during the construction period will not be capitalized in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

I. Compensated Absences

Municipal employees are granted 30 days of vacations and 18 days of sick leave annually. Vacations may be accumulated up to a maximum of sixty (60) days and sick leave up to a maximum of ninety (90) days. In the event of employee resignation, the employee is paid for accumulated vacation days up to the maximum allowed. Separation from employment prior to use of all or part of the sick leave, or upon retirement, terminates all rights for compensation, except for employees with ten years of service who are entitled to sick leave pay up to the maximum allowed. The Municipality accrues a liability for compensated absences, which meet the following criteria: (1) the Municipality's obligation relating to employee's rights to receive compensation for future absences is attributable to employee's services already rendered; (2) the obligation relates to rights that vest or accumulate; (3) Payment of the compensation is probable; and (3) the amount can be reasonably estimated.

In accordance with the above criteria and requirements as established by GASB Number 16, the Municipality has accrued a liability for compensated absences, which has been earned but not taken by municipal employees. The liability for compensated absences, which will not require the use of expendable available financial resource, is included in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

J. Insurance

The Municipality has insurance coverage for its public facilities, primarily to provide protection from catastrophic losses. Also, principal officials of the Municipality are covered under various surety bonds. The Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is the agent commissioned to place all of the Municipality's insurance coverage. Corresponding premiums payable are withheld by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center from quarterly advances of annual property tax and subsidy sent to the Municipality.

K. Interfund Transactions

The Municipality has the following types of transactions among funds:

Operating Transfers – Legally required transfers that are reported when incurred as "Operating transfers-in" by the recipient funds and as "Operating transfers-out" by the disbursing fund.

Transfer of Expenditures (Reimbursements) – Reimbursement of expenditures made by one fund for another that are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reduction of expenditures in the reimbursed fund.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continuation)

L. Reservations of Fund Balance

Reservations of fund balance represent portions of fund balances that are legally segregated for a specific future use or are not appropriate for expenditure. The Municipality has the following reservations of fund balance:

Encumbrance – Represent future expenditures under purchases orders, contracts and other commitments issued for goods and services not received at year-end. Where the appropriations lapse at year-end these will be honored during subsequent year. Encumbrances constitute the equivalent of expenditures for budgetary purposes and, accordingly, are reported with expenditures in all budgetary basis statements.

Debt Service – Represents net assets available to finance future debt service payments.

Fund Deficit in the General Fund is primarily attributable to prior year adjustments due to unrecorded debts, annual deficit and cash accounts reconciliation. The deficit is expected to decrease in the future as a result of a plan to reduce expenditures, obtain additional sources of revenues, and appropriation in annual budget as require by State Municipal Law.

M. Claims and Judgments

The estimated amount of the liability for claims and judgments, if any, which is due on demand, such as from adjudicated or settled claims, is recorded in the General Fund. The General Long-Term Debt Account Group includes an amount estimated as a contingent liability or liabilities with a fixed or expected due date, which will require future available financial resources for its payment.

N. Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues during the reporting period. Actual result count differs from those estimates.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Municipality follows the practice of pooling cash of all funds except for restricted funds generally held by outside custodians and federal grants. Available pooled cash balance beyond immediate needs is invested in certificates of deposit. The Municipality's cash and investments at year-end were entirely

covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage, up to a maximum of \$100,000 in each bank, and the excess by collateral provided by the banks and held by the Department of the Treasury pursuant the applicable laws and regulations. Cash with fiscal agent is maintained in interest bearing accounts in the Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico and is not collateralized.

Puerto Rico laws authorize governmental entities to invest in direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the federal government or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The Municipality is also allowed to invest in bank acceptances, other bank obligations and certificates of deposit in financial institutions authorized to do business under the federal and Commonwealth laws. During the year, the Municipality invested its funds in interest bearing bank accounts and short-term certificates of deposit.

NOTE 3 DUE FROM GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

As of June 30, 2003, balance due from other governmental units of the General Fund represents amount due from the final liquidation of the PR Electric Power Authority, and for the Special Revenue Fund represent amount expended for Grant Award of Act 82 from Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources and State-Rural Development Corporation.

NOTE 4 INTERFUND RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE BALANCES

Short-term advances between funds are accounted for in the interfund receivable and payable accounts. Interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2003 consist of the follows:

	INTERFUND	
	RECEIVABLE	PAYABLE
General:		
Interfund Loans.....	\$1,491,148	\$6,772,754
Interest Receivable from Debt Service Fund.....	544	-
Special Revenue:		
Interfund Loans.....	3,400,469	1,397,849
Capital Project:		
Interfund Loans.....	3,372,285	93,299
Debt Services:		
Interest Payable to General Fund.....	-	544
TOTAL	<u>\$8,264,446</u>	<u>\$8,264,446</u>

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NOTE 5 DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

As of June 30, 2003, balance due to other governmental units of the General Fund for services rendered to the Municipality, consists of the following:

	AMOUNT
PR Department of Labor	\$13,820
Retirement System Administration.....	45,806
Water and Sewer Authority	17,353
AEELA.....	5,714
TOTAL.....	<u>\$82,693</u>

NOTE 6 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of changes in property, plant and equipment follows:

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE JULY 1, 2002	ADDITIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS	DISPOSITIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2003
Land	\$ 2,152,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,152,871
Buildings and Improvements.....	2,145,027	-	-	2,145,027
Machinery and Equipment	2,168,794	-	-	2,168,794
Construction in Progress.....	10,772,218	-	-	10,772,218
TOTAL.....	<u>\$17,238,910</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$17,238,910</u>

NOTE 7 GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBTS

A. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS AND SPECIAL NOTES PAYABLE

The principal long-term obligations of the Municipality are general obligations bonds and special notes issued to finance the construction and improvements of public facilities and purchase of equipment. The Municipality's obligations long-term debt retirements are appropriated and paid from resources accumulated in the debt service fund (See Note 8). The special obligations long-term notes retirements are paid through retention made by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center from monthly advance of annual property tax and subsidy sent to the Municipality. General obligations bonds and notes payable as of June 30, 2003, are comprised of the following individual issues:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
General Obligations Bonds:	
\$720,000, Series 1999, payable in semiannual installments ranging from from \$10,000 to \$65,000, excluding interests at 7.00%, through July 1, 2023	\$ 655,000
\$655,000, Series 2002, payable in semiannual installments ranging from from \$5,000 to \$50,000, excluding interests at 6.00%, through July 1, 2026	<u>635,000</u>
Total General Obligations - Bonds.....	<u>1,290,000</u>
Special Notes:	
\$205,643, Series 1984, payable in quarterly installments of \$2,268, excluding interests at 10.00%, through July 1, 2004	9,072
\$283,000, Series 1991, payable in quarterly installments of \$3,640, excluding interests at 5.00%, through October 1, 2011	120,120
\$5,520,000, Series 1995, payable in semiannual installments ranging from \$550,000 to \$900,000, excluding interests at 4.08%, through August 1, 2003 (Paid through SBGP Fund).....	900,000
\$837,000, Series 2002, payable in semiannual installments ranging from \$12,400 to \$72,700, excluding variable interests, through July 1, 2026	<u>813,200</u>
Total Special Obligations - Bonds.....	<u>1,842,392</u>
Total Obligations Outstanding.....	<u>\$3,132,392</u>

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NOTE 7 GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBTS (continuation)

The annual requirements to amortize the general and notes obligations outstanding as of June 30, 2003, are as follows:

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST PAYMENT	TOTAL PAYMENT
2004	\$ 967,032	\$ 163,613	\$1,130,645
2005	58,960	124,973	183,933
2006	65,160	121,988	187,148
2007	66,360	118,593	184,953
After 2004	<u>1,974,880</u>	<u>1,300,142</u>	<u>3,275,022</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,132,392</u>	<u>\$1,829,309</u>	<u>\$4,961,701</u>

B. OTHER LONG-TERM DEBTS

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE JULY 1, 2002	NEW ISSUES AND ADJUSTMENTS	RETIREMENTS AND CURRENT MATURATES	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2003
Property Tax Advance-MRCC	\$3,188,200	\$ -	\$ 200,879	\$2,987,321
Property Tax Advance-Treasury	57,329	-	7,166	50,163
State Health Insurance	924,241	-	924,241	-
Compensated Absences	508,349	121,535	-	629,884
Claims and Judgements	-	380,013	-	380,013
Est. Landfill Postclosing Costs	<u>865,505</u>	-	-	<u>865,505</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,543,624</u>	<u>\$ 501,548</u>	<u>\$1,132,286</u>	<u>\$4,912,886</u>

C. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBTS

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003:

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE JULY 1, 2002	NEW ISSUES	RETIREMENTS AND CURRENT MATURATES	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2003
General	\$ 1,380,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 1,290,000
Notes	2,706,180	-	863,788	1,842,392
Others Debts	<u>5,543,624</u>	<u>501,548</u>	<u>1,132,286</u>	<u>4,912,886</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,629,804</u>	<u>\$ 501,548</u>	<u>\$ 2,086,074</u>	<u>\$ 8,045,278</u>

NOTE 8 DEBT RETIREMENT

Revenues of the Debt Service Fund consists of the ad-valorem property taxes which are recognized as revenue when collected from taxpayers and reported by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to the Municipality (See Note 9).

These property taxes are accumulated by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center in costs of the general obligations bonds issued by the Municipality (See Note 7). Payments are made to the Government Development Bank of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from such accumulated funds by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center of Puerto Rico.

NOTE 9 PROPERTY TAXES

The Municipal Revenue Collection Center of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is responsible for the assessment of all real and personal property located within the Municipality and for the levy, administration and collection of the corresponding tax contribution. The property tax contribution is levied each year over the appraised value of the property at the beginning of the calendar year. The real property assessment is based on the current value existing in the year 1957 and the personal property at the current value at the date of the assessment.

The tax rate per annum is 8.03% for real property and 6.03% for personal property of which 1.03% of both belong to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and 7.00% and 5.00%, respectively, belongs to the Municipality. From the portion belonging to the Municipality, 6.00% and 4.00%, respectively, represents the Municipality's basic tax rate that is appropriated for general purposes and therefore accounted for through the General Fund. The remaining portion belonging to the Municipality of 1.00% represents the ad-valorem property taxes withheld by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and restricted for debt service, which is accounted for through the Debt Service Fund (See Note 8). The Municipality has reached the maximum statutory tax rate limit for the basic tax while there is no limitation for the ad-valorem tax rate.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico grants complete real property tax exoneration on the first \$15,000 has assessed valuation on residential units occupied by their owners. However, the Municipality receives the full amount levied, except for residential units assessed at less than \$3,500 on which a complete exemption is granted. The Municipal Revenue Collection Center, instead of the property taxpayer, becomes the source of payment in these cases.

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NOTE 9 PROPERTY TAXES (continuation)

The Municipality grants a complete exemption from personal property taxes up to an assessment value of \$50,000. The Municipal Revenue Collection Center advances to the Municipality, on quarterly payments, 100% of the contribution assessed over property for each fiscal year. In accordance to Law, these advances will be contributions by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center from taxpayers. The Municipal Revenue Collection Center periodically informs to the Municipality the amounts collected from taxpayers and applied to outstanding advances.

The Municipality records as revenue in the general fund the exonerated portion of property tax contribution when received from quarterly advances from Municipal Revenue Collection Center. The non-exonerated portion of the advance is recorded as other financing sources in the General Fund and in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group as an increase in related debt. The revenue for the basic contribution over property not exonerated is recorded in the General Fund where the respective property tax notifications from Municipal Revenue Collection Center are received, which includes the amounts collected by such Center.

Due to the fact that collections of non-exonerated property taxes are applied to the advances of property tax send by the Municipal Revenue Collection Center, they are record as amortization of the advance in the General Long-Term Account Group, for the Prior Advance Property Taxes owed to Treasury Department and Municipal Revenue Collection Center (MRCC), expenditures in the General Fund and recognized as revenue in accordance with GAAP.

NOTE 10 VOLUME OF BUSINESS TAX

The volume of business tax is levied each year based on the prior year's gross revenues for all commercial and industrial organizations doing business in the Municipality and which are not totally or partially exempt from this tax under the Industrial Incentives Laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. All taxpayers are required to file their declarations by April 23 of each year. The tax rates are as follows:

- a. 1.50% for financial institutions and savings and loan associations.
- b. 0.40% for all other organizations with volume of sales less than \$200,000 and 0.50% for volume of sales in excess of \$200,000.

Taxes are payable in two equal semi-annual installments on July 1 and January 1 following the date of levy. If they are paid with declaration, the taxpayer is granted a 5% of discount. Collections of taxes during current fiscal year, applicable to the next fiscal year, are recorded as deferred revenues in the General Fund.

NOTE 11 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Intergovernmental revenue consists primarily of funds received from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, "in lieu of tax" payments from the quasi-public corporation, PR Electric Power Authority, and federal financial assistance received from federal government.

Grants and subsidies received from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and federal agencies include, among others, a general subsidy for urban development and capital improvements. Intergovernmental revenues are accounted for through the General Fund except for those directly related to urban development and capital improvements, which are accounted for through the Special Revenue and the Capital Project Funds. Federal Financial Assistance is recorded in the Special Revenue Fund.

NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT PLAN

The Employee's Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico and its Instrumentalities (ERS) is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system established by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The ERS was created under the Act 447, approved on May 15, 1951, as amended, and became effective on January 1, 1952. ERS covers all regular employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities and of certain municipalities and components units not covered by their own retirement systems.

Participation is mandatory except for members of the Legislature, Government Secretaries, Head of Agencies and Public Instrumentalities, Assistants to the Governor, the Comptroller of the Puerto Rico, Gubernatorial Board and Committee appointees and Experimental Service Station employees. ERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. Disability retirement benefits are available to members for occupational and non-occupational disabilities. Retirement benefits depend upon age at retirement and number of years of credited service. Benefits vest after ten years of plan participation.

The Municipality adopted the requirements of GASB Number 25 for all the career employees that are covered under the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Employee's Retirement System, a multiple-employer public employee retirement system, established by State Laws.

Under the plan, the employees and employer portions are contributed, for which, the employee amount is withheld from salaries. Covered employees are required by Commonwealth statute to accept before April 1, 1999 to contribute 5.775% for the first \$6,600 of salary plus 8.275% for the excess of this amount, or on the alternative, 8.275% of all salary. After such date, contribute 8.275% of their salaries. This is the only choice available to Mayor. The Municipality contributes to the system 9.275% of the participating employee's salaries.

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NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT PLAN (continuation)

Law Number 305 of September 24, 1999, amends the Act Number 447, that establish a savings program. All employees active in the system as of December 31, 1999 may elect to transfer from define contribution program to the new savings program (a defined contribution plan). Employees in the savings program may now contribute from a minimum of 8.275% up to a maximum of 10% of their monthly salary, and will invested in an account which will either: (a) earn a fixed rate based on the two-year Constant Maturity Treasury Note or, (b) earn a rate equal to 75% of the return of the System's investment portfolio (net of management fees), or (c) earn a combination of both alternatives. If at time of retirement accumulated benefits amount to \$10,000 or less may elect to receive a lump sum distribution up to the accumulated benefits. Under the new program the retirement age is reduced from 65 to 60 for those employees who joined the current plan on or after April 1, 1990.

All employees that do not elect to transfer for the new program, and who at the time of employment are 55 years old or less are eligible to participate in the System. Pension benefits for participants with 30 years of service are as follows:

<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>PARTICIPANT'S AGE</u>	<u>PENSION BENEFITS</u>
30 or more	55 or less	65% of the average of the three years of highest salary during the employee's service period.
30 or more	58 or more	75% of the average of the three years of highest salary during the employee's service period.
30 or more	65 or more	75% of the average of the three years of highest salary during the employee's service period (employees started working after April 1, 1990).

The pension benefit for participants who retire with less than 30 years of service is computed at the rate of 1½% of their average compensation of each year of credit service for the remaining years. The System also provides for death and disability benefits and the assets of the System pertaining to the participant employees.

A variety of significant actuarial assumptions are used to determine the standard measure of the pension benefit obligation and these assumptions are summarized below:

- a. The present value of the future pension payments was computed by using a discount of 8.5%.
- b. Future pension payments reflect an assumption of a 5% salary increase.

The amount of the total pension benefit obligation is based on a standardized measurement established by **GASB Number 27, Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Notes Disclosure for Defined Contributions Plans**. The standardized measurement is the actuarial present value of estimated defined pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee services performed to date.

The measure is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among other public retirement systems. The measure is independent of the actuarial funding method used to determine contributions to the plan. The membership of retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and terminated employees entitled to benefits, but not yet receiving benefits, and active employees and the distribution of active employees between vested and nonvested is not readily available.

Contributions in 2002 and prior years were made based on percentages established by the law. Such percentage has not been based on actuarial studies, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. An actuarial compilation of the annual contribution applicable to the **Municipality** has not been prepared. Accordingly, the accounts by which the actual contributions differ from the required actuarial contributions are not known.

The total pension expenditures recorded in the category of administration for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003 was approximately **\$227,016**. All employees who at the time of employment are 55 years old or less are eligible to participate in the System. No benefit is payable if the participant receives a refund of his accumulated contributions.

The historical trend information regarding the accumulation of assets and pension benefit obligation in the ERS is not available. For the ten-year trend information, refer to the separately issued financial statements of the ERS as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

NOTE 13 ESTIMATED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSING COSTS

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations, the **Municipality** must follow certain closure functions and postclosure monitoring and maintenance procedures. In addition, the **Municipality** has adopted the **GASB Number 18** in order to comply with these regulations.

The **Municipality** has one inactive landfill with estimated closing costs of \$865,505 presented in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. The **Municipality** will provide, within its operational budgets, after next two years, the amount of closure care cost based on the closing study. However, the actual cost of closure and postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes on technology or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

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NOTE 14 CONTINGENCIES

A. CLAIMS AND JUDGMENTS

The **Municipality** is, at present, a defendant in a number of legal matters that arise from alleged improper application of policies and negligence in the ordinary course of the **Municipality's** activities. The legal counsel of the **Municipality** has advised that at this stage in the proceedings of lawsuits he cannot offer an opinion as to the probable outcome.

In addition, the **Municipality** is a defendant or co-defendant in several legal proceedings, which are in discovery stage. Certain of these claims are covered by insurance. Legal counsel with the information currently available can not determine the final outcome of these claims, with the exception of one (1) lawsuit related to personal matter and back pay and payment at received services, to which the legal counsel has estimate a potential loss of \$360,000 and \$20,013 respectively. Accordingly, the financial statements include adjustments in Long-Term Liabilities because will be paid with future resources if the Courts decided in against the **Municipality**. However, it has been the **Municipality's** experience that such actions are settled for amounts substantially less than the claimed amounts.

B. FEDERAL GRANTS

In the normal course of operations, the **Municipality** receives grants from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. It is the **Municipality's** opinion that no additional liabilities will arise from audits previously performed or to be performed.

NOTE 15 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES RESTATEMENT

Beginning Fund Balances Undesignated (Deficit) for General, Special and Debt Service Funds have been restated by accounting adjustments that affect the Fund Equity of these Governmental Funds, as follows:

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE
Balance (Deficit), as Reported			
June 30, 2002.....	(\$4,530,584)	\$3,372,667	\$ 309,061
Change in Accounting Principles.....	-	280,332	(84,597)
Reclassification and Adjustment of Due/From to Other Funds and Interfund Transactions.....	<u>(34,115)</u>	<u>(28,374)</u>	<u>-</u>
Beginning Fund Balances (Deficit), as Restated, July 1, 2002.....	<u>(\$4,564,699)</u>	<u>\$3,624,625</u>	<u>\$ 224,464</u>

NOTE 16 GASB STATEMENTS NUMBERS 34 (AS AMENDED), 37, 38 AND 39

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. The objective of this Statement is to enhance the understandability and usefulness of the general-purpose external financial reports of state and local governments to the citizenry, legislative and oversight bodies, and investors and creditors. The minimum requirements for Basic Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information (RSI) are:

- A. Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) – a component of RSI, should introduce the basic financial statements and provide an objective and easily readable analytical of the government's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. MD&A should discuss the current-year positive and negative results in comparison with the prior year, with emphasis on the current year.

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NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 16 GASB STATEMENTS NUMBERS 33, 34 (AS AMENDED), 37, 38 AND 39 (continuation)

B. Basic Financial Statements – should include:

1. Government-wide Statements – The government-wide statements should display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. The statements should include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the primary government as well as for its component units. Government-wide financial statements should be prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, and depreciation charges are reported on these new financial statements:
 - a. Statement of Net Assets
 - b. Statement of Activities
2. Fund Financial Statements – Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds should be presented after the government-wide statements. These funds should be presented after the governmental and enterprise funds. Fiduciary statements should include financial information for fiduciary funds and similar component units. Each of the three fund categories should be reported using the measurement focus and basis of accounting required for that category.
3. Notes to the Financial Statements – One set of notes for both financial statements.

C. Required Supplementary Information other than MD&A. Except for MD&A, required supplementary information, including the required budgetary comparison information, should be presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

GASB No. 34 will begin to take effect for the Municipality in fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2003. Earlier application is encouraged.

Prospective reporting of general infrastructure assets is required at the effective dates of this Statement. Retroactive reporting of all major general governmental infrastructure assets is encouraged at that date. Retroactive reporting is required four (4) year after the effective date on the basic provisions for all major general infrastructure assets that were acquired or significantly reconstructed, or that received significant improvements, in fiscal years ending after June 30, 1980.

Governments that elect early implementation of this Statement, should also implement GASB Statement Number 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, at the same time. Also, GASB 34 was amended by GASB Number 37 and 38 for topics that should be included in the MD&A and disclosures.

On May 2002, GASB No. 39 was issued that amend GASB 14 by established additional guidance on the application of existing standards for the assessment of potential component units in determining the financial reporting entity. This statement is effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2003. Earlier application is encouraged.

END OF NOTES

PART II

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING
STANDARDS AND OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

FEDERAL GRANTOR / PASS THROUGH GRANTOR / PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Pass Through Department of Education:			
Child and Adult Care Food Program.....	10.588	N/AV	<u>\$ 35,654</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:			
Pass Through State - Office of Commissioner of Municipal Affairs			
State Block Grant Program (SBGP)	14.228	00-FD-65 01-FD-65 02-FD-65	1,166,007
Direct Programs:			
Lower Income Housing Assistance Program - Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation.....	14.856		276,323
Section 8 Housing Choices Vouchers Program.....	14.871		<u>298,017</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ...			<u>1,740,347</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Pass-Through Regional Elderly Office – Office of the Governor			
Special Program for Aging, Title III, Part B.....	93.044	N/AV	21,672
Special Program for Aging, Title III, Part C.....	93.045	N/AV	<u>33,125</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>54,797</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS.....			<u>\$1,830,798</u>

The accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral of this Schedule.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

NOTE 1 GENERAL

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the **Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico (Municipality)** and is presented on the modified accrual basis. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the general-purpose combined financial statements. The reporting entity is defined in Note (1) (A) to the general-purpose combined financial statements.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared from **Municipality's** accounting records and is not intended to present financial position or the results of operations.
- B. The **Municipality** in accordance with the terms records the financial transactions and conditions of the grants, which are consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- C. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable or when actually paid, whichever occurs first.

NOTE 3 FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER

The CFDA numbers included in this Schedule are determined based on the program name, review of grant contract information and the Office of Management and Budget's Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance.

NOTE 4 PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR'S NUMBER

State or local government redistribution of federal awards to the **Municipality**, treated as if they were received directly from the federal government. OMB Circular A-133 requires the schedule to include the name of the pass-through entity and identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity for federal awards received as a subrecipient. Numbers identified as N/AV are not available.

NOTE 5 RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL-PURPOSE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Federal financial assistance expenditures are reported in the **Municipality's** Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance – All Governmental Fund Types as follows:

DESCRIPTION	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECT	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
Federal Programs Expenditures	\$ 893,583	\$ -	\$ 937,215	\$1,830,798
State & Municipal Expenditures.....	<u>2,639,020</u>	<u>549,819</u>	<u>191,396</u>	<u>3,380,235</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$3,532,603</u>	<u>\$ 549,819</u>	<u>\$1,128,611</u>	<u>\$5,211,033</u>

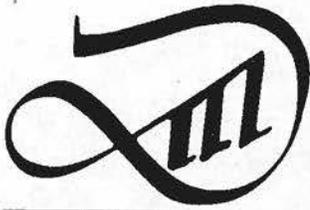
NOTE 6 LOAN OUTSTANDING

At June 30, 2003, the **Municipality** had an outstanding loan balance under program Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance (CFDA No. 14.228), for which the grantor does not impose continuing compliance requirements. The outstanding balance of the Loan Guarantee Assistance was \$900,000.

NOTE 7 MAJOR PROGRAMS

Major programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results Section of the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

END OF NOTES



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

**To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Municipal Legislature
Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico**

We have audited the financial statements of **Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico (Municipality)** as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued a report thereon dated February 27, 2004, which was qualified because we were unable to audit the fixed assets of the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and the balance in the Cash Account of the General Fund. Except as discussed in the preceding sentence, 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 **Municipality's** financial statements are 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*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the **Municipality's** internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not, to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider being reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our consideration relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the **Municipality's** ability to record, process, summarize and report financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 03-II-01 and 03-II-02.

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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 general-purpose combined 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 that the reportable conditions mentioned above are material weaknesses. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of the **Municipality** in a separate letter dated February 27, 2004.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs, and 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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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**

**To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Municipal Legislature
Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico**

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the **Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico (Municipality)** 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 fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. The **Municipality's** major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditors' Results 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 the **Municipality's** management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the **Municipality's** compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our 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 we 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 **Municipality's** compliance with those requirements and performing such others procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the **Municipality's** compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the **Municipality** complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 03-III-01 through 03-III-04.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the **Municipality** 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 our audit, we considered the **Municipality's** internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

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We noted certain matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider being reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the **Municipality's** ability to administer a major federal program in accordance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 03-III-01 through 03-III-04.

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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program 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 compliance 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 that the reportable conditions described above are not material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs, and 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


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PART III
FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPALITY OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:

- Unqualified Opinion Qualified Opinion
 Adverse Opinion Disclaimer Opinion

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Reportable condition(s) identified? Yes None Reported
- Material weakness (es) identified? Yes No
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Reportable condition(s) identified? Yes None Reported
- Material weakness (es) identified? Yes No

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for Major Programs:

- Unqualified Opinion Qualified Opinion
 Adverse Opinion Disclaimer Opinion

Any audit finding disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510 (a) of Circular A-133?

- Yes No

Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA NUMBER	NAME OF FEDERAL PROGRAM OR CLUSTER
14.228	State Block Grant Program (SBGP)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:

\$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

- Yes No

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SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FINDING	NUMBER 03-II-01
REQUIREMENT	REPORTABLE CONDITION OVER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT
CONDITION	Municipality failed to provide to us a detailed and updated Property, Plant and Equipment Subsidiary Ledger. <i>This is a prior year finding.</i>
CRITERIA	Article 10.002 of State Act Number 81 of August 30, 1991 stated that Municipality should maintain updated property accounting records.
EFFECT	Municipality did not maintain an adequate control of the accountability regarding property, plant and equipment transactions.
CAUSE	Municipality fails to maintain adequate internal control procedures to maintain a detailed and updated Property, Plant and Equipment Subsidiary Ledger.
RECOMMENDATION	Municipality should implement internal control procedures in order to comply with this requirement.
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE	Pending the Corrective Action Plan.

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SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FINDING	NUMBER 03-II-02
REQUIREMENT	REPORTABLE CONDITION OVER ACCOUNTING RECORDS
CONDITION	During our examination of the Municipality's accounting system we noted that the Municipality failed to implement adequate internal control procedures to maintain a complete accurate and reliable set of accounting records and reports. The Municipality prepares bank account reconciliation, but cash account balances per accounting records (Model 4A) were not reconciled with adjusted cash balance per banks. <i>This is a prior year finding.</i>
CRITERIA	Article 8.010 (c) (2) and (3) of State Act Number 81 of August 30, 1991 stated that Municipality should maintain accurate accounting records and fund controls.
EFFECT	Municipality did not maintain an adequate control of the accountability regarding cash transactions.
CAUSE	Municipality reconciled cash balances per bank, but did not reconcile cash balances per accounting records.
RECOMMENDATION	Municipality should reconcile monthly the accounting record's cash account balances with adjusted cash balances per bank.
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE	Pending the Corrective Action Plan.

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SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FINDING	NUMBER 03-III-01
FEDERAL PROGRAM	STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA NO. 14.228) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASS-THROUGH STATE – OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL
NONCOMPLIANCE	ALLOWABLE COST/COST PRINCIPLES
CONDITION	During our Grant Disbursements Test we noted that there was one (1) disbursement voucher without receiving report and invoice.
CRITERIA	OMB Circular A-87 has established that a cost allocable to a particular Federal award must be adequately documented to be allowable. Also Subpart C, 24 CFR 85.20 (b)(2)(6) has established that transaction posted on accounting records must be supported by source documentation such as canceled checks, paid bills, payrolls, time and attendance records, contracts, sub-grant awards documents, and others.
CAUSE	Municipality failed to maintain an adequate control over the record keeping of documents that justify the disbursements.
EFFECT	Municipality is not in compliance with Subpart C, 24 CFR 85.20 (b)(2)(6).
RECOMMENDATION	Municipality should implement adequate procedures to ensure that all disbursement transactions are properly authorized, contain all supporting documents, and that documents related to disbursements are kept in a safe place.
QUESTIONED COSTS	NONE
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE	Pending the Corrective Action Plan.

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SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FINDING	NUMBER 03-III-02
FEDERAL PROGRAM	STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA NO. 14.228) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASS-THROUGH STATE – OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL
NONCOMPLIANCE	CASH MANAGEMENT – EXCESS CASH BALANCES
CONDITION	Municipality held high cash balances according to the bank statements. This means that federal financial assistance is sometimes requested and not used to cover immediate expenditures incurred.
CRITERIA	Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart I, 24 CFR Section 570.489 (c) (1), stated that units of general local governments shall use procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds by the state and disbursement for activities, according with Treasury Circular 1075.
CAUSE	The Federal Program Department did no maintain appropriate cash management procedures in order to keep low cash balances.
EFFECT	It could be understood that Federal Program and Finance Departments are requesting funds in excess of the immediate expenditures incurred.
RECOMMENDATION	We recommend to management to revise their bank account balances in order to minimize the amounts held on the accounts.
QUESTIONED COSTS	None
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE	Pending the Corrective Action Plan.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FINDING	NUMBER 03-III-03
FEDERAL PROGRAM	STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA NO. 14.228) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASS-THROUGH STATE – OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL
NONCOMPLIANCE	EQUIPMENT AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
CONDITION	It was noted in our tests of equipment and real property management that the Municipality does not maintained an appropriate real property records as required by the federal regulation.
CRITERIA	Code of Federal Regulation, Subpart C, 24 CFR 85.32(d)(1), stated that property records must be maintained that includes a description of the property, serial number or other identification number, the source of property, percentage of Federal participation in the property, the location, use and condition of the property, any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal, sale price of property, a physical inventory of the property must be taken and the result reconciled with the property records at least once every two years, respectively.
EFFECT	Municipality is not in compliance with Subpart C, 24 CFR 85.32 (d)(1).
CAUSE	There is no internal control procedure implemented to assure that property register includes all necessary information, as required by Subpart C, 24 CFR 85.32 (d)(1) of Common Rules.
RECOMMENDATION	We recommend management to implement internal control procedures to assure that a property register of federal program is maintained.
QUESTIONED COSTS	None
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE	Pending the Corrective Action Plan.

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SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FINDING	NUMBER 03-III-04
FEDERAL PROGRAM	STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA NO. 14.228) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASS THROUGH STATE – OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL
NONCOMPLIANCE	REPORTING
CONDITION	The quarterly reports were not reconciled with program books and the Municipality did not maintain evidence of there was timely submitted.
CRITERIA	Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart I, 24 CFR Section 570.506 (h), states that Grantees shall maintain evidence to support how the CDBG funds provided to such entities are expended. Also, Subpart I, 24 CFR Section 570.507 (d) (Other Reports) sets forth that recipients may be required to submit such other reports and information as HUD determines are necessary to carry out its responsibilities under the Act or other applicable laws. In accordance with this regulation, the Office of the Commissioner for Municipal Affairs requires recipients to file Quarterly Reports stating, budgeted amounts per project, period expenditures and remaining balances.
CAUSE	There are no appropriate internal control procedures implemented to assure this compliance.
EFFECT	Municipality did not follow the regulations concerning the safekeeping of it's supporting documents, and therefore, could not provide evidence of it's compliance with said requirements.
RECOMMENDATION	Municipality should implement adequate procedures to ensure that all reports issued to the concerned government agencies are kept in a safe place so that there is evidence as to there complete accordance with said regulations and requirements.
QUESTIONED COSTS	None
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE	Pending the Corrective Action Plan.

END OF SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT'S FINDINGS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

FISCAL YEAR	FINDING NUMBER	FINDING	CFDA NUMBER	QUESTIONED COST	COMMENTS
(1) Audit Findings that have been fully corrected:					
		NONE			
(2) Audit Findings not Corrected or Partially Corrected:					
2002	02-III-01	Allowable Cost/Cost Principles – Supporting documents not available.	14.228	NONE	
	02-III-02	Cash Management – Municipality held excess of cash.	14.228	NONE	Municipality Mayor gave an instruction to the Finance Director that, in coordination with Federal Program Director, follows the procedures required by Federal Government, in order to comply with this guideline.
	02-III-03	Equipment and Real Property Management	14.228	NONE	
	02-III-04	Procurement Standards	14.228	NONE	
2001	01-III-01	Cash Management – Municipality held excess of cash.	14.228	NONE	See Finding Number 02-III-02 above.
2000	00-III-01	Allowable Cost/Cost Principles – Supporting documents not available.	14.228	\$25,041.73	See Finding Number 02-III-01 above. Questioned cost pending of final determination.
	00-III-02	Cash Management – Municipality held excess of cash.	14.228	NONE	See Finding Number 02-III-02 above.
	00-III-03	Procurement Standards	14.228	NONE	See Finding Number 02-III-04 above.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT'S FINDINGS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

FISCAL YEAR	FINDING NUMBER	FINDING	CFDA NUMBER	QUESTIONED COST	COMMENTS
(3) Corrective action taken is significantly different from corrective action previously reported:					
		NONE			
(4) Audit findings is no longer valid:					
1999	99-III-01	Municipality held excess of cash.	14.228	NONE	More than two years had passed without pass-through or federal agency action.
	99-III-02	Procurement Standards	14.228	NONE	More than two years had passed without pass-through or federal agency action.
1998	98-III-01	Municipality held excess of cash.	14.228	NONE	More than two years had passed without pass-through or federal agency action.
	98-III-02	Procurement Standards	14.228	NONE	More than two years had passed without pass-through or federal agency action above.
1997	97-III-01	Municipality held excess of cash.	14.228	NONE	More than two years had passed without pass-through or federal agency action.

END OF SCHEDULE