

Riverhead Industrial Development Agency
Assessment of the Effectiveness of Internal Controls
December 31, 2011

Objectives: The importance of an adequate system of internal control is to: (a) promote effective and efficient operations so as to help the authority carry out its mission; (b) provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against inappropriate or unauthorized use; (c) promote the accuracy and reliability of accounting data and financial reporting to ensure transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly in accounting records; (d) encourage adherence to management's policies and procedures for conducting programs and operations; and (e) ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, a successful system of internal control includes performing an annual assessment to identify potential weaknesses in policies or procedures and to implement corrective actions.

The internal control structure and procedures of the Agency are discussed with the external auditor on an annual basis as well as continuously reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer. As a result the current internal controls provide an effective and accurate means to report financial matters.

Please refer to the report dated February 27, 2012 from our independent auditor for an assessment of our internal control structure and procedures.