

***CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY***

***REGULATORY BASIS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

***DECEMBER 31, 2015***

**CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Directors  
City of Cohoes Industrial  
Development Agency

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2015, and related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the regulatory reporting provisions of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency, on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to comply with the requirements of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

## **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency, as of December 31, 2015, or the changes in its financial position, or its cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

## **Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as of December 31, 2015 and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of New York State Office of the State Comptroller as described in Note 1.

## **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 12, 2016 on our consideration of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**CUSACK & COMPANY, CPA’S LLC**

Latham, New York  
February 12, 2016

**CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

*STATEMENT OF NET POSITION*

*DECEMBER 31, 2015*

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**ASSETS**

Assets

Cash

\$ 344,677

**NET POSITION**

Net Position

\$ 344,677

**CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
*STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION*  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015*

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Revenue:		
Administrative Fees		\$ 750
Interest		<u>77</u>
Total Revenue		<u>827</u>
Expenses:		
Project Expenses		73,550
Professional Fees		18,173
Other Expenses		<u>1,959</u>
Total Expenses		<u>93,682</u>
Excess of Expenses Over Revenue		(92,855)
Net Position at Beginning of Year		<u>437,532</u>
Net Position at End of Year		<u>\$ 344,677</u>

**CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

*STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS*

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015*

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Operating activities:	
Excess of expenses over revenues	\$ (92,855)
Cash at beginning of year	<u>437,532</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 344,677</u>

**1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Business Activity*

The City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was created in 1972 by the State of New York under the provisions of Chapter 313 of the 1972 Laws of New York State for the purpose of encouraging economic growth in the City of Cohoes (the “City”). The City appoints the Agency’s governing board.

*Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for complying with General Municipal Law, Section 859 in which every Industrial Development Agency is required to make an annual financial report. The most significant difference between this regulatory basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) is the Government Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement 34 “Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments” need not be implemented to meet the requirements of General Municipal Law. GASB 34 requires significant changes including:

- Government-Wide Reporting
- Focus on Major Funds
- Changes in Budgetary Reporting
- Full Accrual Accounting Including Depreciation
- Management’s Discussion and Analysis
- Capitalization of Infrastructure Assets

Management has considered the costs and benefits of adopting GASB 34 and determined that preparing the financial statements utilizing another comprehensive basis of accounting as opposed to GAAP makes fiscal sense for the Agency.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Agency. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when they are susceptible to accrual, *i.e.*, both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

*Income Taxes*

The Agency operates as an independent entity and is exempt from Federal, State and local income taxes.

**CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 31, 2015

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**1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Subsequent Events*

Management has evaluated subsequent events or transactions as to any potential material impact on operations or financial position occurring through February 12, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No such events or transactions were identified.

**2. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND AND NOTE TRANSACTIONS**

Certain industrial development revenue bonds and notes issued by the Agency are collateralized by property which is leased to companies and is retired by lease payments. The bonds and notes are not obligations of the Agency, the City, or New York State. The Agency does not record the assets or liabilities resulting from completed bonds and notes issued in its accounts since its primary function is to arrange the financing between the borrowing companies and the bond and note holders, and funds arising therefrom are controlled by trustees or banks acting as fiscal agents. For providing this service, the Agency receives bond administration fees from the borrowing companies. Such administrative fee income is recognized immediately upon issuance of bonds and notes. Industrial bonds issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015 was \$4,380,000 for one loan to American Housing Management Co. Inc.

**3. CASH**

The Agency's investment policies are governed by State statutes. Agency monies must be deposited in FDIC insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The Agency is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and obligations of New York State and its localities.

Of the total bank balance of \$344,677 at December 31, 2015, \$250,000 was covered by FDIC Insurance and \$94,677 was collateralized.

**4. PROJECT EXPENSES**

Project expenses includes \$65,000 as a result of an intermunicipal agreement with the Cohoes Local Development Corporation.

**ADDITIONAL REPORT REQUIRED BY  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED  
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Directors  
City of Cohoes Industrial  
Development Agency

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the regulatory basis financial statements of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency, a component unit of the City of Cohoes, which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 12, 2016.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory basic financial statements, we considered the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a significant deficiency:

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Statement on Auditing Standards “Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants requires the reporting of a significant deficiency if the Organization does not employ an individual with the necessary qualifications to prepare a complete set of financial statements and related footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The City of Cohoes Industrial Development Corporation does not employ such a person. A similar comment has been made in prior years. Governance and management have been advised of this and have concluded that the cost to rectify this comment would exceed the benefit.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency’s regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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 or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Latham, New York  
February 12, 2016

See “Outsourcing of Financial Statement Preparation Process to Your Auditors” comment on page 9.

*CITY OF COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY*  
*SCHEDULE OF STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS*  
*DECEMBER 31, 2015*

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