Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority

Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Directors Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority 322 Warren Street Sandusky, Ohio 44870

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Erie County, prepared by Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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April 27, 2009

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ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the aggregate discretely presented component unit of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Authority basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities and the aggregate discretely presented component unit of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective change in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated February 25, 2009, on my consideration of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting 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 and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the result of my audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiry of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion thereon.

My Audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements that collectively comprise the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority basic financial statements. 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 Government and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respect in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc.

February 25, 2009

The Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority's ("the Authority") management's discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Authority's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Authority's financial position, and (d) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

Since the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current years activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements (beginning on page 14).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Authority's net assets increased by \$.2 million during 2008. Since the Authority engages only in business-type activities, the increase is all in the category of business-type net assets. The component units net assets increased by less than \$.1 million.
- The Authority's total revenues increased by \$.2 million and the component units remain stable.
- The total expenses of all Authority programs increased by \$.2 million and the component units remain stable.

Authority Financial Statements

The Authority financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business type activities are consolidated into columns, which add to a total for the entire Authority.

These Statements include a <u>Statement of Net Assets</u>, which is similar to a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Assets reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets, minus liabilities, equal "Net Assets", formerly known as equity. Assets and liabilities are presented in order of liquidity, and are classified as "Current" (convertible into cash within one year), and "Non-current".

The focus of the Statement of Net Assets (the "<u>Unrestricted</u> Net Assets") is designed represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority.

Net Assets (formerly equity) are reported in three broad categories:

<u>Net Assets, Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</u>: This component of Net Assets consists of all Capital Assets, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted Net Assets</u>: This component of Net Assets consists of restricted assets, when constraints are placed on the asset by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, etc.

<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>: Consists of Net Assets that do not meet the definition of "Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt", or "Restricted Net Assets".

The Authority financial statements also include a <u>Statement of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenses and</u> <u>Changes in Fund Net Assets</u> (similar to an Income Statement). This Statement includes Operating Revenues, such as rental income, Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, and maintenance, and depreciation, and Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, such as capital grant revenue, investment income and interest expense.

The focus of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets is the "Change in Net Assets", which is similar to Net Income or Loss.

Finally, a <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u> is included, which discloses net cash provided by, or used for operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and from capital and related financing activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The Authority consists of exclusively Enterprise Funds. Enterprise funds utilize the full accrual basis of accounting. The Enterprise method of accounting is similar to accounting utilized by the private sector accounting.

Many of the programs maintained by the Authority are required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Others are segregated to enhance accountability and control.

The Authority's Programs

<u>Conventional Public Housing (PH)</u> – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30% of adjusted gross household income.

<u>Capital Fund Program (CFP)</u> – This is the current primary funding source for the Authority's physical and management improvements. While the formula funding methodology used for the CGP was revised for the CFP, funds are still provided by formula allocation and based on size and age of your units.

<u>Housing Choice Voucher Program</u> – Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Authority administers contracts with independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family's rent through a Housing Assistance Payment made to the landlord. The program is administered under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides Annual Contributions Funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that sets the participants' rent at 30% of household income.

<u>Special Programs for the Aging – Title III-B –</u> represents resources derived from the administration of the Title III-B program by the Erie County Senior Center. The program provides services for the elderly of Erie County for transportation, escort, education, information & referral, volunteer placement, health assessment and socialization. Funding is received through the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc. from the Department of Health and Human Services.

<u>Special Programs for the Aging – Title III-C</u> – Under the Title III-C Program, the Authority oversees the administration of the nutrition program by the Erie County Senior Center. Funding is received from the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc. through the Department of Health and Human Services to provide nutritionally balanced meals to residents of Erie County age 60 and older. Meals are provided for a donation only.</u>

<u>Business Activities</u> – represents non-HUD resources derived from the management fees of the Erie Community Plaza, Inc. (a 202 PRAC project).

<u>Component Unit</u> –Under the component units, the Authority oversees the administration of the Erie County Senior Center Gift Store and the local fund-raising activities of the Erie County Senior Center to provide the local cash match needed for the Title III-B and Title III-C programs.

AUTHORITY STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Assets

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Assets compared to prior year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

TABLE 1

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority

		<u>2008</u> (in millions		2007 (in millions
	¢	of dollars)	ф	of dollars)
Current Assets	\$	2.9	\$	2.0
Capital Assets	-	5.5		5.1
Total Assets	\$	8.4	\$	7.1
Current Liabilities	\$	0.3	\$	0.3
Long-Term Liabilities	-	1.2		0.1
Total Liabilities	_	1.5		0.4
Net Assets:				
Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt		4.4		5.1
Restricted Net Assets		0.9		0.0
Unrestricted Net Assets	-	1.6		1.6
Total Net Assets	-	6.9		6.7
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$_	8.4	\$	7.1

For more detailed information see page 12 for the Statement of Net Assets.

TABLE 1 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS <u>Component Units</u>

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current Assets	\$ 0.3 \$	0.2
Capital Assets	 0.0	0.0
Total Assets	\$ 0.3 \$	0.2
Current Liabilities	\$ 0.0 \$	0.0
Long-Term Liabilities	 0.0	0.0
Total Liabilities	 0.0	0.0
Net Assets:		
Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Net Assets	 0.3	0.2
Total Net Assets	 0.3	0.2
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 0.3 \$	0.2

For more detailed information see page 12 for the Statement of Net Assets.

Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Net Assets

During 2008, the Authority's current assets increased by \$.9 million and current liabilities remained stable. The increase in the total net assets is due largely to receiving the proceeds from the Capital Fund Financing Program to be used for the continued renovations at the Bayshore Towers. The component unit liability remained stable with a slide increase in current assets.

Capital assets of the Authority also changed, increasing from \$5.1 million to \$5.5 million and the component units remained the same. For more detail see "Capital Assets" on page 12.

Table 2 presents details on the change in Unrestricted Net Assets

TABLE 2

CHANGE OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority					
	Investment in	Restricted	Unrestricted		
	Capital Assets	Net Assets	Net Assets		
Beginning Balance - June 30, 2007	\$5.1	\$0.0	\$1.6		
Results of Operation	0.0	0.0	0.2		
Adjustments:					
Current year Depreciation Expense (1)	(0.5)	0.0	0.5		
Current year Capital Additions	1.1	0.0	(1.1)		
Current year Debt Activities, Net	(1.1)	0.0	1.1		
Transfer to Restricted Net Assets	(0.2)	0.9	(0.7)		
Ending Balance - June 30, 2008	\$4.4	\$0.9	\$1.6		

<u>Component Unit</u>					
	Investment in	Restricted	Unrestricted		
	Capital Assets	Net Assets	Net Assets		
Beginning Balance - June 30, 2007	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.2		
Results of Operation	0.0	0.0	0.1		
Adjustments:					
Current year Depreciation Expense (1)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0		
Current year Capital Additions	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Current year Debt Activities, Net	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Transfer to Restricted Net Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Ending Balance - June 30, 2008	(\$0.0)	\$0.0	\$0.3		

(1) Depreciation is treated as an expense and reduces the results of operations but does not have an impact on Unrestricted Net Assets.

While the results of operations are a significant measure of the Authority's activities, the analysis of the changes in Unrestricted Net Assets provides a clearer change in financial well-being.

TABLE 3

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous fiscal year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority					
		2008	<u>2007</u>		
		(in millions	(in millions		
		of dollars)	of dollars)		
<u>Revenues</u>					
Tenant Revenue - Rents and Other	\$	0.3	\$ 0.3		
Operating Subsidies and Grants		7.0	6.4		
Capital Grants		0.1	0.5		
Investment Income		0.1	(0.0)		
Other Revenues		0.4	0.5		
	_				
Total Revenues	_	7.9	7.7		
Expenses					
Administrative and Tenant Services		1.0	1.1		
Utilities		0.2	0.3		
Maintenance		0.8	0.7		
General and Other Expenses		0.3	0.2		
Housing Assistance Payaments		4.9	4.7		
Depreciation		0.5	0.5		
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Total Expenses	_	7.7	7.5		
Net Increases (Decreases)	\$_	0.2	\$0.2		

<u>Component U</u>	J nits		
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenues			
Tenant Revenue - Rents and Other	\$	0.0 \$	0.0
Operating Subsidies and Grants		0.0	0.0
Capital Grants		0.0	0.0
Investment Income		0.0	0.0
Other Revenues		0.2	0.2
Total Revenues		0.2	0.2
Expenses			
Administrative and Tenant Services		0.1	0.1
Utilities		0.0	0.0
Maintenance		0.0	0.0
General and Other Expenses		0.0	0.0
Housing Assistance Payaments		0.0	0.0
Depreciation		0.0	0.0
Total Expenses		0.1	0.1
Net Increases (Decreases)	\$	0.1 \$	0.1

MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Tenant revenue was stable during 2008 in comparison to 2007. Operating Subsidies and Grants increased while Capital Grants decreased. The increase in the public housing subsidy was due to a lower percentage proration holdback by the federal government than originally projected. With the acceptance of the Authority's stop-loss application and successful conversion to asset management, the operating subsidy reduction was limited to 95%, increasing the operating subsidy for the current and future years

Most expenses remained stable due to cost saving measures including lay-off's and employee benefit reductions. Property and general insurance had the largest increase due to rising market trends. Housing Assistance Payments increased in 2008 due to an increase in the total number of Section 8 vouchers from 1028 to 1047 units due to the receipt of 19 enhanced vouchers at the Viewpoint Apartments.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of year end, the Authority had \$5.5 million invested in a variety of capital assets and the component units had less than \$.1 million, as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a net decrease (addition, deductions and depreciation) of \$.4 million for the Authority and less than \$.1 million for the component units in comparison with prior year.

TABLE 4

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority				
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Land and Land Rights	\$	0.7 \$	0.7	
Buildings and Improvements		12.5	12.5	
Equipment		0.7	0.6	
Accumulated Depreciation		(9.0)	(8.7)	
Construction in Progress		0.6	0.0	
Total	\$	5.5 \$	5.1	

	Component Units		
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land and Land Rights	\$	0.0 \$	0.0
Buildings		0.0	0.0
Equipment		0.0	0.0
Accumulated Depreciation		(0.0)	(0.0)
Construction in Progress		0.0	0.0
Total	\$	0.0 \$	0.0

The following reconciliation summarizes the change in Capital Assets, which is presented in detail in the notes.

		EMHA	<u>Componet Unit</u>
Beginning Balance - June 30, 2007	\$	5.1	\$ 0.0
Current year Additions		1.1	0.0
Current year Depreciation Expense		(0.5)	(0.0)
Disposal of Assets		(0.2)	0.0
Ending Balance - June 30, 2008	\$	5.5	\$(0.0)
		EMHA	<u>Componet Unit</u>
Current year Additions are summarized as follows			
Current year Additions are summarized as follows - Tractor and Snow Plow	: \$	0.0	\$ 0.0
- Tractor and Snow Plow		0.0	\$ 0.0
- Tractor and Snow Plow - 508 Gartland St.		0.0	\$ 0.0 0.0
Tractor and Snow Plow508 Gartland St.Appliances		0.0 0.1 0.0	\$ 0.0 0.0 0.0

TABLE 5

This year's major additions primarily capital expenditures related to modernizing the Authority's housing developments and a transfer of property with Firelands Regional Hospital. Also a small amount of equipment was purchased.

DEBT

During this year, the Authority entered into an agreement with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to receive \$1,160,454 from the Capital Fund Financing Program to be repaid over 20 years. The following is a comparison of the Authority's debt outstanding at year end 2008 and year end 2007.

TABLE 6

	<u>EMHA</u>	Component Unit
Beginning Balance - June 30, 2007	\$ 0.0 \$	0.0
Current Year Debt Issued	1.2	0.0
Current Year Principal Payments	 (0.1)	0.0
Ending Balance - June 30, 2008	\$ 1.1 \$	0.0

ECONOMIC FACTORS

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding provide by Congress to the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Local labor supply and demand, which can affect salary and wage rates
- Local inflationary, recessionary and employment trends, which can affect resident incomes and therefore the amount of rental income
- Inflationary pressure on utility rates, supplies and other costs

FINANCIAL CONTACT

The individual to be contacted regarding this report is Cheryl L. Ward, Finance Director of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority at (419) 625-0262, extension #1112. Specific requests may be submitted to the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority at 322 Warren Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund	Component Units
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$772,396	\$223,261
Cash restricted	1,852,522	0
Receivables, net	201,133	40,981
Inventories, net	21,700	9,492
Prepaid expenses and other assets	56,446	33,457
Total current assets	2,904,197	307,191
Noncurrent assets		
Capital assets:		
Land	670,110	0
Building and equipment	13,150,881	57,453
Less accumulated depreciation	(8,937,232)	(49,379)
Construction in progress	661,152	0
Total noncurrent assets	5,544,911	8,074
Total assets	\$8,449,108	\$315,265
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$147,778	\$21,987
Accrued liabilities	12,479	711
Tenant security deposits	21,855	0
Deferred revenue	650	15,000
Mortgage revenue bond (current)	66,045	0
Other current liabilities	102,219	0
Total current liabilities	351,026	37,698

ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Statement of Net Assets (Continued) Proprietary Funds June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund	Component Units
Noncurrent liabilities		
Accrued compensated absences non-current	108,804	6,395
Mortgage revenue bond (noncurrent)	1,044,409	0
Noncurrent liabilities - other	17,344	0
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,170,557	6,395
Total liabilities	\$1,521,583	\$44,093
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 4,434,457	\$8,074
Restricted net assets	917,828	0
Unrestricted net assets	\$1,575,240	263,098
Total net assets	\$6,927,525	\$271,172

ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund	Component Units
OPERATING REVENUES		
Tenant Revenue	\$359,667	\$0
Government operating grants	6,993,027	0
Other revenue	393,361	212,624
Total operating revenues	7,746,055	212,624
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administrative	985,428	99,219
Tenant services	83,246	0
Utilities	248,318	83
Maintenance	758,195	40,940
Protective services	44,430	0
General	224,920	7,530
Housing assistance payment	4,859,809	0
Depreciation	486,683	6,793
Total operating expenses	7,691,029	154,565
Operating income (loss)	55,026	58,059
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest and investment revenue	99,081	2,971
Interest expense	(40,648)	0
Loss from disposal of asset	24,958	0
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	83,391	2,971
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	138,417	61,030
Capital grants	106,378	0
Change in net assets	244,795	61,030
Total net assets - beginning	6,682,730	210,142
Total net assets - ending	\$6,927,525	\$271,172

ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund	Component Units
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating grants received	\$6,993,027	\$0
Tenant revenue received	248,739	0
Other revenue received	393,361	208,256
Housing assistance payments made	(4,859,809)	0
General and administrative expenses paid	(2,223,830)	(144,496)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	551,488	63,760
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Capital grant funds received	106,378	0
Debt proceeds received	1,160,454	0
Retirement of debt	(50,000)	0
Interest paid on Debt	(40,648)	0
Property and equipment purchased	(1,088,648)	0
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing		
activities	87,536	0
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers from investments	1,096,469	50,000
Interest received	99,081	2,971
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,195,550	52,971
Net increase (decrease) in cash	1,834,574	116,731
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of year	790,344	106,530
Cash and cash equivalents - End of year	\$2,624,918	\$223,261

ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Statement of Cash Flows (Continued) Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund	Component Units
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$55,026	\$58,059
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by		1
Operating Activities		
- Depreciation	486,683	6,793
- (Increases) Decreases in Accounts Receivable	(110,928)	(4,368)
- (Increases) Decreases in Inventory	6,981	(240)
- (Increases) Decreases in Prepaid Assets	(1,891)	(457)
- (Increases) Decreases in Due from Component Unit	3,313	0
- Increases (Decreases) in Accounts Payable	23,453	(6,996)
- Increases (Decreases) in Accrued Wages and Taxes Payable	9,988	295
- Increases (Decreases) in Compensated Absences Payable	5,597	(1,013)
- Increases (Decreases) in Deferred Revenue	231	15,000
- Increases (Decreases) in Other Current Liabilities	(31,729)	0
- Increases (Decreases) in Tenant Security Deposits	93	0
- Increases (Decreases) in Other Non-Current Liabilities	2,452	0
- Increases (Decreases) in Payable to Primary Government	102,219	(3,313)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$551,488	\$63,760

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority (the Authority) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority was created under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3735.27. The Authority contracts with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide low and moderate income persons with safe and sanitary housing through subsidies provided by HUD. The Authority depends on the subsidies from HUD to operate.

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provision of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 14, the Financial Reporting Entity, in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities and functions for which the Authority is financially accountable. This report includes all activities considered by management to be part of the Authority by virtue of Section 2100 of the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

Section 2100 indicates that the reporting entity consists of a) the primary government, b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's government body and either it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A primary government has the ability to impose its' will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, or activities of, or the level of services performed or provided by, the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government a) is entitled to the organization's resources; b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or c) is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

The accompanying financial statements present the Authority's primary government and the Erie County Senior Center Gift Store, component unit, which the Authority exercises, significant control.

Component Units

The component unit is reported in the Authority financial statements as shown below:

<u>Discretely Presented Component Unit</u> Erie County Senior Center Gift Store

Brief Description and Relationship

The Housing Authority board members represent a majority of the Erie County Senior Center therefore; it can significantly influence the activities. Also, the Authority staffs run the day to day operation which gives the Authority the responsibility for any financial support if necessary.

Basis of Presentation

The Authority's financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

Fund Accounting

The Authority uses the proprietary fund to report on its' financial position and the results of its' operations for the operation of its' programs. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The Authority uses the proprietary category for its' programs.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Proprietary Fund Types

Proprietary funds are used to account for the Authority's ongoing activities, which are similar to those found in the private sector. The following is the proprietary fund type:

<u>Enterprise Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenue earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The proprietary funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, the Authority follows GASB guidance as applicable to proprietary funds and FASB Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued after November 30, 1989, that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Description of programs

The following are the various programs which are included in the single enterprise fund:

A. Public Housing Program

The public housing program is designed to provide low-cost housing within the Erie County. Under this program, HUD provides funding via an annual contribution contract. These funds, combined with the rental income received from tenants, are available solely to meet the operating expenses of the program.

B. Capital Fund Program

The capital fund program provides funds annually, via a formula, to Public Housing Agencies for capital and management activities, including modernization and development housing.

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

C. Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Housing Choice Voucher Program was authorized by Section 8 of the National Housing Act and provides housing assistance payments to private, not-for-profit or public landlords to subsidize rentals for low-income persons.

D. Special Program for the Aging – Title III C

Under the title III-C Program, the Authority oversees the administration of the nutrition program by the Erie County Senior Center. Funding is received from the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc. through the Department of Health and Human Services to provide nutritionally balance meals to residents of Erie County age 60 and older. Meals are provided for a donation only.

E. Special Program for the Aging – Title III B

This program provides services for the elderly of Erie County for transportation, escort, education, information & referral, volunteer placement, health assessments and socialization. Funding is received through the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc. from the Department of Health and Human Services.

F. **Business Activities**

This program represents non-HUD resources derived from the management fees of the Erie Community Plaza, Inc.

Investments

The provisions of the HUD Regulations restrict investments. Investments are valued at market value. Interest income earned in fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 totaled \$99,081 for the primary government and \$2,971 for component unit.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. The capitalization policy of the Authority is to depreciate all non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and purchase price of \$500 or more per unit. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of three years to forty years. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged directly to expense as they are incurred. Expenditures determined to represent additions or betterments are capitalized.

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets – net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are recorded as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use by internal or external restrictions.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary fund and expenses incurred for the day to day operation. For the Authority, operating revenues are tenant rent charges, operating subsidy from HUD and other miscellaneous revenue.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash balance as of June 30, 2008 represents cash on hand for the following:

		Component
	EMHA	<u>Units</u>
- Modernization and development	\$895,494	\$0
- Tenant security deposit	21,855	0
- Cash on hand to be used for tenants housing		
assistance payments	935,173	0
Total Restricted Cash	\$1,852,522	\$0

Compensated Absences

The Authority accounts for compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16. Sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments. To calculate the liability, these accumulations are reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination payment. All employees who meet

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

Compensated Absences (continued)

the termination policy of the Authority for years of service are included in the calculation of the compensated absence accrual amount.

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met: (1) the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee. (2) It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

In the proprietary fund, the compensated absences are expensed when earned with the amount reported as a fund liability.

Capital Contributions

This represents contributions made available by HUD with respect to all federally aided projects under an annual contribution contract.

Budgetary Accounting

The Authority annually prepares its budget as prescribed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This budget is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and once approved is adopted by the Board of the Housing Authority.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the Authority into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Authority treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawn on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

NOTE 2: <u>CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u> (Continued)

Inactive deposits are public deposits identified as not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit, maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit, or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of Authority deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by collateral held by Authority or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Primary Government

At fiscal year end June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits totaled \$2,624,918 and its bank balance was \$2,768,085. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure," as of June 30, 2008, \$2,515,402 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$252,683 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Component Unit

At year end the carrying amount of the component unit deposit was \$223,261 and the bank balance was \$223,701. This amount was covered by the specific collateral pledged held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Authority.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Authority will not be able to recover the deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at the Federal Reserve Banks or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Authority.

NOTE 3: NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES

The accompanying Schedule of expenditure of Federal Awards is a summary of the activity of the Authority's federal awards programs. The schedule has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

NOTE 4: <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 the Authority maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for health, real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage.

Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the last three years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from last year.

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of the capital assets:

Primary Government				
	Balance	Adjust /	Adjust /	Balance
	06/30/07	Additions	Deletion	06/30/08
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$653,158	\$20,411	\$3,459	\$670,110
Construction in Progress	0	661,152	0	661,152
Total Capital Assets Not Being				
Depreciated	653,158	681,563	3,459	1,331,262
Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated:				
Buildings	12,472,933	365,609	278,184	12,560,358
Furniture, Mach. & Equip	554,722	41,476	5,675	590,523
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated	13,027,655	407,085	283,859	13,150,881
Accumulated Depreciated:				
Buildings	8,157,622	458,309	171,529	8,444,402
Furniture, Mach. & Equip	465,431	28,374	975	492,830
Total Accumulated Depreciated	8,623,053	486,683	172,504	8,937,232
Total Capital Assets Being	4 404 602	(70 509)	111 255	1 213 640
Depreciated, Net	4,404,602	(79,598)	111,355	4,213,649

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Primary Government				
	Balance	Adjust /	Adjust /	Balance
	06/30/07	Additions	Deletion	06/30/08
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$5,057,760	\$601,965	114,814	\$5,544,911
Total Primary Government	\$5,057,760	\$601,965	\$114,814	\$5,544,911

Component Unit				
	Balance 06/30/07	Adjust / Additions	Adjust / Deletion	Balance 06/30/08
Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated:				
Furniture, Mach. & Equip	\$57,453	\$0	\$0	\$57,453
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated	57,453	0	0	57,453
Accumulated Depreciated:				
Furniture, Mach. & Equip	42,586	6,793	0	49,379
Total Accumulated Depreciated	42,586	6,793	0	49,379
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	14,867	(6,793)	0	8,074
Total Component Unit	\$14,867	(\$6,793)	\$0	\$8,074

NOTE 6: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS -PUBLIC EMPLOYEES</u> <u>RETIREMENT SYSTEM</u>

All full-time employees of Authority participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. OPERS provide basic retirement, disability and survivor benefits, based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for OPERS. Interested

NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS -PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 466-2085 or (800) 222-PERS.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System administers three separate pension plans as described below:

- 1. The Traditional Pension Plan A cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.
- 2. The Member-Direct Plan A defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Direct Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions, plus any investment earnings.
- 3. The Combined Plan A cost sharing, multiple-employer defined pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefits similar in nature to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.5 percent through December 31, 2007 and 10.0 percent effective January 1, 2008. The employer share of the contribution rate for the Authority was 13.85 percent through December 31, 2007 and 14.0 percent effective January 1, 2008. Contributions are authorized by state statue. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The authority required contributions to OPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$130,765, \$133,045, and \$147,007 respectively. Ninety-Two percent has been contributed for 2008. All required contributions for the two previous years have been paid.

NOTE 7: <u>POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES</u> <u>RETIREMENT SYSTEM</u>

The Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (OPERS) provides postemployment health care benefits to age and service retirants with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit and to primary survivor recipients of such retirants. Health care coverage for disability recipients is also available. The health care coverage provided by the OPERS is considered an Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 12. A portion of each employer's

NOTE 7: <u>POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES</u> <u>RETIREMENT SYSTEM</u> (Continued)

contribution to the OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory Authority requiring public employers to fund post-employment health care through their contributions to the OPERS. The portion of the 2007 employer contribution rate (identified above) that was used to fund health care for the year ended June 30, 2008 was 4.0 percent of covered payroll, which amounted to \$37,558. The significant actuarial assumptions and calculations relating to post-employment health care benefits were based on the OPERS' latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2007. An entry age normal actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining the present value of OPEB. The difference between assumed and actual experience (actuarial gains and losses) becomes part of unfunded actuarial accrued liability. All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Under this approach assets are adjusted annually to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets. The investment assumption rate for 2007 was 6.5 percent. An annual increase of 4.0 percent compounded annually is the base portion of the individual pay increase assumption. This assumes no change in the number of active employees. Additionally, annual pay increases, over and above the 4.0 percent base increase, were assumed to range from 0.50 percent to 6.3 percent. Health care costs were assumed to increase at a project wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from .5% to 4.0% for the next 7 years. In subsequent years (8 and beyond), health care costs were assumed to increase at 4% (the projected wage inflation rate).

Benefits are advanced-funded on an actuarially determined basis. The number of active contributing participants was 365,503. The actuarial value of the OPERS' net assets available for OPEB at December 31, 2007 was \$12.8 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial cost method used, were \$29.8 billion and \$17.0 billion, respectively.

NOTE 8: DEBT

Note dated July, 17, 2007, due June 2027, funded by a bond issue in the principal amount of \$40,532,000, of which EMHA's share is \$1,160,454. Repayment of the loan funded through contributions from HUD under the Capital Fund Program and investment earnings. Payment made by reducing the Capital Fund Program subsidy due EMHA. Payments are due semi-annually beginning October 1, 2007, totaling approximately \$90,000 annually. Serial bonds issued with fixed interest rates between 3.90% and 4.67%. The bonds were issued to provide major renovations at Bayshore towers. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2008 is \$1,110,454.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	BALANCE			BALANCE
DESCRIPTION	06/30/07	ISSUED	RETIRED	06/30/08
Ohio Housing Finance Agency	\$0	\$ 1,160,454	\$50,000	\$1,110,454
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,160,454	\$50,000	\$1,110,454

Debt maturities for the next five years are estimated as follows:

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
June 30, 2009	\$66,045	\$52,626
2010	40,000	51,226
2011	40,000	49,626
2012	40,000	47,826
2013	45,000	46,026
2014 - 2018	250,000	146,534
2019 - 2023	310,000	128,250
2024 - 2028	319,409	90,216
Total	\$1,110,454	\$612,330

NOTE 9: CONTINGENCIES

Litigations and Claims

In the normal course of operations the PHA may be subject to litigation and claims. At June 30, 2008 the PHA was involved in such matters. While the outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined, management believes that their ultimate resolution will not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority Schedule of Expenditures Federal Award For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

FEDERAL GRANTOR / PASS THROUGH GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLES	CFDA NUMBER	EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Direct Program		
Low Rent Public Housing	14.850	\$ 831,825
Housing Choice Voucher Program	14.871	5,733,922
Public Housing – Capital Fund Program	14.872	305,113
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		6,870,860
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pass-Through Program From: Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.		
Aging Programs (Cluster) Special Program for the Aging – Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Center	93.044	42,861
Special Programs for the Aging – Title III, Part C Nutrition Services	93.045	185,684
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		228,545
Total Expenditure of Federal Award		\$7,099,405



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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

Board of Directors Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority

I have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities, and the aggregate discretely presented component unit of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 25, 2009. I conducted my 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.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Authority's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other that these specified parties.

Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc.

February 25, 2009



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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

Board of Directors Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, 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 year ended June 30, 2008. Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's result 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 Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on Erie Metropolitan Housing Housing Authority, Ohio's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I 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 Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination on Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio 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 my audit, I considered Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an Authority's internal control over compliance 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Authority's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Salvatore Consiglio, CPA, Inc.

February 25, 2009

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs OMB Circular A-133 § .505 June 30, 2008

Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
Were there any significant deficiency reported as material weakness at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any significant deficiency reported for any major federal programs as material weakness?	No
Were there any other significant deficiency reported for the major federal programs?	No
Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
Major Programs (list):	CFDA # 14.871 – Housing Choice Voucher 14.872– Capital Fund Program
Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: All Others
Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There are no Findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

3. FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There are no Findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority Schedule of Prior Audit Findings June 30, 2008

The June 30, 2007 audit report contained no audit findings.





ERIE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

ERIE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED MAY 7, 2009

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