BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc. Certified Public Accountants



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Board of Directors Boston Township - City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District 2310 Second Street Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Boston Township - City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Summit County, prepared by James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. 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. Boston Township - City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

August 28, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Members of the Board Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District Summit County, Ohio The Honorable Dave Yost Auditor of State State of Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Summit County, Ohio (the JEDD), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the JEDD's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to 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 opinions 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 JEDD'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 JEDD'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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of American require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance eon the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 2018, on our consideration of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not provide an opinion on 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 Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

James G. Zupka, CPA, President

James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc. Certified Public Accountants

June 22, 2018

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSISON AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District (the "JEDD") financial performance provides an overall review of the JEDD's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the JEDD's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the JEDD's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- Total net position of the JEDD was \$0 at December 31, 2017, as the total assets of \$44,132, is considered owed to Boston Township (40 percent) and the City of Cuyahoga Falls (60 percent), and included as current liabilities, based on the JEDD agreement.
- ▶ Income tax revenue was \$219,258 for the year ended December 31, 2017.
- ➤ Total income tax collection was \$211,219 for 2017.
- The amount distributed to Boston Township and the City of Cuyahoga Falls was \$78,934 and \$122,800, respectively, for 2017.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to these statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the JEDD as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the JEDD as a whole, presenting both an aggregate view of the JEDD's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For the governmental fund, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. All activities of the JEDD are reported in the General Fund.

Reporting the JEDD as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains funds used by the JEDD to provide programs and activities, the view of the JEDD as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2017?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the JEDD's *net position* and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the JEDD as a whole, the financial position of the JEDD has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Nonfinancial factors include the JEDD's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required community programs and other factors.

The JEDD's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this report.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSISON AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

Reporting the JEDD's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The JEDD, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All activities of the JEDD are reported in the General Fund. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 7 and 8 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found beginning on page 9 of this report.

Governmental Activities

Revenues of \$219,258 equaled the expenses which resulted in no change to net position. Revenues increased \$79,102 from 2016 due to increased collections. Expenses slightly increased by \$10,403 from 2016.

Governmental Fund

The focus of the JEDD's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the JEDD's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the JEDD's net resources available for spending at year end. The JEDD's governmental fund (as presented on the balance sheet on page 7) reported a fund balance of \$0, as assets are considered owed to Boston Township (40 percent) and City of Cuyahoga Falls (60 percent) at year end; therefore, unassigned fund balance at December 31, 2017 was \$0.

General Fund

The JEDD's General Fund balance remained at \$0 for 2017.

Current Issues

The challenge for all Joint Economic Development District's (JEDD) is to provide quality services to the businesses residing within the boundaries of the JEDD while staying within sometimes an unpredictable amount of revenues. The Board of Directors is continuously assessing not only the current needs of the businesses but also the future needs of current and future businesses.

Contacting the JEDD's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the JEDD's finances and to reflect the JEDD's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Fiscal Officer, 2310 Second Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2017

Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Income Taxes Receivable Total Assets	\$	10,198 17,620 16,314 44,132
Liabilities Current: Due to Other Governments: Boston Township (40%) City of Cuyahoga Falls (60%)	\$	17,653 26,479
Total Liabilities	\$	44,132
Net Position Unrestricted Total Net Position	\$ \$	0

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Revenues	
Income Taxes	\$ 219,258
Total Revenues	 219,258
Expenses	
Income Tax Disbursements, Boston Township	84,016
Income Tax Disbursements, City of Cuyahoga Falls	130,423
Contractual Services	1,657
Other	15
Refunds	3,147
Total Expenses	 219,258
Change in Net Position	 0
Net Position - Beginning	 0
Net Position - Ending	\$ 0

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2017

Assets	General Fund
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,198
Investments	17,620
Income Taxes Receivable	16,314
Total Assets	\$ 44,132
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Current:	
Due to Other Governments:	
Boston Township (40%)	\$ 17,653
City of Cuyahoga Falls (60%)	26,479
Total Liabilities	\$ 44,132
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	_\$O
Total Fund Balance	\$ 0

BOSTON TOWNSHIP-CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Revenues Income Taxes Total Revenues	\$ 219,258 219,258
Expenditures	
Income Tax Disbursements, Boston Township	84,016
Income Tax Disbursements, City of Cuyahoga Falls	130,423
Contractual Services	1,657
Other	15
Refunds	3,147
Total Expenditures	219,258
Change in Fund Balance	0
Fund Balance - Beginning	0
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0

NOTE 1: **DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

Boston Township - City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Summit County (the JEDD), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the JEDD and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The JEDD was formed as a result of and agreement between the City of Cuyahoga Falls (the City) and Boston Township (the Township), in Summit County. The JEDD is directed by a six member Board of Directors, in which two members representing the City are appointed by the Mavor: two members representing the Township are appointed by the Township trustees; one member representing active businesses within the JEDD, who shall be a resident of the Township, is appointed by the Township Trustees and one member representing the employees of active businesses within the JEDD, who shall be a City resident is appointed by the Mayor. The City of Cuyahoga Falls is the fiscal agent for the JEDD and reports the JEDD activity in an Agency Fund in their financial statements. The JEDD's purpose is to facilitate economic development to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people of the State, the County, the City, the Township and the JEDD. The territorial boundaries of the JEDD is located in the Township and known as being a part of Township lots 7, 8 and 9. The JEDD's primary source of revenue is a tax on income earned in the JEDD.

The JEDD's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the JEDD is financially accountable.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

To be consistent with the reporting of the JEDD as an Agency Fund of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, the basic financial statements (BFS) of the JEDD have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The most significant of the JEDD's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The JEDD's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. **Basis of Presentation** (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the JEDD as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. JEDD activities are financed through a tax on income earned in the JEDD. The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the JEDD at year end. The statement of activities compares expenses with program revenues for each of the JEDD's activities. Expenses are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the JEDD is responsible. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program and revenue of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. General revenues are all receipts not classified as program revenues, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is selffinancing or draws from the JEDD's general revenues. The JEDD did not have any program revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the JEDD segregates transactions related to certain JEDD functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the JEDD at this more detailed level. All activities of the JEDD are reported in the General Fund.

B. Fund Accounting

The JEDD uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. Governmental fund assets and deferred outflows or resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following is the JEDD's major governmental fund:

General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. All activities of the JEDD are reported in the General Fund.

The JEDD has no proprietary or fiduciary funds.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the JEDD are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliation, where applicable, with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the financial statements for governmental funds.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows of resources and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Nonexchange Transactions - Nonexchange transactions, in which the JEDD receives value without directly giving equal value in return, includes income taxes. On an accrual basis, revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. For the JEDD, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end. Under the modified accrual basis, income tax revenue is considered to be both measurable and available at year end.

Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide Statement of Net Position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The JEDD has no deferred inflows or deferred outflows of resources at December 31, 2017.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basis of Accounting

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

E. Budgetary Data

The Ohio Revised Code does not require the JEDD to budget annually; therefore, budgetary information for the general fund is not presented in the basic financial statements.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the JEDD are deposited in the City of Cuyahoga Falls main checking depository account and accounted for by the City in an Agency Fund. The JEDD had Investments during 2017 which represents their pooled share of the City's investments at December 31, 2017.

G. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the JEDD is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The JEDD classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. The JEDD had no nonspendable fund balance at December 31, 2017.

Restricted - Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws of regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions. The JEDD had no restricted fund balance at December 31, 2017.

Committed - The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The JEDD must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements. The JEDD had no committed fund balance at December 31, 2017.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Fund Balance (Continued)

Assigned - Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. In the General Fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Board delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute. The JEDD had no assigned fund balance at December 31, 2017.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not included in other classifications. The JEDD had no unassigned fund balance at December 31, 2017.

The JEDD applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

H. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The JEDD had no restricted net position at December 31, 2017. The JEDD applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

I. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3: **INCOME TAXES**

The JEDD levies an income tax of 2 percent, which is the same rate as the City. The rate of the income tax shall change from time to time so that it is equal to the rate of the municipal income tax levied by the City. Income tax revenues in excess of those provided to the JEDD shall be paid or credited each quarter by the City's Tax Administrator without need of further action by the Treasurer of the Board in the following manner: 40 percent of that amount to be paid or credited to the Township and the remaining 60 percent of that amount to be paid or credited to the City. The JEDD distributes the income tax receipts to the City and Township in the month subsequent to receipt collection. The revenues of that income tax shall be used for the purpose of the JEDD and the contracting parties pursuant to the JEDD's contract and may be used for any purpose not prohibited by law.

NOTE 4: **PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes levied by the Boston Township on property within the JEDD shall be distributed to the Township with no portion going to the JEDD or City.

NOTE 5: **DEPOSITS**

At December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of the JEDD deposits was \$10,198, which is included in the City's main checking account, of which the bank balance was \$22,036,694. Investments outstanding at year end in the amount of \$17,620 represents the JEDD's pooled share of the City's investment in STAR Ohio, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Agency Bonds and Negotiable Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$13,077,258, \$1,990,460, and \$15,498,000, respectively. The bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the JEDD deposits may not be returned. The JEDD does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

NOTE 6: CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In 2017, the JEDD paid James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc. \$1,550 for statutory auditing services and the Auditor of State of Ohio \$107 for audit contracting and review procedures.

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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

To Members of the Board Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District Summit County, Ohio The Honorable Dave Yost Auditor of State State of Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Summit County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic District, Ohio'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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio'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. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio's 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 are 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 Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio'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 Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District, Ohio's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc. Certified Public Accountants

June 22, 2018



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

BOSTON TOWNSHIP - CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

JEFFERSON 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

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