



# Illinois Violence Prevention Authority

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Mr. William G. Holland  
Auditor General  
Isles Park Plaza  
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Re: Internal Control Certification

Dear Mr. Holland:

An evaluation of the internal fiscal and administrative controls of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority has been completed for the report due May 1, 2007. The evaluation was performed as required by the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (Act), in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

The objectives of the systems of internal fiscal and administrative controls of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority are to provide reasonable assurance that:

1. Resources are utilized efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with applicable law;
2. Obligations and costs are in compliance with applicable law;
3. Funds, property, and other assets and resources are safeguarded against waste, loss, unauthorized use, and misappropriation.
4. Revenues, expenditures, and transfer of assets, resources, or funds applicable to operations are properly recorded and accounted for to permit the preparation of accounts and reliable financial and statistical reports and to maintain accountability over the State's resources; and
5. Funds held outside the State Treasury are managed, used, and obtained in strict accordance with the terms of their enabling authorities and that no unauthorized funds exist.

The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of inherent control should not exceed the benefits expected to be derived therefrom, and that the benefits and the judgments are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. Furthermore, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected because of inherent limitations in any systems of internal fiscal and administrative control, including those limitations resulting from resource constraints, legislative restrictions, and other factors.

Finally, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may be inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate. Nonetheless, the Agency has taken the necessary measures to assure that the evaluation, identified in the first paragraph, has been conducted in a thorough and conscientious manner.

After review and evaluation we have determined the systems of internal fiscal and administrative controls of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority fully comply with the requirements of the Act. The Agency is not aware of any material weaknesses in its systems of internal control at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Shaw".

Barbara Shaw  
Director