SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

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AGENCY OFFICIALS

Chair of the Board¹

Chief Executive Officer¹ (04/20/15 - Present)Chief Executive Officer¹ (04/18/15 - 04/19/15)Chief Executive Officer¹ (07/01/13 - 04/17/15)

Chief Financial Officer

General Counsel

Director of Internal Audit

Mr. Jack Greenberg

Ms. Lori T. Healey Vacant Mr. James R. Reilly

Mr. Richard J. Oldshue

Mr. Darka Papushkewych

Ms. Jeanette Swan

Mr. Terrance McGann

Mr. Ronald E. Powell

BOARD MEMBERS

Appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois

Director

Director

Director

Director (03/23/15 – Present) Director (07/01/13 – 03/22/15)

Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago

Director

Director

Director

Director

Mr. David Kahnweiler Ms. Becky Strzechowski

Mr. Robert G. Reiter, Jr.

Ms. Julie Chavez Mr. Frank M. Clark, Jr. Mr. Roger J. Kiley, Jr. Mr. Dan Hynes

¹ The eight members of the Board appoint a ninth member to serve as the Chair of the Board and select a Chief Executive Officer to perform all duties assigned by the Board.

SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

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AUTHORITY OFFICES

The Authority's offices are located at:

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Navy Pier

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Corporate Center

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STATE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

MANAGEMENT ASSERTION LETTER

September 25, 2015

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois 740 East Ash Street Springfield, Illinois 62703-3154

Dear Mr. Holland:

We are responsible for the identification of, and compliance with, all aspects of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that could have a material effect on the operations of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority for appropriations made by the General Assembly to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority from the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund, the Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund, and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund and expenditures certified by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority as authorized by the General Assembly from the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Grants Fund. We are responsible for and we have established and maintained an effective system of internal controls over compliance requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's compliance with the following assertions during the two-year period ended June 30, 2015. Based on this evaluation, we assert that during the years ended June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has materially complied with the assertions below.

- A. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions, or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt, or use.
- C. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has submitted its annual certification of debt service requirements to the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer as required by State law.



Managing McCormick Place Complex and Navy Pier

Yours very truly,

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority

Hori T. Healey, Chief Executive Officer

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Richard Oldshue, Chief Financial Officer

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Darka Papushkewych, General Counsel



SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

COMPLIANCE REPORT

SUMMARY

The compliance testing performed during this examination was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The Independent Accountant's Report on State Compliance, on Internal Control Over Compliance, and on Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes does not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

	Current	Prior
Number of	Report	<u>Report</u>
Findings	0	1
Repeated findings	0	0
Prior recommendations implemented or not repeated	1	0

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

Item No.	Page	Description	Finding Type						
		FINDINGS (STATE COMPLIANCE))						
		The Authority did not have any current findings.							
		PRIOR FINDINGS NOT REPEATED)						
А	9	Excess Cash within the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority Improvement Bond Fur							

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Authority's management waived a formal exit conference in a correspondence dated September 25, 2015.

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OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL WILLIAM G. HOLLAND

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE, ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

Compliance

We have examined the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's compliance with the requirements listed below, as more fully described in the Audit Guide for Financial Audits and Compliance Attestation Engagements of Illinois State Agencies (Audit Guide) as adopted by the Auditor General, for appropriations made by the General Assembly to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority from the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund, the Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund, and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund and expenditures certified by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority as authorized by the General Assembly from the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Grants Fund during the two years ended June 30, 2015. The management of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority is responsible for compliance with these requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's compliance based on our examination.

- A. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions, or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt, or use.
- C. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority has submitted its annual certification of debt service requirements to the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer as required by State law.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Illinois State Auditing Act (Act); and the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to the Act; and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's compliance with those requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report during the two years ended June 30, 2015.

Internal Control

Management of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report. In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report to determine the examination procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Audit Guide, issued by the Illinois Office of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a requirement listed in the first paragraph of this report will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a requirement listed in the first paragraph of this report will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

There were no immaterial findings that have been excluded from this report.

Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes

Our examination was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report. The accompanying supplementary information for the years ended June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2014, in Schedules 1 through 5 and the Analysis of Operations Section is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We have applied certain limited procedures as prescribed by the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General to the June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2014, accompanying supplementary information in Schedules 1 through 5. However, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying supplementary information.

We have not applied procedures to the June 30, 2013, accompanying supplementary information in Schedule 3, Schedule 4, and in the Analysis of Operations Section, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's Board of Directors and management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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BRUCE L. BULLARD, CPA Director of Financial and Compliance Audits

September 25, 2015 Springfield, Illinois

METROPOLITAN PIER AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION **PRIOR FINDINGS NOT REPEATED** For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

A. **<u>FINDING</u>** (Excess Cash within the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority Improvement Bond Fund)

During the prior examination, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (Authority) had excess cash within the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority Improvement Bond Fund. (Finding Code No. 2013-001)

Status: Implemented

During the current examination, the auditors' testing indicated the Authority and the State Comptroller transferred the excess cash to the General Revenue Fund in October 2014. As of June 30, 2015, the cash balance of the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority Improvement Bond Fund was \$0.00, according to the records of the State Comptroller.

METROPOLITAN PIER AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

SUMMARY

Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in this section of the report includes the following:

- Fiscal Schedules and Analysis:
 - Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Lapsed Balances Fiscal Year 2015
 Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Lapsed Balances Fiscal Year 2014
 Comparative Schedule of Net Appropriations, Expenditures, and Lapsed Balances
 Analysis of Significant Variations in Expenditures
 Analysis of Significant Lapse Period Spending
- Analysis of Operations (Not Examined): Authority Functions and Planning Program (Not Examined)

The accountant's report that covers the Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in the Compliance Report Section states the accountants have applied certain limited procedures as prescribed by the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General to the June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2014, accompanying supplementary information in Schedules 1 through 5. However, the accountants do not express an opinion on the supplementary information. The accountant's report also states that they have not applied procedures to the Analysis of Operations Section, and accordingly, they do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015

Fourteen Months Ended August 31, 2015

Public Act 098-0681			Lapse Period	Total Europeditures	Balances
Public Act 098-0081		Expenditures	Expenditures July 1 to	Total Expenditures 14 Months Ended	Lapsed
FISCAL YEAR 2015	Appropriations	Through June 30	August 31	August 31	August 31
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APPROPRIATED FUNDS					
McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund - 377					
Debt Service and Related Trustee and Legal					
Expenses on the Authority's McCormick Place					
Expansion Project Bonds	\$ 156,928,300	\$ 156,926,659	\$ -	\$ 156,926,659	\$ 1,641
Total, McCormick Place Expansion Project					
Fund	\$ 156,928,300	\$ 156,926,659	\$ -	\$ 156,926,659	\$ 1,641
Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund - 624					
Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism					
Bureau (Choose Chicago)	\$ 8,935,000	\$ 8,935,000	\$ -	\$ 8,935,000	\$ -
Total, Chicago Travel Industry Promotion					
Fund	\$ 8,935,000	\$ 8,935,000	\$ -	\$ 8,935,000	\$ -
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority					
Incentive Fund - 814					
Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions,					
Meetings, and Trade Shows Held During the					
Current Fiscal Year	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 9,833,218	\$ 5,166,782	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -
Total, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition					
Authority Incentive Fund	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 9,833,218	\$ 5,166,782	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -
SUBTOTAL - APPROPRIATED FUNDS	\$ 180,863,300	\$ 175,694,877	\$ 5,166,782	\$ 180,861,659	\$ 1,641

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015

Fourteen Months Ended August 31, 2015

Public Act 098-0681 FISCAL YEAR 2015	Appropriations	Expenditures Through June 30		Lapse Period Expenditures July 1 to August 31		Total Expenditures 14 Months Ended August 31		Balances Lapsed August 31
NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS								
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Grants								
Fund - 941								
Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism								
Bureau (Choose Chicago)		\$	7,998,216	\$	729,163	\$	8,727,379	
Total, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition		¢	7.009.016	¢	720 1 (2	¢	9 777 270	
Authority Grants Fund		\$	7,998,216	\$	729,163	\$	8,727,379	
SUBTOTAL - NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS		\$	7,998,216	\$	729,163	\$	8,727,379	
ALL FUNDS								
Subtotal - Appropriated Funds		\$	175,694,877	\$	5,166,782	\$	180,861,659	
Subtotal - Nonappropriated Funds			7,998,216		729,163		8,727,379	
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS, FISCAL YEAR 2015		\$	183,693,093	\$	5,895,945	\$	189,589,038	

Note 1: The data in this schedule was taken directly from the State Comptroller's records and reconciled to the Authority's records.

Note 2: Expenditure amounts are vouchers approved for payment by the Authority and submitted to the State Comptroller for payment to the vendor.

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014

Fourteen Months Ended August 31, 2014

Public Act 098-0050 FISCAL YEAR 2014		Appropriations		Expenditures Through June 30		Lapse Period Expenditures July 1 to August 31		al Expenditures Months Ended August 31	Balances Lapsed August 31	
APPROPRIATED FUNDS McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund - 377										
Debt Service and Related Trustee and Legal Expenses on the Authority's McCormick Place Expansion Project Bonds Total, McCormick Place Expansion Project	\$	138,386,400	\$	138,384,723	\$		\$	138,384,723	\$	1,677
Fund	\$	138,386,400	\$	138,384,723	\$		\$	138,384,723	\$	1,677
Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund - 624 Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (Choose Chicago) Total, Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund	<u>\$</u> \$	8,935,000	<u>\$</u> \$	8,935,000	<u>\$</u> \$		<u>\$</u> \$	8,935,000	<u>\$</u> \$	
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund - 814 Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held During the Current Fiscal Year Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held in Fiscal Year 2013	\$	7,500,000	\$	585,558	\$	3,320,433	\$	3,905,991	\$	3,594,009
Total, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund	\$	15,000,000	\$	8,085,558	\$	3,320,433	\$	11,405,991	\$	3,594,009
SUBTOTAL - APPROPRIATED FUNDS	\$	162,321,400	\$	155,405,281	\$	3,320,433	\$	158,725,714	\$	3,595,686

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014

Fourteen Months Ended August 31, 2014

Public Act 098-0050		Expenditures		Lapse Period Expenditures July 1 to		Total Expenditures 14 Months Ended		Balances Lapsed	
FISCAL YEAR 2014	Appropriations	Th	rough June 30		August 31		August 31	August 31	
NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS									
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Grants									
Fund - 941									
Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism									
Bureau (Choose Chicago)		\$	7,434,148	\$	-	\$	7,434,148		
Total, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition		¢	7,434,148	\$		¢	7 121 119		
Authority Grants Fund		¢	7,434,148	¢		Ф	7,434,148		
SUBTOTAL - NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS		\$	7,434,148	\$	-	\$	7,434,148		
ALL FUNDS									
Subtotal - Appropriated Funds		\$	155,405,281	\$	3,320,433	\$	158,725,714		
Subtotal - Nonappropriated Funds			7,434,148		-		7,434,148		
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS, FISCAL YEAR 2014		\$	162,839,429	\$	3,320,433	\$	166,159,862		

Note 1: The data in this schedule was taken directly from the State Comptroller's records and reconciled to the Authority's records.

Note 2: Expenditure amounts are vouchers approved for payment by the Authority and submitted to the State Comptroller for payment to the vendor.

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

	Fiscal Year								
APPROPRIATED FUNDS		2015		2014	2013				
	P	P.A. 98-0681	Р	.A. 098-0050	P.A. 97-0731 P.A. 98-0001				
McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund - 377	¢	156 028 200	¢	129 286 400	¢	141 700 600			
Appropriations	\$	156,928,300	\$	138,386,400	\$	141,790,600			
Expenditures Debt Service and Related Trustee and Legal Expenses on the Authority's McCormick Place Expansion	¢	156.026.650	¢	120 204 722	¢	141 707 057			
Project Bonds Total, McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund	\$	156,926,659	\$	138,384,723	\$	141,787,956			
Expenditures	\$	156,926,659	\$	138,384,723	\$	141,787,956			
Lapsed Balances	\$	1,641	\$	1,677	\$	2,644			
International Tourism Fund - 621									
Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,529,000			
Expenditures									
Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (Choose Chicago)	\$		\$	-	\$	2,529,000			
Total, International Tourism Fund	<i>•</i>		<i>.</i>		<i>.</i>	2 520 000			
Expenditures	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,529,000			
Lapsed Balances	\$		\$	-	\$	-			
Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund - 624									
Appropriations	\$	8,935,000	\$	8,935,000	\$	8,456,400			
Expenditures Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau									
(Choose Chicago)	\$	8,935,000	\$	8,935,000	\$	8,456,400			
Total, Chicago Travel Industry Promotion Fund Expenditures	\$	8,935,000	\$	8,935,000	\$	8,456,400			
Lapsed Balances	\$		\$		\$				

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

	Fiscal Year								
APPROPRIATED FUNDS (continued)		2015		2014	2013				
	Р.	A. 098-0681	P	A. 098-0050	P.A. 097-0731 P.A. 098-0001				
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive									
Fund - 814	¢	15 000 000	¢	15 000 000	¢	15 000 000			
Appropriations	\$	15,000,000	\$	15,000,000	\$	15,000,000			
Expenditures Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held in Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,500,000			
Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held in Fiscal Year 2013 Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held During the Current Fiscal		-		7,500,000		-			
Year		15,000,000		3,905,991		7,500,000			
Total, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund Expenditures	\$	15,000,000	\$	11,405,991	\$	15,000,000			
Lapsed Balances	\$		\$	3,594,009	\$				
Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority Improvement Bond Fund - 961 Appropriations	\$	-	\$		\$	5,112,900			
Expenditures Debt Service and Related Trustee and Legal Expenses on the Authority's Dedicated State Tax Revenue Bonds	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-	\$	<u>-</u>			
Total, Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority									
Improvement Bond Fund Expenditures	\$		\$	-	\$	-			
Lapsed Balances	\$		\$	-	\$	5,112,900			
TOTAL - APPROPRIATED FUNDS									
Total Appropriations	\$	180,863,300	\$	162,321,400	\$	172,888,900			
Total Expenditures	¢	180,861,659	¢	158,725,714	<u>ф</u>	167,773,356			
Lapsed Balances	\$	1,641	\$	3,595,686	\$	5,115,544			

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

	Fiscal Year								
NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS		2015 2014				2013			
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority									
Grants Fund - 941									
Expenditures									
Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau									
(Choose Chicago)	\$	8,727,379	\$	7,434,148	\$	6,934,560			
Total, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority									
Grants Fund Expenditures	\$	8,727,379	\$	7,434,148	\$	6,934,560			
-									
TOTAL - NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS									
Total Nonappropriated Expenditures	\$	8,727,379	\$	7,434,148	\$	6,934,560			
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	\$	189,589,038	\$	166,159,862	\$	174,707,916			

Note 1: The data in this schedule was taken directly from the State Comptroller's records and reconciled to the Authority's records.

Note 2: Expenditure amounts are vouchers approved for payment by the Authority and submitted to the State Comptroller for payment to the vendor.

METROPOLITAN PIER AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE 4 SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund - 814

<u>Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held During the Current Fiscal Year</u>

During Fiscal Year 2015, the dollar value of the incentives offered by the Authority to induce large conventions, meetings, and trade shows to use the Authority's space was higher than the incentives offered during Fiscal Year 2014 because more events qualified for incentives.

Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held in Fiscal Year 2013

Fiscal Year 2014 was the second year for appropriations and expenditures for the incentive grants paid to the Authority to attract large conventions, meetings, and trade shows to the Authority's facilities under Public Act 097-0617. This Act streamlined the grant reimbursement process by allowing the Authority to directly drawdown grant funds from the State Treasury rather than seeking reimbursement from the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Further, the Act also accelerated reimbursements to the Authority by phasing in reimbursement grants due to the Authority from Fiscal Year 2013 for payment during Fiscal Year 2014. As such, the reduction was due to all Fiscal Year 2013 amounts due to the Authority being paid by the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2014.

METROPOLITAN PIER AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE 4 SPECIAL LIMITED SCOPE COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

International Tourism Fund - 621

Grant to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (Choose Chicago)

During Fiscal Year 2013, the Authority received an appropriation to distribute pass-through moneys held up in a prior fiscal year to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (Choose Chicago). As this was a one-time expenditure, the Authority did not receive an appropriation from the International Tourism Fund for a pass-through grant during Fiscal Year 2014.

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund - 814

<u>Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held During the Current Fiscal Year</u>

During Fiscal Year 2014, the dollar value of the incentives offered by the Authority to induce large conventions, meetings, and trade shows to use the Authority's space was less than one-half of the incentives offered during Fiscal Year 2013 because fewer events qualified for incentives.

Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held in Fiscal Year 2013

Fiscal Year 2014 was the second year for appropriations and expenditures for the incentive grants paid to the Authority to attract large conventions, meetings, and trade shows to the Authority's facilities under Public Act 097-0617. This Act streamlined the grant reimbursement process by allowing the Authority to directly drawdown grant funds from the State Treasury rather than seeking reimbursement from the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Further, the Act also accelerated reimbursements to the Authority by phasing in reimbursement grants due to the Authority from Fiscal Year 2013 for payment during both Fiscal Year 2013 (shown as current fiscal year activity during Fiscal Year 2013) and Fiscal Year 2014 (shown as Fiscal Year 2013 activity during Fiscal Year 2014). As such, the increase was due to one-half of the Fiscal Year 2013 amounts due to the Authority being paid by the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2014.

<u>Certified Incentives Paid to Conventions, Meetings, and Trade Shows Held in Fiscal Year 2011</u> and Fiscal Year 2012

Fiscal Year 2013 was the first year for appropriations and expenditures for the incentive grants paid to the Authority to attract large conventions, meetings, and trade shows to the Authority's facilities under Public Act 097-0617. This Act streamlined the grant reimbursement process by allowing the Authority to directly drawdown grant funds from the State Treasury rather than seeking reimbursement from the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Further, the Act also accelerated reimbursements to the Authority by phasing in reimbursement grants due to the Authority from Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012 for payment during Fiscal Year 2013. As such, the reduction was due to all Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2013.

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For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Incentive Fund - 814

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For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2015

(NOT EXAMINED)

Authority Functions

The Authority is a political subdivision, unit of local government, body politic, and Municipal Corporation existing under the laws of the State of Illinois. The jurisdiction, supervision, powers, and duties of the Authority are enumerated in the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Act (70 ILCS 210). The Authority's purpose is promoting, operating, and maintaining fairs, expositions, meetings, and conventions in Chicago, Illinois.

The origins of the Authority began on July 7, 1955, when the General Assembly established the Authority's immediate predecessor, the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority, to oversee the construction and operation of a 360,000 square-foot exhibition hall. In 1958, the State issued bonds to finance the construction of an exhibition hall, which was ultimately opened in 1960. In 1989, the General Assembly restructured the organization by creating the Authority to oversee both McCormick Place and Navy Pier in Chicago, Illinois.

In 2010, the General Assembly again restructured the Authority with the primary objective being restoring the competitiveness of convention operations at McCormick Place by addressing issues with price, service delivery, and work rules. Accordingly, the Authority rolled out a series of price and service delivery changes that dramatically lowered the cost of utility and food services, altered work rules, and opened up the delivery of utility services to outside contractors. Portions of the labor reforms were challenged in court, resulting in new labor agreement negotiations that addressed the disputed matters and legislation enacting that settlement was passed through the General Assembly in November 2011.

In addition to addressing competiveness, the law restructured the Authority's outstanding debt. The Authority's 2010 and 2012 Expansion Project Bond transactions restructured debt service to relieve pressure on draws from the State's sales tax receipts, allowed for the replenishment of the Reserve Balance in the Authority's Tax Fund, provided \$80 million of temporary operating assistance to offset the Authority's foregone utility and food service revenue, and raised an additional \$325 million to finance capital projects.

Today, the Authority owns the McCormick Place convention facilities, Navy Pier, the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel, and the Energy Center. The Authority operates as an asset manager for its various business units, which resulted in a 95% reduction in the Authority's full-time workforce from 2011 to 2013. The Authority has contracted with SMG to operate the convention facilities at the McCormick Place, SAVOR to operate the food services at McCormick Place, and with the non-profit organization Navy Pier, Inc. to manage, operate, and develop Navy Pier.

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The Authority is governed by the nine-member Board of Directors. Four members are appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate and four members are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago. A majority of the Board members appointed by the Governor and the Mayor appoint a ninth member to serve as the Board's chairperson. Board members serve staggered terms of up to three years and continue to serve until their successors are appointed. The chairperson serves a four year term. The Board, fully constituted as of March 2012, appointed James R. Reilly as the Authority's Chief Executive Officer on March 27, 2012. James R. Reilly resigned as the Authority's Chief Executive Officer on April 17, 2015, and the Board of Directors appointed Lori T. Healey as the Authority's Chief Executive Officer effective on April 20, 2015.

In regards to activities funded by appropriations from the General Assembly, the primary duties of the Authority are to pay debt service and related obligations, provide incentives to attract large conventions, meetings, and trade shows to hold events at Authority properties, and serve as a pass-thru entity to provide funding to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (Choose Chicago).

Planning Program

In Fiscal Year 2016, the Authority will embark upon its newest endeavor, the McCormick Collection. The McCormick Collection development features the 10,000-seat Event Center and a 1,206 room headquarters hotel. The Event Center is structured as a public-private partnership, which will host general sessions for large conventions and trade shows and serve as DePaul University's basketball home court. In addition, the Event Center will be a venue for concerts and large special events. The new headquarters hotel will be operated by Marriott for a ten-year period starting from the opening date of the hotel, with construction of the new hotel slated to begin in 2015 with completion expected in 2017.

Further, the Authority continuously works with the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (Choose Chicago) to identify and attract conventions, meetings, and trade shows to hold events at Authority properties.