



External Quality Control Review

of the
City of Houston
Office of the City Controller's
Audit Division

Conducted in accordance with guidelines of the
**Association of Local Government
Auditors**
for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016



Association of Local Government Auditors

November 18, 2016

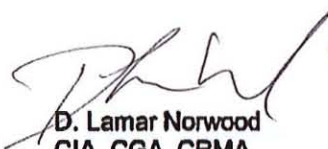
Ms. Courtney E. Smith, City Auditor
City of Houston, Controller's Office
Audit Division
901 Bagby, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Ms. Smith,


We have completed a peer review of Office of the City Controller's Audit Division for the City of Houston, Texas for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. In conducting our review, we followed the standards and guidelines contained in the *Peer Review Guide for Assessing Conformance with International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA).


We reviewed the internal quality control system of your audit organization and conducted tests in order to determine if your internal quality control system operated to provide reasonable assurance of conformance with *the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (the Standards)* issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors as part of their *Professional Practices Framework*. Due to variances in individual performance and judgment, conformance does not imply adherence to standards in every case, but does imply adherence in most situations.

Based on the results of our review, it is our opinion that the Office of the City Controller's Audit Division within the City of Houston internal quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of conformance with *the Standards* for assurance and consulting engagements during the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.


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December 8, 2016

Lamar Norwood,
Senior Internal Auditor
City of Raleigh
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Mr. Norwood,

I have reviewed the report dated November 18, 2016 containing the results from the Association of Local Government Auditors' (ALGA) peer review of the Audit Division within the Office of the City Controller for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. I am pleased that the team found that our office continues to conduct our work in compliance with government auditing standards and acknowledge your opinion that our internal quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with:

- The International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (*The Standards/Redbook*) issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

We found the process beneficial to our function and the overall professional of internal auditing. You and your team performed the engagement in a manner that displayed a high level of professionalism, skill, integrity and service.

We would like to express our appreciation to you and the rest of the ALGA peer review team:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Courtney Smith".

Courtney Smith
City Auditor
Office of the City Controller
City of Houston