



Board of Directors Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. Tampa, FL

We have audited the financial statements of Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. for the year ended September 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated February 8, 2012. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

# Our responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated September 8, 2011, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.'s compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

- 1. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.
- 2. We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

#### Planned scope and timing of the audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on October 13, 2011.

# Significant audit findings

# Qualitative aspects of accounting practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2011.

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We noted no transactions entered into by the organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the collectability of accounts receivable.

Management's allocation of certain expenses in connection with the preparation of the statement of functional expenses.

Management's recording of depreciation expense is based on the estimated useful life of the respective asset being capitalized. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to record depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were Notes A(9) of management fee income charged to the affiliated organizations, A(12) disclosing related parties and the dollar amount of transactions with them and Note F of Commitments and Contingencies.

#### Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Corrected and uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

# Disagreements with management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

## Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 8, 2012.

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## Management consultations with other independent accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

## Other audit findings or issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Tampa, Florida February 8, 2012