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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

City of Albuquerque
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Honorable Mayor and City Council
and
Mr. Domingo P. Martinez, CGFM
New Mexico State Auditor

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We also have audited the financial statements of each of the City's nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and internal service funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund and other financial statements, and the respective changes in the financial position and cash flows, where applicable, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, and the budgetary comparison for each major governmental fund activities, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, fiduciary funds, and internal service funds of the City, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in the financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for nonmajor governmental funds for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 7, 2004, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope our testing of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the Internal Control Over Financial Reporting or on Compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Audit Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted primarily of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis required by US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audit of States, Local Governments, and Not-for-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Also, the accompanying financial data schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis required by the Housing and Urban Development Department and in not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying introductory and statistical sections, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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December 7, 2004