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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of the U.S. Department of Justice (Department) as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of net cost and changes in net position and the combined statements of budgetary resources and custodial activity (hereinafter referred to as the "consolidated financial statements") for the years then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2009. We did not audit the financial statements of the U.S. Marshals Service as of and for the years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our report, insofar as it related to the amounts included for the U.S. Marshals Service, was based solely on the report of the other auditors. As discussed in Note 26 to the consolidated financial statements, the Department changed its method of accounting for temporary rescissions of budgetary authority in fiscal year 2009.

We and the other auditors conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, as amended. Those standards and OMB Bulletin No. 07-04 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement.

As stated above, we did not audit the fiscal year 2009 financial statements of the U.S. Marshals Service. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon, including the other auditors' *Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and Other Matters*, has been furnished to us. Accordingly, our report on the Department's compliance and other matters, insofar as it relates to that component, is based solely on the report and findings of the other auditors.

The management of the Department is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the Department. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's fiscal year 2009 consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, we and the other auditors performed tests of the Department's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the consolidated financial statement amounts, and certain provisions of other laws and regulations specified in OMB Bulletin No. 07-04, including the provisions referred to in Section 803(a) of the *Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996* (FFMIA). We and the other auditors limited our tests of compliance to the provisions described in the preceding sentence, and we did not test compliance with all laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the Department. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.



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The results of our and the other auditors' tests of compliance described in the preceding paragraph of this report, exclusive of those referred to in FFMIA, disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported herein under *Government Auditing Standards* or OMB Bulletin No. 07-04.

The results of our and the other auditors' tests of FFMIA disclosed no instances in which the Department's financial management systems did not substantially comply with the (1) Federal financial management systems requirements, (2) applicable Federal accounting standards, and (3) United States Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, OMB, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and the U.S. Congress, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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