
Certified Public Accountants

September 17, 2018

The Honorable Comptroller of
the City of Buffalo, New York:

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (the “Agency”), a component unit of the City of Buffalo, New York, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2018 (which report includes an emphasis of matter paragraph regarding the implementation of GASB Statement No.75). Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated June 22, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Agency solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also 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 for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding other matters noted during our audit in separate letter to you dated September 17, 2018.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Agency is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. Except for the matters discussed below, there have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended June 30, 2018.

As described in Note 2 and 8 to the financial statements, during the year, the Agency implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 requires the Agency's net OPEB liability to be measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service (total OPEB liability), less the amount of the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. As a result, OPEB liability was restated from \$16,024,128 to \$24,152,940 at June 30, 2017. Net position of governmental activities at June 30, 2017 has been restated.

The Agency's net position as of June 30, 2017 has been restated as follows:

Net position—June 30, 2017, as previously stated	\$ (11,716,692)
GASB Statement No. 75 implementation:	
OPEB liability adjustment	<u>(8,128,812)</u>
Net position—June 30, 2017, as restated	<u>\$ (19,845,504)</u>

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Agency implemented GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, No. 82, *Pension Issues—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*, No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, and No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*. GASB Statement No. 75 improves accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). GASB Statement No. 81 improves accounting for financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for the situation in which a government is a beneficiary. GASB Statement No. 82 addresses the issues raised during implementation of Statements No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*. GASB Statement No. 85 addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. GASB Statement No. 86 improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by

providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This Statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. Other than the matter discussed above, GASB Statements No. 75, 81, 82, 85, and 86 did not have a material impact on the Agency’s financial position or results from operations.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on 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 markedly from management’s current judgments.

The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018 were the allowance for doubtful accounts, and compensated absences liability, other post-employment benefits (“OPEB”) obligation, and the net pension liability.

Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts, and compensated absences liability, OPEB obligation, and the net pension liability are based on available information regarding eligibility, leave balances accrued, current compensation rates, past trends, estimates of third party specialists and actuarial valuations performed by a consultant. We evaluated the key factors, inputs, and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. Management has corrected all identified misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. Material misstatements that were identified as a result of our audit procedures were brought to the attention of, and corrected by, management. Those items are included within the adjusting journal entries for the year ended June 30, 2018, which are attached to the management representation letter dated September 18, 2018 as Exhibit I (copy attached).

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Agency's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated September 17, 2018.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Agency, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Agency's auditors.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors of the Agency and management of the Agency, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Drescher & Malecki LLP

September 17, 2018



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Byron W. Brown, Chairman

September 17, 2018

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, New York (the "Agency"), as of June 30, 2018 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the various opinion units of the Agency in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of September 17, 2018:

Financial Statements

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 22, 2018, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the required supplementary information, including Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- There are no identified material uncorrected misstatements.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
- All funds and activities are properly classified.
- All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus* as amended, and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
- All components of net position, nonspendable fund balance, and restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- Our policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance are available is appropriately disclosed and net position/fund balance is properly recognized under the policy.
- All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues general revenues, or contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- All interfund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.

- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have identified and disclosed to you all information that we are aware of regarding fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We identified and disclosed to you all information that we are aware of regarding instances of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.
- We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigations and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or the financial reporting practices.

- The Agency has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Agency is contingently liable.
- We have disclosed to you all nonexchange financial guarantees, under which we are obligated and have declared liabilities and disclosed properly in accordance with GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*, for those guarantees where it is more likely than not that the entity will make a payment on any guarantee.
- For nonexchange financial guarantees where we have declared liabilities, the amount of the liability recognized is the discount present value of the best estimate of the future outflows expected to be incurred as a result of the guarantee. Where there was no best estimate but a range of estimated future outflows have been established, we have recognized the minimum amount within the range.
- We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (“GASB 62”), *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
- We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- There are no:
 - Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
 - Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB 62.
 - Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB 62.
 - Continuing disclosure consent decree agreements or filings with the Securities and exchange Commission and we have filed updates on a timely basis in accordance with the agreements (Rule 240, 15c2-12)
- The Agency has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have complied with all material aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We believe that the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- We acknowledge our responsibility to include the auditor's report on the supplementary information in any document containing the supplementary information and that indicates the auditor reported on such supplementary information.
- We acknowledge our responsibility to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or, if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

Required Supplementary Information

With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We believe the required supplementary information, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

Single Audit

With respect to federal and state awards, we represent the following to you:

- We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the audit requirements of Title 2 CFR Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance").
- We are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- We believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period with the exception of the presentation of direct loans which have been updated in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- We are responsible for including the auditor's report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains the schedule and that indicates that the auditor has reported on such information.
- We have identified and disclosed all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance Compliance audit.
- We have notified you if we have elected to delay implementation of the procedure sections (317 to 326) of the Uniform Guidance as allowed for two years after the effective date of the uniform guidance. We understand that sections 317 to 326 are allowed to be delayed until fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2017 (if electing to delay).
- When the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the auditor's report thereon.
- We have, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relating to federal programs.
- We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews, or stated that there was no such compliance. We also know of no instances of noncompliance with direct or material compliance requirements occurring subsequent to the period, or stated that there was no such compliance covered by the auditors report.
- We have disclosed to you any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles, including amounts claimed or used for matching determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.

- We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance with direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared (and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards).
- The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- We have monitored subrecipients to determine if they have expended pass-through assistance in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and have met the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
- We have issued management decisions timely after the receipt of subrecipients' auditor reports that identified noncompliance with laws, regulations, or the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and have ensured that the subrecipients have taken the appropriate and timely corrective action on findings.
- We have properly classified amounts claimed or used for matching in accordance with related guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.
- We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Guidance.
- We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- The reporting package does not contain personally identifiable information.
- We have disclosed all contracts or other agreements with service organizations and disclosed to you all communications from these service organizations relating to noncompliance at the organizations.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes and an acknowledgement of the auditor's role in the preparation of this information.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for accrual adjustments and an acknowledgement of the auditor's role in the preparation of the adjustments.
- We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.

- We are responsible for and have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance, and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a correction action plan for each audit finding.
- We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each other of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the federal statute, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program; and we have complied with these direct and material compliance requirements.
- We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award that could have a material effect on our federal programs. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, have occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
- We are responsible for and have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form and we are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings of the compliance audit and have developed a corrective action plan that meets the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

Other Specific Representations

- We are responsible for follow-up on all prior-year(s) audit findings. We have prepared a summary schedule of prior-year findings reporting the status of our efforts in implementation of the prior-year's corrective action plan, as applicable.
- We have provided to you our views on reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as planned corrective actions.
- In the normal course of operations, the Agency receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. These grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any disallowed expenditures resulting from such audits could become a liability of the governmental funds. While the amount of any expenditure which may be disallowed cannot be determined at this time, management expects any amounts to be immaterial.
- No department of the Agency has reported a material instance of noncompliance to us.
- We have no intention of withdrawing from multi-employer pension plans, or taking any other action that could result in an effective termination or reportable event for any of the plans. We are not aware of any occurrences that could result in the termination of any of our multi-employer pension plans to which we contribute. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
- We are unable to determine the possibility of a withdrawal liability in a multi-employer benefit plan.

- We agree with the findings of specialists in evaluating the other post-employment benefits obligation and net pension liability, and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.
- Management has disclosed whether, subsequent to June 30, 2018, any changes in internal control or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to reportable conditions (including material weaknesses), have occurred.
- The Agency is responsible for determining and maintaining the adequacy of the allowance for accounts receivable, as well as estimates used to determine such amounts. Management believes the allowance is adequate to absorb currently estimated bad debts in the account balance.
- Provision has been made to reduce excess or obsolete inventories to their estimated net realizable value. All inventories are the property of the Agency and do not include any items consigned to it, any items billed to customers, or any items for which the liability has not been recorded.
- During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Agency implemented GASB Statement No. 75. This Statement required the reconsideration of reporting the Agency's net OPEB liability to be measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service (total OPEB liability), less the amount of the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. Accordingly, the Agency has restated the June 30, 2017 net position by \$8,128,812 from \$(11,716,692) to \$(19,845,504).
- The Agency's labor agreement provides for sick leave, vacation, and miscellaneous other paid absences. The Agency's policy is to pay employees for unused vacation, compensatory time, and sick time based on the union agreements when there is separate for service. For governmental activities, the amount is accrued in the government-wide statement of net position as long-term liabilities. Payment of sick leave and compensatory time is dependent upon many factors; therefore, timing of future payments is not readily determinable. The value recorded in the government-wide financial statements at June 30, 2018 for governmental activities is \$421,040, of which management estimates \$21,052 to be considered due within one year. Management believes that sufficient resources will be made available for the payments of sick leave and compensatory time when such payments become due.
- The Agency is not required to legally adopt a budget. However, the Agency does prepare a budget as a management tool.
- The Agency reports a liability, \$450,821, which is owed to the City to be used to pay HUD for claims related to prior years' activity. Repayment is based on the future sale of property and availability of funds.
- The Agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to damage and destruction of assets, vehicle liability, and injuries to employees. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. There have not been any significant changes in any type of insurance coverage from the prior year, nor have there been any settlements which have exceeded commercial insurance coverage in the past two fiscal years.

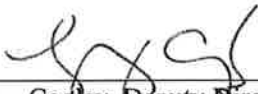
- We have received and approved the adjusting journal entries that were proposed by you for recording in our books and recorded and reflected in the financial statements. The proposed adjusting journal entries are described in Exhibit I.
- In addition to the audit services, Drescher & Malecki LLP has assisted the Agency in compiling the Agency's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018. In conjunction with the compilation of the financial statements, the Agency has performed the following functions:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions.
 - Designated Tracy Cooley, Deputy Director, whom we believe has suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience who has overseen this service.
 - Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - Accepted responsibility for the results of these services.
- Agency management understands that Drescher & Malecki LLP has not performed any management functions or made management decisions on behalf of the Agency. Any nonattest services were performed in accordance with the applicable professional standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Nona Watson, Executive Director



Scott Billman, General Counsel



Tracy Cooley, Deputy Director

**City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
Proposed Adjusting Journal Entries
For the year ended June 30, 2018**

Exhibit I

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
Proposed Adjusting Journal Entry JE # 1			
To remove negative liability related to prepaid balance at June 30, 2018			
U100-143001-UJJ98	PREPAID ITEMS FRINGES	\$ 245	
U100-143001-UJJG8	PREPAID ITEMS PAYROLL TAXES	5	
U100-201026-	P/R WITHHOLDING MISC DEDUCTION		\$ 5
U100-201028-	PR WITHHOLDING FLEX BENEFIT	-	245
Total		<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Proposed Adjusting Journal Entry JE # 2			
To reclassify interfund transfers and reconcile interfund loans.			
U100-005031	TRANSFERS IN	75,885	
U100-009000	TRANSFERS OUT	13,328	
U100-130001-UJJA9	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS HOME	18,793	
U100-389001	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	210	
U100-389001-	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	218,545	
U216-415030-	Miscellaneous Expense	13,328	
U222-009000	TRANSFERS OUT	210	
U298-009000	TRANSFERS OUT	18,793	
U299-009000	TRANSFERS OUT	218,545	
U299-130001-	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS GEN FUND	75,885	
U100-005031	TRANSFERS IN		210
U100-005031	TRANSFERS IN		18,793
U100-005031	TRANSFERS IN		218,545
U100-389001	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		13,328
U200-208001-	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS CDBG		75,885
U216-005031	TRANSFERS IN		13,328
u222-389001-	MISC INCOME		210
U298-208001-	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS GEN FUND		18,793
U299-009000	TRANSFERS OUT		75,885
U299-415230-UDJQ9	FA MISC ESP CONT ED YR 40	-	218,545
Total		<u>\$ 653,522</u>	<u>\$ 653,522</u>