# **STATE OF MINNESOTA** Office of the State Auditor



# Patricia Anderson State Auditor

## SOUTHEAST COMO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

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Introductory Section

# ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE 2005

**Board Members** Term Expires Donna Anderson November 2006 Lynn Anderson, Treasurer November 2006 Frederik Bethke November 2005 Mark Brooks November 2005 Gary Burns, Co-Vice President November 2006 Marilyn Burns, Co-Vice President April 2006 Bill Dane November 2006 Marie Eller November 2005 Jeff Haberer November 2006 Lee Hibbard, President November 2006 November 2005 Jake Jacobi Abu Jalal April 2005 November 2006 Joan Menken Wendy Menken March 2005 Daniel Miller April 2005 Todd Reubold November 2005 Connie Sullivan, Secretary November 2005 Amy Thornton April 2006 Tom Vaith November 2005 Grant Vaith November 2005 Katie White April 2006

Neighborhood Coordinator

James De Sota

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**Financial Section** 



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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Directors Southeast Como Improvement Association

We have audited the statement of financial position of the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) (a nonprofit corporation) as of March 31, 2005, and the related statements of activity, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the SECIA's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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. 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 opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the SECIA as of March 31, 2005, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of NRP Activity listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the SECIA. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Pat Anderson

PATRICIA ANDERSON STATE AUDITOR /s/Greg Hierlinger

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### EXHIBIT 1

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MARCH 31, 2005

Assets	
Current assets	
Cash	\$ 89,267
Grants receivable	21,677
Prepaid expenses	 856
Total current assets	\$ 111,800
Property and equipment	
Property and equipment - net of depreciation	 1,121
Total Assets	 112,921
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,023
Accrued payroll	3,945
Deferred revenue	 28,809
Total Liabilities	\$ 34,777
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$ 55,739
Temporarily restricted	 22,405
Total Net Assets	\$ 78,144
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 112,921

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT 2** 

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

		restricted		Temporarily Restricted		Total	
Public Support and Other Revenue							
Public support							
Government grants Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED)	\$	2,552	\$		\$	2,552	
Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)	Ф	2,332 127,860	¢	-	Ф	127,860	
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization		5,856		-		5,856	
Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance		3,547		-		3,547	
Satisfaction of time and purpose restrictions		47,363		(47,363)		-	
Total public support	\$	187,178	\$	(47,363)	\$	139,815	
04							
Other revenue	¢	227	¢		¢	227	
Interest (Hawkins)	\$	337	\$	-	\$	337	
Miscellaneous		3,146		-		3,146	
Total other revenue	\$	3,483	\$	-	\$	3,483	
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	\$	190,661	\$	(47,363)	\$	143,298	
Expenses							
Program services							
NRP	\$	127,388	\$	-	\$	127,388	
CPED		3,235		-		3,235	
Hawkins		2,727		-		2,727	
Bush Foundation		47,363		-		47,363	
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization		5,853		-		5,853	
Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance		3,547		-		3,547	
Total program services	\$	190,113	\$	-	\$	190,113	
Support services							
Management and general		2,190		-		2,190	
		,				,	
Total Expenses	\$	192,303	\$	-	\$	192,303	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	(1,642)	\$	(47,363)	\$	(49,005)	
Net Assets - April 1, 2004		57,381		69,768		127,149	
Net Assets - March 31, 2005	\$	55,739	\$	22,405	\$	78,144	

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

	Neig Rev	nneapolis ghborhood italization Program	Plan Ec	nmunity ning and conomic elopment	 Hawkins
Expenses					
Depreciation	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Equipment rental		158		1,784	-
Grants		30,318		-	-
Insurance		-		1,451	-
Meetings		1,748		-	1,621
Miscellaneous		45		-	5
Payroll					
Salaries		60,054		-	-
Benefits		2,154		-	-
Taxes		4,038		-	-
Postage		3,830		-	-
Printing and copying		8,146		-	-
Professional services		1,466		-	-
Rent		10,857		-	-
Supplies		2,316		-	1,101
Telephone		2,258		-	 -
Total Expenses	\$	127,388	\$	3,235	\$ 2,727

Bush Foundation		Wa Mar	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization		Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance		nagement General	 Total
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	411	\$ 411
	288		-		-		294	2,524
	-		-		-		-	30,318
	-		-		-		-	1,451
	-		-		-		1,111	4,480
	-		-		-		2	52
	39,723		-		3,295		-	103,072
	2,347		-		-		-	4,501
	3,025		-		252		20	7,335
	-		-		-		-	3,830
	-		-		-		113	8,259
	-		5,853		-		239	7,558
	1,980		-		-		-	12,837
	-		-		-		-	3,417
	-		-		-		-	 2,258
\$	47,363	\$	5,853	\$	3,547	\$	2,190	\$ 192,303

EXHIBIT 4

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ (49,005)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided	
by (used in) operating activities	
Depreciation	\$ 411
(Increase) decrease in grants receivable	(4,190)
(Increase) decrease in pledges receivable	37,550
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(2)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	123
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	(1,360)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	 (5,667)
Total adjustments	\$ 26,865
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (22,140)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Purchase of equipment	 (865)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (23,005)
Cash - April 1, 2004	 112,272
Cash - March 31, 2005	\$ 89,267

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Organization

The Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) was organized to stimulate the interests of residents in the welfare of the community and to actively support the improvement of the community. In addition, the SECIA wants to create an awareness of the problems and challenges of the community; to actively encourage widespread participation of residents; and to represent the community for constructive development in areas of neighborhood beautification, zoning and land use, traffic control, police protection, transportation, community relations, code enforcement, overall community planning and development, and community services including schools, parks, and libraries. The SECIA is governed by a 15-member Community Council.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

The provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*, and SFAS No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*, have been applied to the amounts presented in these financial statements. Under these provisions, net assets and revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the SECIA and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

<u>Unrestricted</u> - Those resources over which the SECIA has discretionary control.

<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> - Those resources subject to donor-imposed restrictions which will be satisfied by actions of the SECIA or passage of time.

<u>Permanently Restricted</u> - Those resources subject to a donor-imposed restriction that they be maintained permanently by the SECIA. The donors of these resources permitted the SECIA to use all or part of the income earned, including capital appreciation or related investments, for unrestricted or temporarily restricted purposes.

#### C. Basis of Accounting

The SECIA reports on the accrual method of accounting where revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

#### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

#### D. Expense Allocation

Salaries and related expenses are allocated based on job descriptions and the best estimates of management. Expenses other than salaries and related expenses, which are not directly identifiable by program or supporting service, are allocated based on the best estimates of management in relation to grant budgets. Fund raising expenses are considered to be minimal, and those costs are included in management and general.

#### E. Income Taxes

The SECIA is a not-for-profit corporation exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and comparable state statutes.

#### F. <u>Cash</u>

Cash consists of deposits in a checking account and two money market accounts. These deposits are covered by FDIC insurance. At no time during the year did such deposits exceed FDIC insurance coverage.

#### G. Equipment

All purchased equipment is valued at cost. Donated equipment is valued at fair value at the date of contribution. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three years for computer equipment and five years for other equipment.

#### H. Grants and Contracts

The SECIA's funding includes cost-reimbursement grants primarily from the Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) and the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Government grants and contracts recognize revenue as earned when eligible expenses, as defined in each grant or contract, are made. Funds advanced on the above grants but not yet earned are shown as deferred revenue. Expenses under government grants are subject to review by the granting authority. To the extent, if any, that such a review reduces expenses allowed under these grants, the SECIA will record such disallowances at the time the final assessment is made.

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### I. <u>Contributions</u>

Cash, promises to give, certain contributed services, and gifts of long-lived assets are recorded as revenue at their fair value when they are received unconditionally. Conditional contributions are recognized as revenue when the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

#### J. Accrued Vacation

Employees of the SECIA earn from 104 to 160 hours of vacation each year depending on length of service. Since the SECIA cannot change its primary granting authorities for accrued vacation until it is used, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for recording the accrued liability and related expenses at year-end. At March 31, 2005, the amount of the accrued vacation was \$4,367.

#### 2. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at March 31, 2005, were:

Equipment Less: accumulated depreciation	\$ 6,462 (5,341)
Total Equipment	\$ 1,121

#### 3. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at March 31, 2005, consisted of the following:

NRP - Full Action NRP - First Step Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance	\$ 15,000 8,876 4,933
Total	\$ 28,809

#### 4. <u>Restricted Net Assets</u>

Restricted net assets at March 31, 2005, consisted solely of the Bush Foundation in the amount of \$22,405.

#### 5. Operating Leases

The SECIA leased office space for fiscal year 2005 at a monthly rate of \$1,001 for April and May; the monthly rate for June through March was \$1,025 plus 60 percent of utilities. Rental expense related to this lease was \$12,837 for fiscal year 2005. The SECIA has also entered into a lease for a copier. This lease commenced May 5, 2000, and will be in effect for five years with monthly payments of \$147. The lease payments for the year ended March 31, 2005, were \$1,764.

The future minimum lease payments as of March 31, 2005, are as follows:

	Office Space		C	opier	Total		
2006 2007	\$	12,300 2,050	\$	147	\$	12,447 2,050	
Total	\$	14,350	\$	147	\$	14,497	

#### 6. <u>Commercial Improvement Grant Program</u>

The SECIA has initiated the Commercial Improvement Matching Grant Program. Funding for this program was provided to the SECIA by the NRP in the amount of \$25,110 for fiscal year 2004 and \$29,318 for fiscal year 2005, with a maximum funding amount of \$70,000 through December 31, 2004. The program consists of grants up to a maximum of \$5,000 that must be matched at 50 percent by the borrower for enhancing the exterior of business properties.

SCHEDULE OF NRP ACTIVITY

#### <u>Schedule 1</u>

#### SCHEDULE OF NRP ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

	 Contract #15283 Action Plan		Contract #019141 Commercial Improvement Grant Program		Total	
Revenues	\$ 98,542	\$	29,318	\$	127,860	
Expenses						
Equipment rental	\$ 158	\$	-	\$	158	
Grants	1,000		29,318		30,318	
Meetings	1,748		-		1,748	
Miscellaneous	45		-		45	
Payroll						
Salaries	60,054		-		60,054	
Benefits	2,154		-		2,154	
Taxes	4,038		-		4,038	
Postage	3,830		-		3,830	
Printing and copying	8,146		-		8,146	
Professional services	1,466		-		1,466	
Rent	10,857		-		10,857	
Supplies	2,316		-		2,316	
Telephone	 2,258		-		2,258	
Total Expenses	\$ 98,070	\$	29,318	\$	127,388	
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 472	\$	-	\$	472	

Management and Compliance Section

#### <u>Schedule 2</u>

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

#### I. COMPLIANCE

None.

#### II. INTERNAL CONTROL

#### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS NOT RESOLVED

#### 99-2 Segregation of Duties

Due to the limited number of office personnel within the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA), segregation of the accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal control is not possible. This is not unusual in operations the size of the SECIA; however, management should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an accounting point of view.

#### Client's Response:

SECIA's Board has an active Treasurer, Executive Committee, and Neighborhood Coordinator whose charge is to meet and review SECIA's financial status. Currently, our Vice Presidents, who are not designated check signors, are reconciling the bank statements. This change was made after the previous audit recommended a segregation of duties. To further the process, we will endeavor to also have the Treasurer initial the bank reconciliations after the Vice Presidents have completed the documentation.

#### 04-1 Bank Reconciliations

Our previous report noted that some of the bank reconciliations were not prepared in a timely manner. Also, reconciliation forms were not initialed and dated by the preparer.

Our current review found that most reconciliations were prepared in a timely manner. However, the reconciliation forms were not initialed and dated by the preparer. We again recommend that the preparer of the bank reconciliations initial and date the forms.

#### Client's Response:

The bank reconciliations are completed by the newly appointed Vice Presidents. They will be reviewed by the Treasurer after they have been completed. SECIA's Neighborhood Coordinator will endeavor to inform the Vice Presidents of the status of available and necessary paperwork as soon as it becomes appropriate. The SECIA Vice Presidents and Treasurer will sign and date all bank reconciliations after they have been completed and reviewed.

#### 04-2 <u>Reimbursement for NRP Program Expenses</u>

Our previous report indicated that the SECIA had not requested reimbursement from the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Action Plan grant for expenses totaling \$5,702. In reviewing this condition with the NRP specialist for the SECIA, we found that the neighborhood was still eligible to receive \$5,489 of the above amount.

We recommend that the SECIA submit a request to the NRP for reimbursement of \$5,489 for expenses incurred under the Action Plan grant.

#### Client's Response:

SECIA's NRP Representative is working with the SECIA to reconcile the reimbursable total of \$5,489 with an outstanding advancement from NRP First Step Funds. The two amounts have a difference of less than \$300. Agreement has been reached to submit a reimbursement request for the remaining funds from the NRP.



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#### **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE**

Board of Directors Southeast Como Improvement Association

We have audited the financial statements of the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) (a nonprofit corporation) as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of the SECIA is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. In fulfilling this responsibility, management must make estimates and judgments to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control policies and procedures. The objectives of internal control are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that:

- assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition,
- transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, and
- transactions are recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the controls to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the SECIA's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial

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reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the SECIA's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as items 99-2, 04-1, and 04-2.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions listed above, we consider item 99-2 to be a material weakness.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the SECIA's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the SECIA's Board of Directors, its management, and the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Pat Anderson

PATRICIA ANDERSON STATE AUDITOR /s/Greg Hierlinger

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End of Fieldwork: December 6, 2005