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Martin Matson, Comptroller Office of the Comptroller City Hall, Room 404

Re: Potential Audit Suggestions for 2014.

Dear Mr. Matson:

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to submit suggestions relating to potential audits to be considered for inclusion in the Audit Division's 2014 audit work plan. In support of this collaborative approach, provided below for your consideration are suggestions relating to potential audits for inclusion in the 2014 audit work plan.

- 1. Fund Carryovers: Determination of whether the operating and capital fund carryovers annually approved by the Common Council are in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes, Capital Guidelines, Grant and Aid Guidelines and any other prudent criteria.
- 2. Library's Substitute Pool Program: Determination of whether the Library's Substitute Pool program, which uses retirees from the Library to work on a temporary basis when current staff is unavailable, is cost effective. Also, if the Pool program is determined to be cost effective, review City civil service rules to determine if the hiring of pool participants can be made more efficient.
- 3. Employee Information: Determination of whether the City has appropriate policies and protocols in place to safeguard employee information.
- 4. Mixed-use Libraries: Determination of whether the operating expenditures for the Villard Square mixed-use library are less than the operating expenditures for a standard branch.
- 5. Municipal Court Intervention Program: Determination of whether funding for this program is being effectively expended.
- 6. Tax-exempt Properties: Determination of how well the Assessor's Office evaluates and monitors tax-exempt properties to determine if the property's tax exempt status is legitimate and if ineligible properties are returned to the tax roll.



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- 7. DPW's Electronic Bidding Program: Determine whether DPW's electronic bidding system is more efficient than their old paper system.
- 8. Energy efficiency: Determination of whether the city's reduced energy usage since 2011 (more than 20%, surpassing the goal of 15%) has been the result of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Initiative or some other factors.
- 9. Urban Forestry Training Initiative: Determination of how many of the 2010 & 2011 program participants are currently working for the City full-time and how many are currently working in urban forestry-related private-sector jobs. Also, determine if graduates of the program have been provided with training that is sufficient enough to find jobs in the private tree care industry.
- 10. DCD Capital Accounts (except TID-related accounts): Determination of the amount of private investment (by project address) leveraged (i.e., investment in building construction, repairs, equipment, number of new employees hired) by the expenditures from DCD capital accounts.
- 11. Port of Milwaukee Capital Projects (funded by both capital budget and O&M "special funds"): Determination of whether funding for the Port's capital items (harbor dredging, dockwall maintenance, breakwater repairs, etc.) is adequate or excessive, and whether the Port has adequate staff and expertise to keep up with its facilities maintenance needs, even if it has sufficient funding.

Please feel free to contact my office should clarification of the objectives for the abovementioned subject areas be necessary. In addition, please advise my office when the audit work plan for the upcoming year has been finalized.

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