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BACKGROUND

On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq.). The act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution of state aid to Pennsylvania's public pension plans. Section 402(j) of Act 205 specifically requires the Auditor General, as deemed necessary, to make an audit of every municipality which receives general municipal pension system State aid and of every municipal pension plan and fund in which general municipal pension system State aid is deposited.

Pension plan aid is provided from a 2 percent foreign casualty insurance premium tax, a portion of the foreign fire insurance tax designated for paid firefighters and any investment income earned on the collection of these taxes. Generally, municipal pension plans established prior to December 18, 1984, are eligible for state aid. For municipal pension plans established after that date, the sponsoring municipality must fund the plan for three plan years before it becomes eligible for state aid. In accordance with Act 205, a municipality's annual state aid allocation cannot exceed its actual pension costs.

In addition to Act 205, the Alsace Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan is also governed by implementing regulations adopted by the Public Employee Retirement Commission published at Title 16, Part IV of the Pennsylvania Code and applicable provisions of various other state statutes including, but not limited to, the following:

Act 69 - The Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), as reenacted and amended, 53 P.S. § 65101 et seq.

The Alsace Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan is a single-employer defined contribution pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Resolution No. 2001-7, as amended. Active members are not required to contribute to the plan. The municipality is required to contribute 8.5 percent of each member's compensation.

JACK WAGNER

AUDITOR GENERAL

Board of Township Supervisors
Alsace Township
Berks County
Temple, PA 19560

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Alsace Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* applicable to performance audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The objectives of the audit were:

1. To determine if municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the findings contained in our prior audit report; and

2. To determine if the pension plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Our audit was limited to the areas related to the objectives identified above.

Township officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Alsace Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan is administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. In conducting our audit, we obtained an understanding of the township's internal controls as they relate to the township's compliance with those requirements and that we considered to be significant within the context of our audit objectives, and assessed whether those significant controls were properly designed and implemented. Additionally, we tested transactions, assessed official actions, performed analytical procedures and interviewed selected officials to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objectives.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Alsace Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We did not audit the information and, accordingly, express no form of assurance on it.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Alsace Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

March 9, 2012

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General

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STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendations

Alsace Township has complied with the prior audit recommendations concerning the following:

- Failure To Fund Member's Account

  The township has properly funded all eligible plan members' accounts; and

- Incorrect Data On Certification Form AG 385 Resulting In An Underpayment Of State Aid

  During the current audit period, municipal officials established adequate internal control procedures to ensure compliance with the instructions that accompany Certification Form AG 385 and accurately reported the required pension data.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)

SCHEDULE OF STATE AID
AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid Deposited	Employer Contributions
2005	$ 11,707	None
2006	8,909	None
2007	11,989	$ 862
2008	12,745	1,720
2009	12,512	8,499
2010	19,409	2,059

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REPORT DISTRIBUTION LIST

This report was initially distributed to the following:

The Honorable Tom Corbett
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