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ABBREVIATION

ERISA - Employee Retirement Income Security Act

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 Glassport Borough Nonuniformed Union 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.

As further described in the Letter from the Auditor General included in this report, the borough's nonuniformed union employees participate in the Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employers Pension Plan. The plan is affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the borough and its nonuniformed union employees. Active members are not required to contribute to the plan. The municipality was required to contribute \$66 per week per employee for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, and \$69 per week per employee for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009.



The Honorable Mayor and Borough Council
Glassport Borough
Allegheny County
Glassport, PA 15045

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Glassport Borough Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2009. 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. The borough's nonuniformed union employees participate in the Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employers Pension Plan, a Taft-Hartley Act collectively bargained, jointly trustee, multi-employer pension plan, which is governed primarily by the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides for substantial federal government oversight of the operating and reporting practices of employee benefit plans subject to its provisions. Accordingly, the scope of our audit was restricted to the activities of the Glassport Borough Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan and did not extend to the activities of the multi-employer pension plan.

Borough officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Glassport Borough Nonuniformed Union 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 borough's internal controls as they relate to the borough'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 Glassport Borough Nonuniformed Union 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 Glassport Borough and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

February 25, 2011

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General

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STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendations

Glassport Borough has complied with the prior audit recommendations concerning the following:

- Allocation Of State Aid In Excess Of Entitlement

Municipal officials transferred \$1,208 of excess state aid to their defined benefit police pension plan; and

- Municipal Contributions Made In Excess Of Contributions Required To Fund The Plan

The borough liquidated the excess municipal contributions maintained by the nonuniformed union pension plan during the year 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)

SCHEDULE OF STATE AID
AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid Deposited	Employer Contributions
2004	\$ 9,876	\$ 16,166
2005	27,144	1,028
2006	23,285	2,197
2007	25,416	None
2008	10,022	16,246
2009	6,462	22,794

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