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January 20, 2014

Honorable Justin Alford
President
Maine Senate
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Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
Maine House of Representatives
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Augusta, Maine 04333

Subject: Government Accountability Report (5 MRSA §12023)

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

In compliance with the requirements of the Government Accountability and Oversight Law for quasi-independent State entities (5 MRSA §12023), I am submitting this report on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA).

MRRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. The Authority is entrusted with the acquisition and management of properties within the geographic boundaries of NAS Brunswick. The enabling statute creating MRRA established very detailed description of its powers and duties. The MRRA Board held its first meeting on September 27, 2007 when the newly appointed Board of Trustees called to order its first meeting and hired Steven H. Levesque as its new Executive Director. Operations began on January 1, 2008.

In compliance with the Government Accountability Act please find below our responses to the statutorily required questions:

- A. A list of all procurements exceeding \$10,000 in the preceding year for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to section 12022, subsection 3, including procurements exceeding \$10,000 that were made under contracts previously entered into for which competitive procurement was not required. The list must include the names of the vendors and costs associated with those procurements;**

The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority did not procure any goods or services that exceeded \$10,000 without first having solicited competitive bids during calendar year 2013 with the exception of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Brunswick Sewer District to conduct spot repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system at Brunswick Landing. During calendar year 2013, MRRA engaged the District with three projects totaling \$48,476 for sewer repairs. This MOA allows MRRA to have repairs made at below market rates and also allows the District to learn more about our sanitary sewer system, which one day they will take over.

- B. A list of all persons to which the entity made contributions greater than \$1,000 in the preceding year and the total amount contributed to each; and**

MRRA made a donation of \$5,000 to the Maine Aviation Business Association on December 2, 2013 as one of the founding members. The purpose of the Association is to promote Maine airports as vital economic engines for the State and their host communities; foster the growth of aviation related businesses throughout the state of Maine; showcase Maine's aviation assets to the global community; utilize the state's airport system to create and enhance business opportunities on and off airports; and to educate the general public about the important role of aviation to Maine's economy.

MRRA donated .94 acres of land contiguous to Saint John's Cemetery to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland on October 10, 2013 to allow expansion of the cemetery on land that was previously taken by the federal government.

- C. A description of changes made in the preceding year to the written policies and procedures required by section 12022 or to the procedures used by the governing body to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.**

The Board of Trustees did not change or amend the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual or the Purchasing Policy during calendar year 2013.

I would also note that on January 6, 2014 MRRA submitted a thirteen page detailed narrative and financial report on the activities of MRRA for calendar year 2013 to Governor Paul LePage consistent with the requirements of 5 MRSA §13083-S.

Sincerely,


Steven H. Levesque
Executive Director

cc. MRRA Board of Trustees
Jeffrey K. Jordan, Deputy Director
David E Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council