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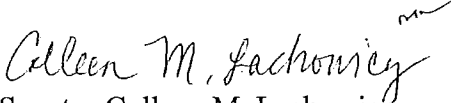
March 28, 2014


The Honorable Justin L. Alford  
President of the Senate  
The Honorable Mark W. Eves  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
126th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government from the review and evaluation of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority under the State Government Evaluation Act. In its review, the Committee found that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Colleen M. Lachowicz  
Senate Chair

  
Representative Anne P. Graham  
House Chair

cc: Michael Goodwin, Maine Governmental Facilities Authority  
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

<p style="text-align:center"><b>JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b></p>
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**Review of the Office of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority  
under the Government Evaluation Act  
March 2014**

## **The Government Evaluation Act**

The Government Evaluation Act provides for a system of periodic review of the efficacy and performance of state government agencies (3 MRSA §951 et seq). The keystone of the Act is the agency program evaluation report that consists of a number of components required by the statute. Essentially, the report is an agency self-assessment, which the committee of jurisdiction uses as a starting point for its evaluation of the agency's effectiveness, efficiency and performance.

## **Review Process**

On April 25, 2013, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government notified the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority of its intent to review the agency pursuant to the schedule established in 3 MRSA, §959. The Maine Governmental Facilities Authority submitted its program evaluation report as requested.

On February 5, 2014, Michael Goodwin, Executive Director of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, presented the Program Evaluation Report to the Committee. The State and Local Government Committee held no further follow-up meetings.

## **Findings and Recommendations**

The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has reviewed the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and finds that it is operating within its statutory authority. The Authority is charged with providing municipal bond financing for capital projects as authorized on a project by project basis by an act of the Legislature for governmental facilities as used by the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Branches of Maine State Government. The Authority sells tax exempt municipal bonds in the national capital markets to provide cost effective capital for the construction of Court facilities and other governmental facilities within the State. The bonds are sold in a timely fashion at the lowest cost available in the market. Detailed information about the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority can be found in the Authority's Program Evaluation Report, which meets the criteria set in statute (3 MRSA §956).

The Authority has an Executive Director and a five-member Board of Commissioners comprised of the Treasurer of the State, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, both ex-officio voting members, as well as three public members.