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Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota

In auditing the Public Employees Retirement Association's basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011, we considered internal controls over financial reporting. We also tested compliance with significant legal provisions impacting the basic financial statements. However, given the limited nature of our audit work, we do not express an overall opinion on the effectiveness of the Public Employees Retirement Association's internal controls or compliance. In addition, our work may not have identified all significant control deficiencies or instances of noncompliance with legal requirements.

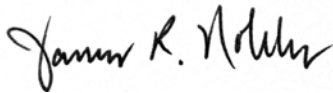
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report meets the audit standard requirements of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Government Accountability Office to communicate internal control matters identified in a financial statement audit. The audit was conducted by Jim Riebe, CPA, (Audit Manager) and Carl Otto, CPA, (Audit Coordinator), Zach Yzermans, CPA, (Auditor-In-Charge), and assisted by auditors Tom Foeller, Adam Langhorst, Kelsey Nistler, and Shanda Wilhelmy, CPA.

Our audit opinion on the financial statements was included in the association's annual financial report. Access to the report is available at the following web site: <http://tinyurl.com/6sygdnt>.

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. In addition, the results of our tests of legal provisions disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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James R. Nobles  
Legislative Auditor



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End of Fieldwork: December 20, 2011

Report Signed On: January 18, 2012