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August 21, 2013

Teri O'Connor
County Administrator
Monmouth County
Hall of Records
1 E. Main St.
Freehold, NJ 07728

Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Energy
Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Report PA-20a

Dear County Administrator O'Connor:

Pursuant to the State Comptroller's authority set forth in *N.J.S.A. 52:15C-1 et seq.*, we reviewed the use of, and internal controls over, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) awarded to Monmouth County. The objective of our audit was to assess the adequacy of controls over the procurement, expenditure and reporting of EECBG-related activities. Our audit covered the period September 8, 2009 through May 21, 2013.

In performing the audit we reviewed applicable federal and state laws as well as Monmouth County's policies and procedures relating to EECBG activities. We also conducted interviews with pertinent Monmouth County personnel and physically observed work performed and goods purchased with grant funds.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards applicable to performance audits. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and

conclusions based on our audit objective. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objective.

On September 8, 2009, Monmouth County was awarded an EECBG grant in the amount of \$4,225,800. The EECBG grant program was funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the grant program was to assist eligible entities to develop, promote, implement and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs designed to reduce total energy use, improve energy efficiency and create jobs.

In reviewing Monmouth County's EECBG-related activities, we tested: internal controls and selected transactions concerning the procurement of contracted services; allowable expenditures; recording and reporting of expenditures; and timely use of the funding in accordance with EECBG requirements. We did not identify any significant reportable conditions in the areas reviewed and for the periods tested.

We thank the management and staff of Monmouth County for the cooperation extended to our auditors during this audit.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William P. Challice".

William P. Challice, CIA, CFE, CGFM
Director, Audit Division

c. Thomas A. Arnone, Director, Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders