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EASTERN SUBURBAN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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To the Members of the Council:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments
Cuyahoga County
6154 Mayfield Road
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To the Members of the Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (ESRCOG) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the ESRCOG's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, ESRCOG has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the ESRCOG's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the ESRCOG does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require ESRCOG to reformat their statements. ESRCOG has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of ESRCOG as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

ESRCOG has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 25, 2008, on our consideration of ESRCOG's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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February 25, 2008

**EASTERN SUBURBAN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Member Contributions	\$84,000
Earnings on Investments	2,785
Miscellaneous	<u>2,048</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>88,833</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Legal Advisor and Fiscal Agent	7,800
Insurance	8,442
Vehicles	552
Training	250
Tactical Unit	14,503
Bomb Squad Unit	9,566
Traffic Unit	3,591
Crisis Intervention	3,684
Communications	30,668
Office Supplies	257
Miscellaneous	<u>250</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>79,563</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>9,270</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2007	<u>51,360</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2007	<u><u>\$60,630</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Member Contributions	\$78,000
Earnings on Investments	2,275
Miscellaneous	<u>314</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>80,589</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Legal Advisor and Fiscal Agent	7,800
Insurance	7,018
Vehicles	675
Training	136
Tactical Unit	14,218
Bomb Squad Unit	7,884
Traffic Unit	4,609
Crisis Intervention	2,212
Communications	14,510
Office Supplies	34
Miscellaneous	<u>720</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>59,816</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>20,773</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2006	<u>30,587</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2006	<u><u>\$51,360</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (ESRCOG) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The governing body of ESRCOG is comprised of a Council of six Police Chiefs and Mayors of member cities/villages. The Council operates in accordance with a written agreement establishing ESRCOG pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167.

The Council established one subsidiary organization, the Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network (SPAN) which provides for the mutual interchange and sharing of police personnel and police equipment to be utilized by all participating members. Annual member receipts are based on need.

ESRCOG's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which ESRCOG is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements adequately disclose material matters the Auditor of State prescribes.

C. Cash and Investments

The investment in Certificates of Deposit is valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

ESRCOG classifies its fund as the following governmental fund type:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all ESRCOG's financial activity.

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Demand Deposit	\$4,130	\$5,360
Certificate of Deposits	<u>56,500</u>	<u>46,000</u>
Total Deposits	<u><u>\$60,630</u></u>	<u><u>\$51,360</u></u>

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

ESRCOG has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Commercial Inland Marine
- Automobile



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments
Cuyahoga County
6154 Mayfield Road
Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124

To the Members of the Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (ESRCOG) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2008, wherein we noted ESRCOG followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered ESRCOG's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of ESRCOG's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of ESRCOG's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the ESRCOG's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that ESRCOG's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that ESRCOG's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether ESRCOG's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Council. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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February 25, 2008



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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MARCH 11, 2008