QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011 AND 2010

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

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From: Louis C. King
Assistant Inspector General for Financial and Information Technology Audits

Reply to Attn. of: JA-20

To: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Administrator

I respectfully submit our report on the quality control review (QCR) of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation's (SLSDC) audited financial statements for fiscal years 2011 and 2010.

The audit of SLSDC's financial statements as of and for the years ended September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2010, was completed by Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP, of Amherst, New York (see Attachment), under contract to SLSDC. The contract required the audit be performed in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards and Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 07-04, “Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements,” as amended.

Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP concluded that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SLSDC as of September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The report did not include any reportable internal control deficiencies or instances of reportable noncompliance with laws and regulations tested.
We performed a QCR of Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP's report and related documentation. Our QCR, as differentiated from an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards, was not intended for us to express, and we do not express, an opinion on SLSDC's financial statements or conclusions about the effectiveness of internal controls or compliance with laws and regulations. Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP is responsible for its report dated October 14, 2011, and the conclusions expressed in that report. However, our QCR disclosed no instances in which Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted Government auditing standards. Because Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP did not make any recommendations, a response to this report is not required.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of representatives of SLSDC and Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP. If we can answer any questions or be of any further assistance, please call me at (202) 366-1407, or Earl C. Hedges, Program Director, at (410) 962-1729.

Attachment

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