BATTLE CREEK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

(A Component Unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan)

Battle Creek, Michigan

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Michigan Dept. of Treasury, Local Audit & Finance Division
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AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Local Government Type	Local Government Name	County
[ ] City [ ] Township [ ] Village [X] Other	Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority	Calhoun

Audit Date	Opinion Date	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State:
June 30, 2004	October 29, 2004	December 15, 2004

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

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We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

[ ] Yes [X] No 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.

[ ] Yes [X] No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).

[ ] Yes [X] No 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).

[ ] Yes [X] No 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.

[ ] Yes [X] No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).

[ ] Yes [X] No 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.

[ ] Yes [X] No 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).

[ ] Yes [X] No 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).

[ ] Yes [X] No 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.			X
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

October 29, 2004

Board of Directors
Battle Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
City of Battle Creek, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the ***Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority, a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan***, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the ***Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority*** as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Authority has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis as required supplementary information. The GASB has determined that such information is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BATTLE CREEK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

June 30, 2004

	General	Adjustments	Statement of Net Assets
Assets			
Pooled cash and investments	$ 2,992	$ -	$ 2,992
Interest receivable	18	-	18
Total assets	$ 3,010	-	3,010
Fund balances			
Unreserved, undesignated	$ 3,010	(3,010)	-
Net assets			
Unrestricted		3,010	3,010
Total net assets		$ 3,010	$ 3,010

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BATTLE CREEK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Statement of Activities and
Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	General	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Revenues			
Property taxes	$ 2,951	$ -	$ 2,951
Interest	59	-	59
Total revenues	3,010	-	3,010
Expenditures/expenses			
Community development	-	-	-
Revenues over expenditures	3,010	(3,010)	
Change in net assets		3,010	3,010
Fund balances/net assets			
Beginning of year	-	-	-
End of year	$ 3,010	$ -	$ 3,010

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BATTLE CREEK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget (Original and Final)	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
Revenues			
Property taxes	$ -	$ 2,951	$ 2,951
Interest	-	59	59
Total revenues	-	3,010	3,010
Expenditures			
Community development	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	-	3,010	3,010
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund balance, end of year	$ -	$ 3,010	$ 3,010

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity – These financial statements present the activities of the Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority (the "Authority"). The Authority was established in April 2001 pursuant to Public Act 248 of 2000. The primary purpose of the Authority is to encourage technological development through the City of Battle Creek's *SmartZone*. The Authority's activities are primarily funded through tax increment financing.

The Authority is a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan (the "City") because the City appoints the Authority's Board of Directors, it has the ability to significantly influence the Authority's operations, and it is financially accountable for the Authority as defined under GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. Accordingly, the Authority is presented as a discrete component unit in the City's financial statements and is an integral part of that reporting entity.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements – As permitted by GASB Statement No. 34, the Authority uses an alternative approach reserved for single program governments to present combined government-wide and fund financial statements by using a columnar format that reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data in a separate column. Accordingly, this is presented in the Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the aforementioned financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation – The government-wide financial information is reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Governmental fund financial information is reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Authority reports a single major governmental fund – the general fund. The *general fund* is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority, except those required to be accounted for in another fund, if any.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989 generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the GASB.

Budgetary Information – The general fund is under formal budgetary control and its budget is prepared on the same modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results. The Authority follows the City budget process in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The Authority submits a proposed budget to the City Manager. After review and approval, the City Manager submits a recommended operating budget to the City Commission. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is legally adopted through a City Commission resolution prior to the beginning of the budgetary year for the Authority's funds.

- The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted and amended by the City Commission during the year. No budget amendments were made during the year.

2. POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Authority's pooled cash and investments, which were deposited entirely in the City's internal cash management pool, was $2,992. Because it is infeasible to allocate risk to individual component units or pool participants, aggregate cash and investment categorizations are presented in the City's basic financial statements.

3. PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenue is derived pursuant to a tax increment financing agreement between the Authority and various applicable taxing districts. Real and personal property taxes are levied and attach as an enforceable lien on properties located within the boundaries of the tax increment financing district. The City of Battle Creek bills and collects the taxes on behalf of the Authority. Delinquent taxes on ad valorem real property are purchased by Calhoun County. Property tax revenue is recognized when levied in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements to the extent that it results in current receivables.

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