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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on Highway Safety Projects administered by The Integer Group Midwest for the year ended September 30, 2008.

Four contracts were awarded authorizing total expenditures of \$565,000 for designing, producing and distributing public service announcements on traffic safety. Vaudt reported a total of \$533,438 of eligible expenditures were claimed under the contracts.

Vaudt recommended the quarterly and final reports be dated and submitted timely according to the contract conditions.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Iowa Department of Public Safety, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/0977-0050-BG00.pdf>.

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**STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU
THE INTEGER GROUP MIDWEST
DES MOINES
HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
SCHEDULE OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

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GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU
THE INTEGER GROUP MIDWEST
DES MOINES**

Officials

Name

Title

State

Governor

Honorable Chester J. Culver

Director, Department of Management

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Director, Legislative Services Agency

Dennis C. Prouty
(Ended during June 2008)

Glen P. Dickinson
(Began during July 2008)

Governors' Representative, National Highway Safety Program

Eugene T. Meyer
(Ended during January 2011)

Larry L. Noble
(Began during January 2011)

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Midwest

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Independent Auditor's Report

To Larry L. Noble, Governor's Representative
for the National Highway Safety Program:

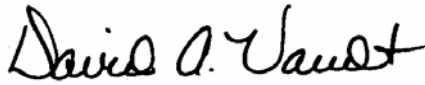
We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Eligible Expenditures under Contracts Alcohol PAP 08-02 Task 12, Occupant Protection PAP 08-03 Task 01, Alcohol Incentive Grant PAP 08-410 Task 73 and Occupant Protection Incentive Grant 08-406 Task 03 which was prepared by The Integer Group Midwest, Des Moines, Iowa pursuant to an agreement between The Integer Group Midwest and the Department of Public Safety, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau for the year ended September 30, 2008. This schedule is the responsibility of The Integer Group Midwest's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule of Eligible Expenditures is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule of Eligible Expenditures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

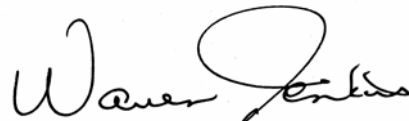
As described in note 1, the accompanying schedule was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. This schedule was prepared to present the eligible expenditures under Contracts Alcohol PAP 08-02 Task 12, Occupant Protection PAP 08-03 Task 01, Alcohol Incentive Grant PAP 08-410 Task 73 and Occupant Protection Incentive Grant 08-406 Task 03 by The Integer Group Midwest pursuant to an agreement between The Integer Group Midwest and the Department of Public Safety, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of The Integer Group Midwest's financial position or results of operations.

In our opinion, the Schedule of Eligible Expenditures referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the eligible expenditures under Contracts Alcohol PAP 08-02 Task 12, Occupant Protection PAP 08-03 Task 01, Alcohol Incentive Grant PAP 08-410 Task 73 and Occupant Protection Incentive Grant 08-406 Task 03 by The Integer Group Midwest for the year ended September 30, 2008 in accordance with the agreement referred to above.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 14, 2011 on our consideration of The Integer Group Midwest's internal control over compliance and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State



WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

July 14, 2011

**State of Iowa Department of Public Safety
Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau**

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Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau
The Integer Group Midwest
Des Moines

Schedule of Eligible Expenditures

Year ended September 30, 2008

Contract	CFDA Number	Contract Application			
		Amount Approved	Amount Claimed	Amount Allowable	Amount Unallowable
Alcohol PAP 08-02 Task 12	20.600	\$ 85,000	85,000	85,000	-
Occupant Protection PAP 08-03 Task 01	20.600	85,000	84,187	84,187	-
Alcohol Incentive Grant PAP 08-410 Task 73	20.601	125,000	122,906	122,906	-
Occupant Protection Incentive Grant 08-406 Task 03	20.609	270,000	241,345	241,345	-
Total		\$ 565,000	533,438	533,438	-

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

State of Iowa Department of Public Safety
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The Integer Group Midwest
Des Moines

Note to Schedule of Eligible Expenditures

September 30, 2008

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Department of Public Safety, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau contracted with The Integer Group Midwest, Des Moines (Integer Group) to provide public awareness services for highway safety projects.

A. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Eligible Expenditures was prepared to present the eligible expenditures under Contracts Alcohol PAP 08-02 Task 12, Occupant Protection PAP 08-03 Task 01, Alcohol Incentive Grant PAP 08-410 Task 73 and Occupant Protection Incentive Grant 08-406 Task 03 by Integer Group pursuant to an agreement between Integer Group and the Department of Public Safety, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and is not intended to be a complete presentation of Integer Group's financial position or results of operations.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Schedule of Eligible Expenditures is prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the Schedule of Eligible Expenditures is not presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements That
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in Accordance with the Program – Specific Audit Option Under OMB Circular A-133

To Larry L. Noble, Governor's Representative
for the National Highway Safety Program:

Compliance

We have audited The Integer Group Midwest's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on its Highway Safety Grant contracts for the year ended September 30, 2008. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to its Highway Safety Grant contracts is the responsibility of The Integer Group Midwest's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on The Integer Group Midwest's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Highway Safety Grant contracts occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about The Integer Group Midwest's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on The Integer Group Midwest's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, The Integer Group Midwest complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its Highway Safety Grant contracts for the year ended September 30, 2008. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of non-compliance with those requirements which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and are described as items (A) and (B) in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of The Integer Group Midwest is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered The Integer Group Midwest's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its Highway Safety Grant contracts to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Integer Group Midwest's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on The Integer Group Midwest's internal control over compliance.

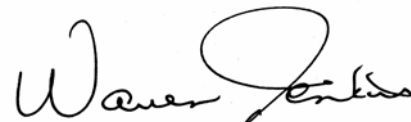
A deficiency in The Integer Group Midwest's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance such that there is a reasonable possibility material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

The Integer Group Midwest's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. While we have expressed our conclusions on The Integer Group Midwest's responses, we did not audit The Integer Group Midwest's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of The Integer Group Midwest, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and other parties to whom The Integer Group Midwest may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State


WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
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July 14, 2011

State of Iowa Department of Public Safety
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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended September 30, 2008

- (A) Final and Quarterly Reporting – The Highway Safety grant contracts require quarterly reports to be submitted within an established number of days after the end of a quarter and final reports to be submitted by November 1, 2008 to the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB). The Integer Group Midwest did not document the dates the reports were submitted. Also, the GTSB did not document the dates the reports were received. Therefore, we were unable to determine if the quarterly and final reports were submitted for all four contracts in a timely basis.

Recommendation – The Integer Group Midwest should document the date its quarterly and final reports were submitted to GTSB. In addition, GTSB should stamp the date it receives quarterly and final reports from The Integer Group Midwest to document when the reports are received.

Responses –

The Integer Group Midwest – Commencing March 1, 2011, Integer will submit quarterly reports to GTSB on a timely basis according to the timeline specified in the contract. Integer will also document the date submitted to GTSB on the quarterly and final reports and will request a stamped, dated return copy from GTSB. On February 18, 2011, this request was discussed with Sandy Bennett of GTSB, who agreed to return a stamped copy.

GTSB – Starting with the report for the first quarter of federal fiscal year 2009, GTSB date stamped reports as they were received.

Conclusions – Responses accepted.

- (B) Contract Requirements – The Alcohol and Occupant Protection grants require a member of The Integer Group Midwest to participate in Traffic Safety Training approved by GTSB. This requirement was not met.

Recommendation – The Integer Group Midwest should attend all required training to fulfill the contract requirements.

Response – In the event Integer is unable to comply with GTSB contract requirements to attend specified training programs in the future, Integer will reach out to GTSB to clarify how to proceed. Any agreed-upon change in contract requirements as related to participation in specified training programs will be formally documented as an amendment to the contract with GTSB.

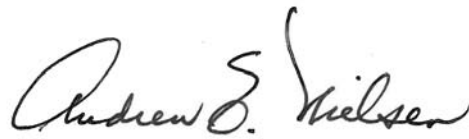
Conclusion – Response accepted.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew E. Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State