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Hawkins County Mayor and
Board of County Commissioners
Hawkins County, Tennessee

To the County Mayor and County Commissioners:

In conjunction with the annual audit of Hawkins County, we have performed a limited review of the information systems in the Offices of County Mayor, Director of Schools, Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit and General Sessions Courts Clerk, and Register as of February 8, 2005. This letter transmits the results of our review.

Our audit of Hawkins County is required to be conducted in accordance with standards contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These standards specify that we perform general and application control reviews of computer-based accounting and information systems to determine whether an entity's existing procedures and controls provide adequate assurance of data accuracy and financial and operating statement reliability.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors, irregularities, or control weaknesses may exist and may not be detected. However, our information system reviews performed in Hawkins County did not reveal any matters that we considered to be reportable conditions.

Please contact Penny Austin, our Information Systems Audit Manager, or me if you have any questions regarding our review of the information systems in the aforementioned offices of Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Norment
Assistant to the Comptroller

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cc: The Honorable Clayton Armstrong, Director of Schools
The Honorable Jerry Stewart, Trustee
The Honorable A. Carroll Jenkins, County Clerk
The Honorable Holly H. Jaynes, Circuit and General Sessions Courts Clerk
The Honorable Judy Kirkpatrick, Register
Mr. Clifford Tucker, East Tennessee Audit Manager