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University System of Georgia and
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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) with regard to three compliance requirements that relate to (1) equipment and real property management; (2) procurement, suspension and debarment; and (3) real property acquisition and relocation assistance. These three compliance requirements are described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement*. Our audit of these three compliance requirements was applied solely to three major Federal programs administered by GIT. They were Research and Development Cluster Program, Manufacturing Extension Partnership Grant (CFDA 11.611) and the Education and Human Resources Program (CFDA 47.076). Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major Federal programs is the responsibility of GIT's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on GIT's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major Federal programs being audited occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence

about GIT's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on GIT's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, GIT complied, in all material respects, with the three compliance requirements referred to above that are applicable to its Research and Development Cluster Program, Manufacturing Extension Partnership Grant (CFDA 11.611) and the Education and Human Resources Program (CFDA 47.076) awards, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008. As discussed in the first paragraph above, our audit opinion applies only to the Research and Development Cluster Program, Manufacturing Extension Partnership Grant (CFDA 11.611) and the Education and Human Resources Program (CFDA 47.076) awards.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of GIT is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to Federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered GIT's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program in order 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

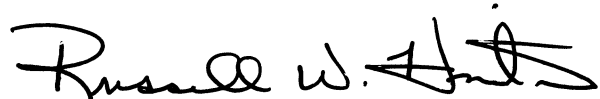
A *control deficiency* in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a Federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the fourth paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Additionally, as noted in the first paragraph, audit procedures were limited to specific requirements for the identified major Federal programs only. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over those compliance requirements that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Members of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Hinton". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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