

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Architect of the Capitol

We have audited the accompanying base building, Senate shell space, and House of Representatives shell space financial schedules of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) for the period October 21, 1998 through September 30, 2007. These financial schedules are the responsibility of the Architect of the Capitol's (AOC) management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. 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 an assessment of 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 opinion.

As described in Notes 1 and 2, the schedules were prepared pursuant to the AOC's accounting policies as they relate to the CVC Project, which are substantially equivalent to budgetary accounting and represent a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying base building, Senate shell space, and House of Representatives shell space financial schedules of the CVC for the period October 21, 1998 through September 30, 2007, present fairly, in all material respects, amounts approved for obligation and related reallocation, obligations incurred, and expenditures paid for the period beginning October 21, 1998 and ending September 30, 2007, of AOC for the CVC base building, Senate shell space, and House of Representatives shell space on the basis of accounting described in Notes 1 and 2.



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Alexandria, Virginia