

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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STATEMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL CHARLES MADDUX
REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL
REPORT (CAFR)

January 28, 2002

I am pleased to join Dr. Gandhi and my other colleagues here today to announce the timely completion of the CAFR. This success is based on a true partnership between my office, the Office of the CFO, and KPMG – the auditing firm I selected as part of a competitive bid process two years ago.

As the contracting officer for the CAFR, I committed to do my very best to oversee the progress of the audit and to deal with any issues which might prevent its timely completion. Specifically, we monitored the reliability and integrity of the CFO's financial reporting process and ensured strong and independent performance by the KPMG auditing firm. With constructive input from the City Council, Mayor's Office, and Congress, I am pleased to say that we all worked together – consistently and in good faith – to achieve this important goal.

My thanks go to all the staff who helped to make this possible, including Tony Pompa (of the CFO's Office), Arte Blitzstein (of the City Council), Noel Bravo (of the Mayor's Office), Karen Molnar (of KPMG) and my own staff member, William DiVello, who worked ceaselessly as the Chair of the CAFR Oversight Committee. As evidenced by our progress this year, I am confident that, in the years to follow, our collective efforts will prove equally successful.