



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
of Seminole County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Seminole County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2003, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Seminole County, Florida's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Fred R. Wilson Memorial Law Library (the "Law Library") and the Seminole County Port Authority (the "Port Authority"), which together represents one hundred percent of the assets and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. The financial statements of the Law Library were compiled by other accountants whose report thereon was furnished to us. The financial statements of the Port Authority were audited by other auditors whose report thereon was furnished to us. Our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Law Library and the Port Authority is based on the reports of the other accountants and auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Seminole County, Florida, as of September 30, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 27, 2004, on our consideration of Seminole County, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Seminole County, Florida's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements and individual fund budgetary comparison schedules are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements and individual fund budgetary comparison schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The introductory section and statistical section are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The introductory section and statistical section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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February 27, 2004