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Messrs. Dadarwala and Kahler:

We have recently completed an agreed-upon procedures engagement of hotel room rental tax remitted by Ramada Inn for the period January 1 to December 31, 2008. Our report number 09-38 is attached.

The result of our review is \$4.11 in hotel room rental tax was collected.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Slonaker", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Slonaker  
County Controller

Attachments

**COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES**  
**RAMADA INN**

*Independent Controller's Office Report on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures  
For the Period January 1 to December 31, 2008*

REPORT NO. 09-38

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES  
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Pursuant to Act 12 of 2005, section 1770.8 to the County Code, Lehigh County Ordinance #2005-180 and the Lehigh County Hotel Room Rental Tax Rules and Regulations effective September 4, 2005, a four percent hotel room rental tax shall be collected and remitted to the Lehigh County fiscal officer. We have performed certain procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Lehigh County fiscal officer, solely to assist the county fiscal officer in determining the accuracy of hotel room rental tax remittances made by the Ramada Inn management for the period January 1 to December 31, 2008. The fiscal officer, as the delegate for the County Executive, is responsible for the collection of the hotel room rental tax.

Procedures performed included:

- Verification of reported revenue to Form PA-3 submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue.
- Compliance to the County of Lehigh Rules and Regulations for hotel room rental tax collection.
- Verification of reported revenue and hotel room rental tax collections to hotel operator accounting records.

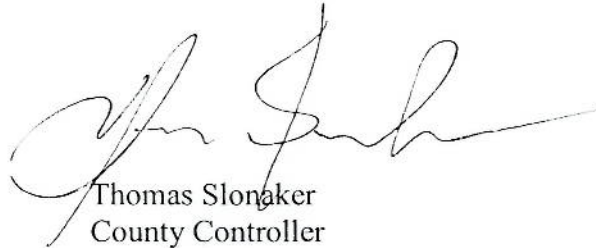
This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards" as issued by the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) and "Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements" as issued by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures performed.

Reported taxable revenues of \$841,533.39 resulted in \$33,665.29 in hotel tax payable to the County of Lehigh during the period under review. Based on our review, additional tax and interest is due for an exemption adjustment of \$4.11.

An issue regarding exemption reporting compliance is detailed on the attached page titled "*Exemption Reporting Compliance*".

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on hotel room rental tax collections. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the county fiscal officer and management of the County of Lehigh and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Thomas Slonaker  
County Controller

Attachment

July 31, 2009  
Allentown, PA

Final Distribution  
Board of Commissioners  
Donald T. Cunningham, Jr., County Executive

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES  
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*Exemption Reporting Compliance*

**Condition:** The hotel is not utilizing the latest forms to report exemptions. New forms were issued effective 2008 whereby permanent resident and non-permanent resident exemptions are reported separately.

**Recommendation:** The hotel should use the latest forms to report exemptions (see pages 4-7).