

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST

SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

September 2008

Highlights of Major Reports Issued:

“City Comptroller's FY 2008 Year-End Report”

[Report No. 08-101](#) (9/22/08) (PDF: 71K)

On September 24, 2008, the Office of the City Comptroller presented its Year-End and Financial Performance Report for Period 13, Fiscal Year 2008 to the Budget and Finance Committee. The Comptroller's Report serves as a summary of the financial activity for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2008, with the primary focus on the City's General Fund. A goal of the Year-End Report is to achieve the monthly reporting objective as set forth in City Charter Sections 39 and 89.

The Comptroller's Report presents comparisons of both revenues and expenditures to:

- FY 2007 actual results (prior year)
- FY 2008 revised budget
- FY 2008 year-end projections, as reported by Financial Management

In the IBA's report, the IBA compared the FY 2008 results with the FY 2009 Adopted Budget to shed light on possible areas of concern. Based on this review, close monitoring will be required for the major General Fund revenues, especially TOT. Because of the many budget adjustments that took place in FY 2008, the IBA recommends a continued effort to refine the annual budget process to increase accuracy in the development of the budget, in hopes of minimizing the necessity for budget adjustments during the year. In addition, the IBA supports the option of reallocating budgetary savings, in contrast to increases to the adopted budget using reserves as a source of funding. Based on current reserve levels, the IBA will not recommend the use of the Appropriated Reserve, unless additional information is provided regarding revenues to be received in excess of budgeted levels, or that significant budgetary savings is expected.

The First Quarter Financial Report will provide more information about the City's current financial status and is expected to be issued in mid-November.

“State of California 2008-2009 Budget Impacts”

[Report No. 08-100](#) (9/22/08) (PDF: 35K) [Attachment](#) (9/22/08) (PDF: 102K)

On Thursday, September 18, Governor Schwarzenegger and State legislative leaders appeared to come to an agreement on the State of California 2008-2009 Budget, after nearly three months of deadlock. The budget compromise was approved by the legislature on Friday and sent to the Governor for signature. The IBA has done a preliminary review of the State Budget, and has identified the key elements and anticipated impacts to the City of San Diego, as presented in this report.

“Equal Opportunity Contracting Program - Final SCOPE Recommendations/Bi-Annual Statistics”

[Report No. 08-98](#) (9/18/08) (PDF: 50K) [Attachment](#) (9/18/08) (PDF: 639K)

On Monday, September 22, 2008 the City Council was asked to consider changes to the City’s Subcontracting Outreach Program (SCOPE) and to approve a new Council Policy related to Equal Opportunity Contracting. In addition, staff provided a status report on the City’s Equal Opportunity Program (EOCP) including the latest construction contracting statistics.

On February 25, 2008 the City Council heard an update on the EOCP program. At that meeting, the City Council directed the Mayor’s Office, the City Attorney’s Office, the Personnel Department, and the Independent Budget Analyst to work together to update Council Policy 300-10. On July 9, 2008 the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee heard a Quarterly update on the EOCP. Included in staff’s presentation were recommended changes to the SCOPE program and the introduction of a new Council Policy to augment the existing Council Policy 300-10. At the meeting, the PS&NS Committee referred the changes to the City Council for consideration.

This report highlights the changes that were made to the SCOPE program and the Council Policy, which the IBA supports. The changes to SCOPE and the new Council Policy will help ensure that certain deficiencies with the Equal Opportunity Contracting Program will be addressed. It is important that the results are closely monitored. If the trend of the lack of participation by women and minority businesses continues, other strategies will need to be pursued.

Other IBA Activities:

The Office of the IBA developed a survey in order to ensure that we are providing you with the best possible service and to identify what we can do in the future to aid in your understanding of our local government. Please click on the link below to access the on-line survey and provide your feedback. This information will be used to make enhancements to our website, and to measure our performance.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/survey.shtml>

Other Reports Issued Issued This Month:

[Report No. 08-99](#) (9/19/08) (PDF: 26K)

Amendments to the Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond Policy

[Report No. 08-97](#) (9/11/08) (PDF: 45K)

City-Wide Parking Restrictions for Oversized, Non-Motorized, and Recreational Vehicles

[Report No. 08-96](#) (9/5/08) (PDF: 42K)

Compensation for Outside Auditors

Other Reports Issued This Month (continued):

[Report No. 08-95](#) (9/4/08) (PDF: 47K)

Update on "Amendments to the Managed Competition and Business Process Reengineering Ordinances"

[Report No. 08-94](#) (9/4/08) (PDF: 27K)

Library Department Business Process Reengineering (BPR)

[Report No. 08-93](#) (9/4/08) (PDF: 40K)

Revised Council Policy 700-10, Disposition of City-owned Real Property

[Report No. 08-92](#) (9/3/08) (PDF: 26K)

Proposition 218 Noticing for Water Rate Increases Related to the County Water Authority Pass-Through and the Indirect Potable Reuse Demonstration Project

[Report No. 08-91](#) (9/03/08) (PDF: 24K) [Attachment 1](#) (9/03/08) (PDF: 26K) [Attachment 2](#) (6/02/08) (PDF: 281K)

Response to Grand Jury Report Titled "CCDC: What Does It Develop and With Whose Money?"

[Report No. 08-90](#) (9/02/08) (PDF: 26K)

[Attachment 1](#) (9/02/08) (PDF: 573K)

[Attachment 2](#) (9/02/08) (PDF: 364K)

Response to Grand Jury Report Titled "The Fire Next Time – Will We Be Ready?"

[Report No. 08-89](#) (9/02/08) (PDF: 122K) [Attachment 1](#) (9/02/08) (PDF: 11K)

[Attachment 2](#) (9/02/08) (PDF: 94K)

Response to Grand Jury Report Titled "San Diego City Attorney's Office"