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COMMISSIONER

EDWARD J. COLLINS, JR.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

January 30, 1985

Dear Local Officials:

We are offering a unique opportunity for a limited number of Massachusetts cities and towns to convert their accounting systems to the Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS). This conversion project will be done under the direction of the Bureau of Accounts with the help of independent public accounting firms; and because Governor Dukakis and the Massachusetts legislature have provided us with funding to undertake this project, done at no cost to your community.

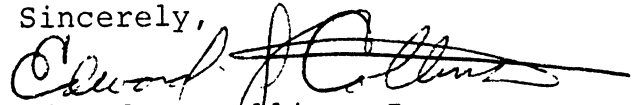
We strongly encourage communities to consider this opportunity. As governmental services continue to grow in size and complexity and there is increased public awareness in accountability of government units, more and more emphasis is being placed on uniformity of reporting and adherence to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). This revised and improved version of the Massachusetts accounting system is more responsive to today's needs and facilitates financial reporting in compliance with GAAP in Massachusetts. Also, as national accounting principles and standards are modified, we will update UMAS for you to keep pace with current pronouncements.

As stated previously, there will be no cost to you in terms of dollars but instead will require dedication and effort on your municipality's part to make the system work. We are committed to continued long-term support to all communities after the actual conversion effort is completed and will be available to provide any additional technical assistance which is necessary.

A separate letter and questionnaire has been mailed to your auditors and accountants which requests a written response from your community that informs us if you would be interested in participating in this effort. Hopefully, we will be able to accomodate as many communities as are interested, limited only by the availability of resources.

Again, I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Collins, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward J. Collins, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Local Services

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Comm. from Edward J. Collins, Jr., Deputy
Commissioner, Mass. Dept. of Revenue, Div.
of Local Services Re: an opportunity being
offered by said Dept. for a limited number
of cities & towns to convert their account-
ing systems to the Uniform Municipal Account-
ing System (UMAS).

*Copy sent to the City Manager
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In City Council,

February 4, 1985

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*Referred to Comptroller
for Report and
Recommendation*