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Mr. Michael Burns  
Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Bricklayers AFL-CIO  
Local 18  
325 Paul Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63135

LM File Number 027-533  
Case Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Burns:

This office has recently completed an audit of Bricklayers Local 18 under the Compliance Audit Program (CAP) to determine your organization's compliance with the provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (LMRDA). As discussed during the exit interview with you on October 9, 2008, the following problems were disclosed during the CAP. The matters listed below are not an exhaustive list of all possible problem areas since the audit conducted was limited in scope.

Inadequate Bonding

The audit revealed a violation of LMRDA Section 502 (Bonding), which requires that union officers and employees be bonded for no less than 10 percent of the total funds those individuals or their predecessors handled during the preceding fiscal year.

Local 18's officers and employees are currently bonded for \$70,000, but they must be bonded for at least \$72,000. Local 18 should obtain adequate bonding coverage for its officers and employees immediately. The letter from the international union confirming

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that your bond coverage was increased to \$80,000 was received on October 14, 2008. Therefore, this matter has been resolved.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to Bricklayers Local 18 for the cooperation and courtesy extended during this compliance audit. I strongly recommend that you make sure this letter and the compliance assistance materials provided to you are passed on to future officers. If we can provide any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Investigator

cc: Tim Mueller, President