Why the Audit Was Done
The Commission audits each host committee or municipal fund that represents a city where a publicly financed nominating convention was held. The audit seeks to determine whether the committee has materially complied with the prohibitions and disclosure requirements of the election law. ¹

About the Committee (p. 2)
The 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee, Inc., headquartered in Tampa, Florida, is the committee responsible for hosting the 2012 Republican National Convention. For more information, see the chart on the Committee Organization, p. 2.

Financial Activity (p. 2)

- Receipts
  - Contributions to Defray Convention Expenses $55,610,032
  - Refunds, Rebates, Returns of Deposits Relating to Convention Expenses $796,575
  - Other Receipts $637,649
  - Total Receipts $57,044,256

- Disbursements
  - Convention Expenses $53,164,445
  - Other Disbursements $57,418
  - Total Disbursements $53,221,863

Finding (p. 3)
Based upon our examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented by the 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee, Inc., no material non-compliance was discovered.

¹ 11 CFR §9008.54.
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Part I
Background

Authority for Audit
This report is based on an audit of the 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee, Inc. undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission (the Commission) as mandated by Section 9008.54 of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations. That section states that the Commission shall conduct an examination and audit of each host committee registered under 11 CFR §9008.51.

Scope of Audit
The audit examined:
1. the receipt of contributions from prohibited sources;
2. the disclosure of contributions and other receipts;
3. the disclosure and nature of disbursements;
4. the disclosure of debts and obligations;
5. the completeness of records;
6. the consistency between reported figures and bank records; and
7. other committee operations necessary to the review.

Inventory of Committee Records
The Audit staff routinely conducts an inventory of committee records before it begins the audit fieldwork. The 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee, Inc.'s records were materially complete and the fieldwork began immediately.
Part II
Overview of Committee

Committee Organization

Important Dates

- **Date of Registration**
  - May 19, 2010

- **Audit Coverage**
  - May 6, 2010 – December 31, 2012

Headquarters

- **Tampa, Florida**

Bank Information

- **Bank Depositories**
  - One

- **Bank Accounts**
  - Three Checking Accounts

Treasurers

- **Treasurer When Audit Was Conducted**
  - Paul Watson

- **Treasurer During Period Covered by Audit**
  - Richard A. Beard: 5/19/10 – 10/11/12
  - Paul Watson: 10/12/12 – Present

Management Information

- **Attended Commission Campaign Finance Seminar**
  - Yes

- **Who Handled Accounting and Recordkeeping Tasks**
  - Paid Consultants and Volunteers

Overview of Financial Activity
(Audited Amounts)

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| o Other Disbursements     | 57,418 |
| **Total Disbursements**   | $53,221,863 |

| Cash-on-hand @ December 31, 2012 | $ 3,822,393 |
Part III
Finding

Based upon our examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented by the 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee, Inc., no material non-compliance was discovered.