

**REGIONAL GREENHOUSE
GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
December 31, 2020**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

April 12, 2021

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

	December 31	
	2020	2019
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 1,518,580	\$ 1,315,662
Accounts receivable	3,405	3,622
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>19,644</u>	<u>22,065</u>
Total current assets	1,541,629	1,341,349
Property and equipment at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,362 in 2020 and \$259 in 2019	<u>5,948</u>	<u>9,051</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,547,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,400</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 253,044	\$ 252,451
Deferred state revenue	1,164,368	1,010,983
Deferred state revenue – program meeting support	<u>37,538</u>	<u>37,538</u>
Total current liabilities	1,454,950	1,300,972
Deferred rent	<u>39,365</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	1,494,315	1,300,972
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	<u>53,262</u>	<u>49,428</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,547,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,400</u>

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Activities

	Year Ended	
	December 31	
	2020	2019
Revenue		
State revenue	\$ 1,919,427	\$ 1,723,634
Interest and other	<u>3,834</u>	<u>2,738</u>
Total revenue	<u>1,923,261</u>	<u>1,726,372</u>
Expenses		
Program services		
Direct	884,314	763,005
Indirect	699,579	657,487
Supporting activities		
Management and general	<u>335,534</u>	<u>303,142</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,919,427</u>	<u>1,723,634</u>
Increase in net assets	3,834	2,738
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>49,428</u>	<u>46,690</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 53,262</u>	<u>\$ 49,428</u>

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

**Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020
(with Summarized Comparative Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2019)**

Expenses	2020			2019	
	Program Services		Supporting Activities Management and General	Total	
	Direct	Indirect	General	Total	
Salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ 426,749	\$ 132,278	\$ 559,027	\$ 549,098
Payroll taxes and employees' benefits	-	151,680	47,032	198,712	185,967
Auctions	310,000	-	-	310,000	317,500
Technical analysis and evaluation	26,218	-	-	26,218	7,056
Market monitoring	226,168	-	-	226,168	184,125
Emissions Allowance Tracking System	321,928	-	-	321,928	254,324
Occupancy	-	62,552	19,753	82,305	42,940
Financial and accounting services	-	-	81,936	81,936	79,944
Telephone, internet and service contracts	-	32,225	10,177	42,402	18,439
Professional fees	-	-	27,350	27,350	43,066
Insurance	-	9,194	2,903	12,097	17,507
Legal fees	-	5,788	1,828	7,616	6,529
Outreach and communications	-	4,744	1,498	6,242	1,190
Meetings and other	-	2,336	3,063	5,399	8,950
Website maintenance	-	4,159	1,313	5,472	626
Depreciation	-	-	3,103	3,103	259
Office supplies	-	152	1,765	1,917	2,045
Furniture and fixtures	-	-	1,535	1,535	-
Travel	-	-	-	-	4,069
Total expenses	\$ 884,314	\$ 699,579	\$ 335,534	\$1,919,427	\$1,723,634

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**Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

Expenses	Program Services		Supporting Activities	Total
	Direct	Indirect	Management and General	
Salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ 423,284	\$ 125,814	\$ 549,098
Payroll taxes and employees' benefits	-	145,294	40,673	185,967
Auctions	317,500	-	-	317,500
Technical analysis and evaluation	7,056	-	-	7,056
Market monitoring	184,125	-	-	184,125
Emissions Allowance Tracking System	254,324	-	-	254,324
Occupancy	-	41,813	1,127	42,940
Financial and accounting services	-	-	79,944	79,944
Telephone, internet and service contracts	-	14,438	4,001	18,439
Professional fees	-	3,537	39,529	43,066
Insurance	-	13,720	3,787	17,507
Legal fees	-	5,010	1,519	6,529
Meetings and other	-	6,122	2,828	8,950
Website maintenance	-	494	132	626
Depreciation	-	-	259	259
Office supplies	-	-	2,045	2,045
Outreach and communications	-	592	598	1,190
Travel	-	3,183	886	4,069
Total expenses	\$ 763,005	\$ 657,487	\$ 303,142	\$1,723,634

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Year Ended	
	December 31	
	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase in net assets	\$ 3,834	\$ 2,738
Adjustment to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	3,103	259
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	217	(3,622)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,421	8,597
Increase in current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	593	5,635
Deferred state revenue	153,385	415,311
Deferred rent	<u>39,365</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	202,918	428,918
Cash flows (used in) investing activities		
Acquisitions of property and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,310)</u>
Net increase in cash	202,918	419,608
Cash, beginning of year	<u>1,315,662</u>	<u>896,054</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 1,518,580</u>	<u>\$ 1,315,662</u>

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 1 – Nature of organization

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (the “Corporation”) is a non-profit, non-stock, corporation established pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) entered into by a number of U.S. states. The current signatories to the MOU are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont (the “Participating States”). Effective January 1, 2021, Virginia has joined the Participating States. The exclusive purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to provide technical and scientific advisory services to the Participating States in the development and implementation of a multi-state cap and trade program, known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) (or its successor) established, to reduce air pollutants that contribute to climate change, and to perform any other charitable or scientific function related to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or the increase in carbon sequestration on behalf of the Participating States. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Corporation is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and is not a private foundation pursuant to Section 509 (a) (1) of the IRC. Contributions to the Corporation are deductible pursuant to Section 170 of the IRC.

The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors, made up of two agency heads from each Participating State who serve as directors of the Corporation *ex officio*. As provided in the By-laws of the Corporation, the directors serving *ex officio* are as follows: (1) the chair, or the commissioner designated by the chair, of the Participating State’s energy regulatory agency; (2) the chief executive of the Participating State’s environmental regulatory agency or department; or (3) in the event that the Governor of a Participating State determines that a state official other than the state’s environmental regulatory agency or department; is the appropriate representative to act as a director, the Governor of that Participating State must notify the chair of the Corporation in writing and such other official shall be a director from that Participating State.

The Participating States provide funds for the Corporation’s activities. Each Participating State has entered into a contract with the Corporation, which establishes, among other things, the amount to be contributed by that Participating State to the Corporation for its services and the specific technical and advisory services to be provided by the Corporation to or on behalf of that Participating State.

The technical and scientific advisory services to be provided to the Participating States generally include the development and implementation of (1) a regional system for tracking emissions and emissions allowances, to support emissions inventory management, allowance trading, compliance and program analysis and user security; (2) guidance for offset projects and an accreditation process for independent verifiers of offset projects; (3) a tracking system for offset project submittals, approvals and supporting documentation; (4) a regional allowance auction platform, including pre-auction services, conduct of the auction, and post-auction services; and (5) monitoring and auditing services for both allowance auctions and the secondary allowance market. The Corporation is authorized to subcontract with outside vendors to fulfill its duties under its contracts with the Participating States.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 1 – Nature of organization (continued)

One aspect of the auction services the Corporation provides are financial settlement services on behalf of the Participating States offering emissions allowances at each auction. Financial security from auction participants is deposited into an account currently maintained at Bank of New York Mellon under the title “RGGI, Inc. as agent for the Participating States of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative” and is held in that account subject to the terms in the auction notice issued by the Participating States offering emissions allowances. At the conclusion of each auction, the Corporation arranges for the transfer of funds in appropriate amounts to the Participating States in payment for the emissions allowances purchased at that auction, and excess funds are returned to auction participants. The Corporation’s receipt and management of these funds is solely as agent for the Participating States. The Corporation has no legal right to retain any portion of these funds or to transfer them to its own account except as explicitly directed by contract with one or more Participating States. The interest earned, if any, will be used to defray the cost of future auctions.

The Corporation is a technical assistance organization only. It has no regulatory or enforcement authority with respect to any existing or future program of any Participating State. All such sovereign authority is reserved to each Participating State.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following comprise the significant accounting policies of the Corporation.

Net assets

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets and revenue, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Without Donor Restrictions

Operating

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and amounts can be spent at the discretion of the Corporation for general operations. Contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year the contributions are received are recorded as contributions without donor restrictions.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

With Donor Restrictions

Temporary donor restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are temporary in nature and are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Corporation and/or the passage of time. Contributions with donor-imposed restrictions are reported as increases in contribution with donor restrictions. When a donor-imposed restriction is accomplished, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, the net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and are reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The Corporation did not receive any contributions with donor restrictions during 2020 or 2019.

Revenue recognition

Once the Corporation's budget is determined, an amount is billed to each Participating State based upon an emissions allocation. These amounts are recorded as deferred state revenue on the statement of financial position. Revenue is recorded on a monthly basis equal to the Corporation's operating and program expenses.

Contributed services

Organizations are required to recognize contributions of services if they create or enhance non-financial assets, or require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills and typically would have been purchased if not provided in-kind. Board members volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Corporation. These services do not meet the criteria to be recorded and have not been included in the accompanying financial statements.

Cash equivalents

The Corporation deems highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. The Corporation had no cash equivalents at December 31, 2020 or December 31, 2019.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment, which consist of furniture and fixtures, is recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Acquisitions of property and equipment exceeding \$5,000 and with a useful life greater than one year are capitalized.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Functional expense allocation

The cost of providing the various programs and other supporting activities of the Corporation has been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program services and supporting activities. Natural expenses attributable to more than one functional expense category are allocated using a variety of cost allocation techniques primarily consisting of time and effort reporting and other equitable bases. Program services are divided into two categories:

Direct program services

These are expenses incurred by the Corporation for direct costs related to the four main functions of the Corporation: auctions, emissions allowance tracking systems, market monitoring and technical analysis and evaluation, that is paid to outside contractors.

Indirect program services

These are expenses incurred by the Corporation for direct costs that are incurred by management of the Corporation relating to the four main functions of the Corporation as described above.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Concentrations of credit risk

The Corporation's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and receivables. The Corporation places its cash with what it believes to be quality financial institutions. In addition, the Corporation places its cash holdings in different financial institutions to have the full benefit of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage. The receivables consist of amounts due from the Participating States. The Corporation believes no significant risk of loss is likely as a result of credit risk concentrations with respect to its cash and receivables.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Risks and uncertainties

During March 2020, a global pandemic was declared by the World Health Organization related to the rapidly growing outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19). The pandemic has significantly impacted the economic conditions in the U.S. as federal, state and local governments react to the public health crisis, creating significant uncertainties in the U.S. economy. The uncertainty of the duration and the government restrictions to operations may make the ultimate financial impact of the pandemic difficult to estimate at this time.

Subsequent events

The Corporation has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 12, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 – Liquidity and availability of financial assets

The following is a summary of the Corporation's financial assets as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 that are available for general use within one year of the statement of financial position date:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 1,518,580	\$ 1,315,662
Accounts receivable	<u>3,405</u>	<u>3,622</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,521,985</u>	<u>\$ 1,319,284</u>

Note 4 – Funding

The Corporation is funded by contributions from the ten (10) Participating States (eleven commencing January 1, 2021) of proportionate shares of the cost of the annual budget as approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors. Each Participating State has two seats on the Corporation's Board of Directors, and these Board members are usually selected from the directors of a State's public utilities commission, environmental protection agency, or energy department, as described in note 1.

The total contributed by all Participating States during 2020 and 2019 was \$1,919,427 and \$1,723,634, respectively. In addition, during 2020 and 2019, several states paid an aggregate of 1,166,355 and \$1,010,983, respectively, in advance for proportional funding costs for the following year, which are recorded as deferred state revenue on the statement of financial position.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 5 – Auction process

One of the main functions of the Corporation is to administer the entire auction process of carbon dioxide (CO₂) allowances for the Participating States. The Corporation administered four (4) auctions during 2020 and 2019.

Each CO₂ allowance auction is conducted in accordance with the statutory and/or regulatory authority of each Participating State offering CO₂ allowances for sale in that auction. These uniform price sealed quarterly auctions are designed to prevent price collusion by the bidders and are monitored by an independent third-party vendor (see note 7).

Each Participating State's number of allowances is specified in the statutes and/or regulations authorizing its CO₂ allowance budget. Allowances of any Participating State are recognized by the CO₂ Budget Trading Program of each of the Participating States even if that particular state is not participating in the auction.

Note 6 – Retirement plan

The Corporation maintains a 403(b) plan whereby eligible employees may elect to defer contributions of their salary up to the limits established under the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation will contribute up to 10% of an employee's annual compensation. Employees are vested in the Corporation matching contribution after 24 months of employment. The Corporation's cost for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 totaled \$55,841 and \$56,785, respectively. These costs are included in payroll taxes and employees' benefits in the statement of functional expenses.

Note 7 – Commitments

Program commitments

The Corporation receives funding under contracts and agreements from the Participating States. Payments received under these arrangements are subject to audit by each Participating State. Upon audit, if discrepancies are discovered, the Corporation could be held responsible for reimbursing the amount in question. As of the date of this report, no audits have been requested by the Participating States.

Auctions

The auction platform was created and is monitored by an unrelated independent contractor who is responsible for the integrity of the process. In addition, this independent contractor is responsible for verifying the collateral issued by the underlying institution for each bid made by an auction bidder. As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the total cost provided was \$310,000 and \$317,500, respectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Note 7 – Commitments (continued)

Technical analysis and evaluation

The Corporation has a program contract with an independent contractor to provide services supporting the offset of the Participating States' CO₂ budget trading programs through development of model application and submittal materials and model guidance, as defined in the program contract. The Corporation had agreements with an independent contractor to provide for supporting services with respect to its technical analysis and evaluation of the Participating States CO₂ budget trading programs. The total expenses, labeled technical analysis and evaluation, for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were \$26,218 and \$7,056, respectively.

Market monitoring

The Corporation has an agreement with an independent contractor to serve as the market monitor for the RGGI CO₂ allowance market. This independent contractor monitors the conduct of the market participants in both the primary auctions and the secondary market to identify indications of market manipulation or collusion. It also reviews the administration of the auctions performed by the independent contractor referred to above. The total expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were \$226,168 and \$184,125, respectively.

Emissions allowance tracking system

The Corporation has an agreement with an independent contractor to administer and otherwise manage the development and implementation of an emissions and allowance tracking system. The total expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were \$321,928 and \$254,324, respectively.

Office space

Effective December 1, 2018, the Corporation has a nine-year and nine-month space license agreement with the New York State Office of General Services that expires on August 31, 2028 for space in common with the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) for conducting its programs. The base license expense is recognized on a straight-line method over the life of the agreement rather than in accordance with the actual license payment made. Occupancy expense recorded that exceeds amounts paid is recorded as deferred rent on the statement of financial position, which represents the adjustment to future years' license payments as a result of using the straight-line method. Deferred rent was \$39,365 as of December 31, 2020. Occupancy costs and related charges totaled \$82,306 and \$42,940 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. During the license period, the Corporation is permitted to use the furniture, electronic, and computer equipment in the licensed space. The use of some of this equipment is subject to an additional monthly charge. Minimum aggregate annual base rental payments under the lease are as follows: 2021 through 2022: \$57,681, 2024 through 2027: \$60,639 and 2028: \$40,426.