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## **Michigan Government-Nonprofit Contracting Challenges Documented in New Report**

***Solutions Readily Available According to Michigan Nonprofit Association***

LANSING, Michigan – Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), a state-wide association serving the nonprofit sector, today announced that more than fifty percent of nonprofit organizations that have government contracts and grants report problems according to a report by the Urban Institute.

The report, *National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracts and Grants 2013: State Profiles*, provides essential nationwide and Michigan data on contracting practices, and ranks states on several areas of concern to individuals in need of services, to taxpayers, and to entire communities.

The problems cited in Michigan include governments not paying nonprofits the full costs of providing services and imposing complex and time-consuming reporting requirements. Michigan Nonprofit Association is working with state and local governments to correct these issues.

“While the Urban Institute report indicates that Michigan’s contracting system stacks up relatively well when compared with other states, this does not mean that our system is without problems,” said Donna Murray-Brown, President and CEO of Michigan Nonprofit Association. “We will continue to work with state and local government officials and nonprofit leaders to further analyze the report findings and develop solutions to better serve citizens and communities.”

### **About Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA)**

Incorporated in 1990, MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the diverse nonprofit sector through civic engagement, capacity-building, data and technology, training, and advocacy. MNA manages multiple programs and affiliates including [Data Driven Detroit](#), [Highway T](#), [The LEAGUE Michigan](#), [Michigan Campus Compact](#) and [Volunteer Centers of Michigan](#), and AmeriCorps and VISTA. For more information, visit [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org).

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