

# State of Mississippi

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

MISSISSIPPI



**Stacey E. Pickering**

State Auditor

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**  
**STACEY E. PICKERING**  
AUDITOR

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Governor, Members of the Legislature  
and Citizens of the State of Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of Mississippi, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the state's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2011. Our report was modified to include a reference to other auditors. Other auditors audited the financial statements of the following, as described in our report on the State of Mississippi's financial statements:

■ Government-wide Financial Statements

● Governmental Activities

- the Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, the Department of Health Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund, the State Agencies Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Trust Fund, and selected funds at the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Governor - Division of Medicaid, the Military Department, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which, in the aggregate, represent 6% and 30%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the Governmental Activities;

● Business-type Activities

- the Port Authority at Gulfport, the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, the Veterans' Home Purchase Board, and AbilityWorks, Inc. within the Department of Rehabilitation Services which, in the aggregate, represent 58% and 12%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the Business-type Activities;

● Component Units

- the Universities and the nonmajor component units.

■ Fund Financial Statements

● Governmental Funds

- the Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, the Department of Health Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund, and selected funds at the Office of the Governor - Division of Medicaid, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which represent 21% and 32%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the General Fund;

● Proprietary Funds

- the Port Authority at Gulfport and the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program which are considered major enterprise funds;

● Aggregate Remaining Funds

- selected nonmajor governmental funds at the Department of Corrections, the Military Department, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;
- the State Agencies Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Trust Fund within the Internal Service Fund;
- nonmajor enterprise funds for the Veterans' Home Purchase Board and AbilityWorks, Inc. within the Department of Rehabilitation Services;
- the Pension Trust Funds;
- the Private-Purpose Trust Funds of the Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program;

all of which represent 94% and 66%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the Aggregate Remaining Funds.

Except for the major component unit Universities, this report includes our consideration of the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. However, this report, insofar as it relates to the results of the other auditors, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters for the major component unit Universities that are reported on separately by those auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The financial statements of the Mississippi State University Foundation, Inc., the University of Mississippi Foundation, the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, the University of Mississippi Medical Center Educational Building Corporation, the University of Mississippi Educational Building Corporation, the University of Mississippi Medical Center Tort Claims Fund, the State Institutions of Higher Learning Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Fund, and the State Institutions of Higher Learning Tort Liability Fund, which were audited by other auditors upon whose reports we are relying, were audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, but not in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we and other auditors considered the State of Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting.

Our and the other auditors' consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying "Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs: Part 2 – Financial Statement Findings", we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying "Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs: Part 2 - Financial Statement Findings" as items 2010-10, 2010-11 and 2010-12 to be material weaknesses.

We and the other auditors also noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of the applicable state agencies and institutions of the State of Mississippi in separate communications.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the State of Mississippi's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we and other auditors performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying "Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs: Part 2 – Financial Statement Findings" as items 2010-03 and 2010-12.

We and the other auditors also noted certain matters which we have reported to management of the State of Mississippi in separate communications.

Management's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Management Responses and Corrective Action Plans section. We did not audit management's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Governor, Members of the Legislature, federal awarding agencies, pass-through entities and those charged with governance and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



**WILLIAM R. DOSS, CPA**  
Director, Financial and Compliance  
Audit Division

Jackson, Mississippi  
January 25, 2011

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs:  
Part 1  
Summary of Auditor's Results**



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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

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PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

*Financial Statements*

Type of auditor's report issued:

Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified?                    X yes                    \_\_\_ no
- Significant deficiencies identified?                    \_\_\_ yes                    X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial  
statements noted?

X yes                    \_\_\_ no

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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs:  
Part 2  
Financial Statement Findings**



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**CFDA/Finding  
Number**

**Finding and Recommendation**

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**EDUCATION**

*Material Weakness*

2010-10

A Program of Information Technology Governance Should Be Implemented at the Mississippi Department of Education

*Finding:*

Information Technology (IT) governance is the leadership and organizational structures and processes that ensure an organization's IT investments sustain and extend business strategies and objectives. IT governance decision-making frameworks and processes help define how all IT investment decisions will be made, where accountability lies for those decisions and the ongoing management of IT investments and technology standards.

Policies, procedures, and standards define IT organizational behavior and uses of technology. They are a part of the written record that defines how the IT organization performs services that support the organization. Policy documents should be developed and ratified by IT management. IT policies typically cover topics such as security processes, risk management, roles and responsibilities, development practices, operational practices, incident management, project management and vulnerability management.

During our review, we found the Mississippi Department of Education to be deficient in policy, procedures and standards regarding:

- Risk Assessments
- Security
- Vulnerability Management
- Identity and Access Management
- Compliance Management
- Continuity of Operations
- Documentation

*Recommendation:*

We recommend the Mississippi Department of Education establish governance through an IT steering committee that will be responsible for setting long-term IT strategy and ensure that IT processes will effectively meet the agency's business needs. Additionally, we recommend the agency implement a program of IT governance that will address change management, quality management, security management, documentation requirements, performance optimization and establish an effective organizational structure and clear statements of roles and responsibilities.

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**CFDA/Finding  
Number**

**Finding and Recommendation**

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**EDUCATION**

***Material Weakness***

2010-11

**A Formal Information Security Policy Should Be Implemented**

*Finding:*

Since our 2003 audit, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has communicated the need for the Mississippi Department of Education to implement a formal Information Security Policy or Enterprise Security Plan. This finding also relates to finding 2010-10 in this report, as a strong security stance is a function of a strong Information Technology (IT) Governance process.

The lack of a formal Information Security Policy has led to a breakdown of basic security practices in the areas of application security, LAN/WAN security, management of the security application and Internet protocol.

During 2009, the *Mississippi State Enterprise Security Policy* was substantially updated and strengthened and requires all state agencies to have a written information security plan, conduct a security risk analysis, implement a data classification scheme, and provide for periodic external security reviews.

*Recommendation:*

Practices outlined in the *Mississippi State Enterprise Security Policy* are typical of appropriate standards for any moderate sized IT organization. While full compliance with all facets of the policy may be an economic challenge for the Mississippi Department of Education, beginning steps to become compliant with the policy are necessary. We recommend the agency create a plan of compliance with industry standards and State policy to ensure progress towards a more robust documented information security plan.

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**Finding  
Number**

**Finding and Recommendation**

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**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

*Material Weakness*

*Material Noncompliance*

2010-12

Controls Should Be Strengthened to Ensure Accounting Records are Complete and Accurate, GAAP Reporting Packages are Properly Prepared, and Contribution Rates are Accurately Calculated

*Finding:*

Subsection 25.00.00 of the *Mississippi Agency Accounting Policy and Procedures* (MAAPP) Manual requires each state agency to maintain a complete and accurate set of financial records. Once a transaction has occurred it is necessary to record the transaction promptly in the accounting/financial records. Subsection 3.50.20 of the manual further requires that financial transactions should be recorded in self-balancing groups of accounts through the double entry method of accounting. This technique embodies the inherent control features of the accounting equation. It follows that the sum of all debit entries in the accounting records must equal the sum of all credit entries, and the records are thereby self-balanced. In addition, Subsection 27.30.10 of the manual requires each state agency to prepare a GAAP reporting package which provides accounting and reporting information for financial statement presentation in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* for the State.

During testwork performed to ensure transactions were recorded promptly in the accounting/financial records and to verify the propriety of the fiscal year 2010 GAAP reporting package prepared by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) for Fund 8191, we noted the following problems.

- The payments of federal income taxes on benefit claims for state unemployment compensation (UI) along with the Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation (EEUC) and the Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) federal programs are disbursed from the benefit payment checking account. The agency erroneously recorded the UI payments, which totaled \$12,481,548, in the accounting records to the trust fund account and not correctly to the benefit payment checking account. Also, when the agency was recording the transactions which totaled the \$12,481,548, they failed to include the July 2009 transactions of \$1,232,464. In addition, the agency did not record the EEUC and the FAC payments, which totaled \$17,566,404, as a disbursement from the benefit payment checking account in the accounting records.
- The agency failed to record deposits made to the benefit payment checking account totaling \$9,171,179 in the accounting records.
- The agency improperly requested and received reimbursement twice for EEUC expenses in the amount of \$14,155,668. The agency subsequently repaid these federal funds. However, these transactions were not recorded in the accounting records.

- The agency prepared an accrual adjustment for the GAAP reporting package to record the allowance for uncollectible benefit overpayments recovery receivable account and the corresponding expense account. This adjustment was overstated by \$8,874,626. Another adjustment was made to correct the overstatement; however, the agency incorrectly adjusted a revenue account instead of the correct expense account. This resulted in revenue being overstated and expenses being understated by the \$8,874,626.
- Instances were noted in which the agency reimbursed other states twice for unemployment compensation benefits paid by the other states for former employees of the State of Mississippi who were currently residing in their state in the amount of \$5,538,299. The agency subsequently was repaid by the other states; however, the agency failed to properly reduce the expense account for the repayment in the accounting records. In addition, the agency failed to properly record in the accounting records the amount of \$2,009,290 for reimbursements due from other states for benefits paid by the state on behalf of the other states.
- When recording the September 2009 expense for state unemployment compensation benefit claims, the agency overstated the claims amount by \$3,285,898.
- The agency's accounting records for the entire fiscal year were not self-balancing. The sum of all debit entries in the accounting records did not equal the sum of all credit entries. As a result, a balancing entry was required to be made to the benefit claims expense account in order for the financial statements to balance.
- A prior year audit finding documented that the agency received and expended federal funds which were not recorded in the accounting records. In the current year, the agency also received and expended federal funds which were not recorded in the accounting records as revenues and expenses. The federal funds received and expended in the current year which were not recorded totaled \$356,140,438.
- A prior year audit finding documented that cash received from benefit overpayment recovery collections was not recorded in the accounting records or the GAAP reporting package. In the current year, the agency prepared an adjustment for the GAAP package to record the \$6,270,093 of cash received from the benefit overpayment recovery collections in the financial statements; however, the agency did not record the cash received in the accounting records.
- Prior period audit adjustments which affected an asset account had not been properly posted by the agency in the accounting records so that beginning balances for the current year would be proper.
- Adjustments were made to the GAAP reporting package for which supporting documentation was not available to substantiate the amounts recorded.

- Per Section 71-5-355, Miss. Code. Ann. (1972), the unemployment contribution assessment tax for each eligible employer shall be the sum of two rates: the employer's individual rate, plus a general experience rate. The general experience rate used to calculate each employer's contribution tax was determined to be overstated for the tax year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010. This overstatement of the general experience rate resulted in overcharges to the employers in the amount of \$15,259,108.
- The agency did not prepare monthly bank reconciliations between the bank statements and the accounting records for the fiscal year.

As a result of problems noted above, audit adjustments were proposed and made by management to properly state the current year financial statements.

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that agencies provide accounting and reporting information which makes it possible to present fairly the financial position and the results of operation of the agency. Failure to properly record transactions in the accounting records and properly prepare the GAAP reporting package resulted in misstatements on the agency's financial statements which required additional audit time to correct. Also, good internal control procedures require the reconciliations of monthly bank statements with the financial records. Failure to timely reconcile bank statements with the financial records could result in errors or fraud occurring without being detected in a timely manner and incorrect balances being recorded on the financial statements.

*Recommendation:*

We recommend the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) strengthen controls to ensure all recognized accounting events or transactions are accurately recorded in the accounting records. The agency should ensure its accounting records are self-balanced, the sum of all debit entries equaling the sum of all credit entries (double entry procedure). Also, the GAAP reporting package should be carefully reviewed by supervisory personnel to ensure accuracy. Any prior period audit adjustments which affect an asset account should be reflected in the current year beginning balance for the account in the accounting records. In addition, MDES should strengthen controls to ensure that employer contribution taxes are properly calculated. We further recommend the agency implement procedures to ensure bank accounts are properly reconciled to the accounting records. Differences on these reconciliations should be investigated and resolved in a timely manner.

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**Finding  
Number**

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**Finding and Recommendation**

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**TREASURY**

*Material Noncompliance*

2010-03

Investment Ratios Should Be Maintained in Accordance with State Law

*Finding:*

Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) establishes guidelines for use in the maintenance of the state's investment pool portfolio. The law also states that at no time shall funds invested in United States Government agency, United States Government instrumentality, or United States Government sponsored enterprise obligations exceed 50 percent of all monies invested with maturities 30 days or longer. Testwork at the State Treasury Department revealed the total of United States Government agency, instrumentality, and government sponsored enterprise obligations exceeded 50 percent of total relevant investments for 12 of the 12 dates selected for testwork (one per month). The actual investment percentages for dates tested ranged from approximately 89 to 91 percent, resulting in investments in U.S. Government agency, instrumentality, and government sponsored enterprise obligations of \$718 million up to \$1 billion in excess of statutory limits. Failure to maintain investment ratios in the state's investment pool portfolio within the required percentages resulted in violation of state law.

*Recommendation:*

We recommend the State Treasury Department ensure the state's investment pool be maintained in accordance with Section 27-105-33 d. (iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Agency personnel should periodically review the investment pool portfolio for compliance with state law and adjust the portfolio if required. This review should be documented as evidenced by the signature and date of the reviewer.

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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs:  
Part 3  
Management Responses**



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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Tom Burnham, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

June 18, 2010

INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT REPORT FINDINGS

Stacey E. Pickering State Auditor  
Office of the State Auditor  
State of Mississippi  
P.O. Box 956  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0956

Dear Mr. Pickering:

In accordance with your June 7, 2010 correspondence, the Department of Education is providing the following responses and corrective action plans for the Information Systems Audit findings.

AUDIT FINDING

2010-10 MDE MIS Should Implement a Program of IT Governance

Response:

We concur with the finding and recommendation.

Corrective Action Plan:

A. Specific steps to be taken to correct the situation:

The Mississippi Department of Education has engaged a IT consulting firm to review and report on the Information Technology controls and governance of the Office of Management Information Systems (MIS) with the objective of creating a framework for IT governance for MIS, to include formal policies, procedures and accountability methods. MDE MIS staffing has been improved by hiring an IT professional with a background in governance.

MDE is implementing a MIS Steering Committee to provide direction and accountability to its IT Processes. The first meeting of this committee will be on or about July 20, 2010.

Name of the contact person responsible for the corrective action:

John O. Gilbert, CPA, Deputy State Superintendent  
Office of Educational Accountability

B. Anticipated completion date for corrective action:

MDE expects the initial evaluation of the MIS governance process to be complete and implementation of the governance framework to begin about December 31, 2010.

2010-11 MDE MIS Should Implement a Formal Information Security Policy

Response:

We concur with the finding and recommendation

Corrective Action Plan:

A. Specific steps to be taken to correct the situation:

MDE MIS with the assistance of our IT consulting and security advisors is reviewing current policies, practices and activities relating to information security. MDE will create a complete information security policy and program to comply with the State of Mississippi Enterprise Security Policy requirements, and any applicable laws and regulations as necessary.

B. Name of the contact person responsible for the corrective action.

John O. Gilbert, CPA, Deputy State Superintendent  
Office of Educational Accountability

C. Anticipated completion date for corrective action:

MDE has begun this process and will formalize a MIS security policy on or about December 31, 2010.

Sincerely,



Tom Burnham  
State Superintendent of Education



# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT *of* EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LES RANGE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Financial Audit Findings

March 10, 2011

Stacey E. Pickering, State Auditor  
Office of the State Auditor  
State of Mississippi  
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Dear Mr. Pickering:

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security appreciates this opportunity to submit responses to the financial audit finding for the year ended June 30, 2010 for Fund 8191.

### **Audit Findings:**

Finding 2010-12 – Controls Should Be Strengthened to Ensure Accounting Records are Complete and Accurate, GAAP Reporting Packages are Properly Prepared, and Contribution Rates are Accurately Calculated

Response: MDES accepts this finding and agrees that strengthened controls and supervisory review are necessary to fairly present the financial position of MDES for each fiscal year end.

### Corrective Action Plan:

- A. In June, 2010 MDES contracted with a highly regarded local CPA firm to assist us in strengthening controls regarding reconciliation processes. Training has been conducted, supervisory reviews established and processes documented to ensure accounting events or transactions are properly recorded in the accounting records. A remediation plan for general experience rate charges to employers is under development.

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Corrective Action Plan (continued):

- B. Contracts – Guy Martin – Business Manager and Jackie Turner – Director,  
Office of Comptroller.
- C. Currently in place.
- D. N/A

Sincerely,

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Mr. Les Range  
Executive Director

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March 14, 2011

Honorable Stacey Pickering  
State Auditor, State of Mississippi  
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Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Mr. Pickering:

We have reviewed the financial audit findings in reference to our fiscal year 2010 audit. Listed below are our responses and plan for corrective action:

AUDIT FINDING 2010-03: Investment Ratios Should be Maintained in Accordance with State Law

Response: We do not concur with the audit finding. We fundamentally disagree with the application of the 50 percent limitation to certain Agency securities.

Corrective Action: Under the conservatorship put in place on September 7, 2008, FNMA and FHLMC are being run by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. The US Treasury's actions on September 7th included the institution of Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements, which are the foundation of the direct financial support of the US government to the agencies. The Treasury secretary's speech highlighted the additional security and clarity that these agreements provide to debt holders of FNMA and FHLMC. There were other steps that provided additional security to the debt holders through the provision of greater market stability, but the Purchase Agreements are, in our view, the most important and direct source of financial support. Because FNMA and FHLMC are congressionally chartered, only Congress can effect a permanent change in the status of the companies – either making them entirely public or entirely private. That is a matter that has yet to be determined, although it has been taken up in Congress recently. Reform will likely occur in some form over the next couple of years, and we will see what ultimately becomes of FNMA and FHLMC. The point put forth by Treasury is that what we know today is that the debt is for all

intents and purposes fully supported by the US government, and therefore the debt of FNMA and FHLMC held in the portfolio should not be included in the 50 percent calculation. There is not an explicit legal guarantee, and there will not be – partly because of the balance sheet effects on the US as a whole and partly because of the congressional charters of these companies, to say nothing of the precedent set by the US assuming a public/private entity's debt. But the net result of the conservatorship is financial support of the companies, which includes support to pay its debt obligations and amounts to a guarantee from the federal government on the debt. Hopefully, some clarity will be given by Congress with regard to FNMA and FHLMC, at which time, we will review the status of the Agencies and act appropriately to ensure the safety and security of taxpayer dollars.

Treasury does not believe it is in the best interests of the taxpayers to liquidate FNMA and FHLMC holdings in favor of Treasuries to lower the allocation to Agencies due to the large losses in income to the portfolio that would result from such a rebalancing. The allocation to FNMA and FHLMC securities does not represent additional risk vis-à-vis Treasuries to the State or the taxpayers but does offer meaningfully higher yields.

If you have any question, please call Liz Welch, Deputy Treasurer at 359-3600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tate Reeves".

Tate Reeves  
State Treasurer



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