

**SOUTH CAROLINA LONG-TERM DISABILITY
INSURANCE TRUST FUND**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO JUNE 30, 2009

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This report on the audit of the financial statements of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, was issued by DeLoach & Williamson, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, under contract with the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Gilbert, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
Deputy State Auditor

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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Columbia, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (the "Trust") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in *Note 1* to the financial statements, the Trust's financial statements are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of only that portion of the financial reporting entity of the State of South Carolina that is attributable to the transactions of the Trust. They do not purport to and do not present the financial position of the State of South Carolina as of June 30, 2009, and changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and do not include other agencies, divisions, or component units of the State of South Carolina.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as of June 30, 2009, and the changes in its financial status for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 18, 2009 on our consideration of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's discussion and analysis and the other required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is not a part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Releach & Williamson, L.L.P.

September 18, 2009

SOUTH CAROLINA LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the financial activities of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (the Trust) is an overview of its fiscal operations for the year ended June 30, 2009. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented in conjunction with the Financial Statements.

Overview of the Trust

The Trust was established by the State of South Carolina through Act 195 on May 1, 2008. In accordance with Act 195, the Trust was created to fund and account for the employer costs of the State's Basic Long-Term Disability Income Benefit Plan. As of June 30, 2008 (the latest plan actuarial valuation date), there were 584 participating employers and 204,566 eligible plan participants (203,365 active and 1,201 retired). The Employee Insurance Program administers the Trust and the State Budget and Control Board is the Trustee. The State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds held in the Trust and invests those funds in accordance with the statutes of the State.

Financial Highlights

- Net assets held in trust for other post employment benefits (OPEB), as reported in the Statement of Plan Net Assets, total \$29.440 million.
- Total additions as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets of \$9,279,893 represent contributions revenue, investment income and securities lending activities income.
- Total deductions as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets of \$6,870,557 represent benefits expense.
- The actuarial valuation completed by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company, the Trust's independent actuary, as of June 30, 2007, determined the annual required contribution (ARC) for the year ended June 30, 2009 to be \$9.469 million, of which 73.56% was contributed in the current period.

Overview of Financial Statements

This MD&A serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The Trust has two basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and the two required supplementary schedules. The basic financial statements and the required disclosures are in compliance with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, utilizing the accrual basis of accounting.

The Statement of Plan Net Assets is the first basic financial report. This is a snapshot of account balances at fiscal year end. This statement reflects assets available for future payments to beneficiaries and any current liabilities owed as of fiscal year end.

The Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets is the second financial report. This report reflects all the activities that occurred during the fiscal year and shows the impact of those activities as additions or deductions to the plan. The trend of additions versus deductions to the plan will indicate the condition of the Trust's financial position over time.

The Notes to the Financial Statements (Notes) are an integral part of the financial reports. The Notes provide detailed discussion of key policies, programs, and activities that occurred during the period.

The Schedule of Funding Progress, a required supplementary schedule, includes historical trend information about the actuarially funded status of the plan and the progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The other required supplementary schedule, the Schedule of Employer Contributions, presents historical trend information about the annual required contributions of the employer and the actual contributions made. These schedules provide information to help promote understanding of the changes in the funded status of the plan over time.

Plan Assets and Funding Ratio

As of June 30, 2009, the Trust has \$29,440,331 in net assets. The net assets represent funds available for future payments.

In order to determine whether total net assets will be sufficient to meet future obligations, the actuarial funding status needs to be calculated. On the valuation date, the assets available for the payment of disability benefits are appraised. These assets are compared with the actuarial liabilities, which are the actuarial present value of all future benefits expected to be paid for each member. The purpose of the valuation is to determine what future contributions by the participating employers are needed to pay all expected future benefits.

The Trust's independent actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company, performed an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2008 and determined the actuarial accrued liability to be \$26,341,000. The funding ratio was 104% as of the valuation.

Additions and Deductions to Plan Net Assets

The primary sources which finance the long-term disability benefits the Trust provides are investment income and the collection of employer contributions. For the period ended June 30, 2009, total additions amounted to \$9,279,893. Employer contributions to the Trust were \$6,965,683 for premiums that are billed and transferred by the Employee Insurance Program on a monthly basis. At June 30, 2009, there was a net gain in investment income of \$2,307,785 that is composed of interest earnings of \$1,469,283, premium amortization of \$31,704, and unrealized gains and losses of \$870,206.

For the period ending June 30, 2009, total deductions amounted to \$6,870,557 as a result of benefits expense (claims expense and administrative expenses).

Future Funding of the Trust

The Actuarial Accrued Liability is over 100% funded and going forward into 2010, the premium charged to employers will remain static.

Request for Additional Information

Questions about this report, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed as follows:

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SOUTH CAROLINA LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

Assets :

| | | |
|--|----|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 2,869,235 |
| Invested securities lending collateral | | 2,127,187 |
| Claims refund receivable | | 70,152 |
| Accrued interest receivable | | 363,932 |
| Investments | | <u>26,267,769</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>31,698,275</u> |

Liabilities :

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| Collateral for loaned securities | | <u>2,257,944</u> |
| Net assets held in trust for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) | \$ | <u><u>29,440,331</u></u> |

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Additions: | |
| Contributions | \$ 6,965,683 |
| Investment income (<i>Note 3</i>) | 2,307,785 |
| Securities lending activities income: | |
| Gross earnings from interest and fees | 13,958 |
| Gross borrower rebates | (6,406) |
| Bank fees | (1,888) |
| Earnings adjustments | 761 |
| Net earnings from securities lending activities | 6,425 |
| Total additions | 9,279,893 |
| Deductions: | |
| Benefits expense | 6,870,557 |
| Total deductions | 6,870,557 |
| Net increase in net assets held in trust for OPEB | 2,409,336 |
| Net assets held in trust for OPEB, beginning of period | 27,030,995 |
| Net assets held in trust for OPEB, end of period | \$ 29,440,331 |

See accompanying notes.

SOUTH CAROLINA LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

1. Trust Description

General

The South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (the “Trust”) was established by the State of South Carolina (the “State”) as Act 195 (the Act) which became effective on May 1, 2008. The Trust was created to fund and account for the employer costs of the State’s Basic Long-Term Disability Income Benefit Plan (the “Plan”) in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board statements No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Post Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, and No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

The Trust is a part of the State of South Carolina’s primary government and is included in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina*. In making this determination, factors of financial accountability, governance and fiduciary responsibility of the State were considered.

In accordance with the Act, the Trust is administered by the Employee Insurance Programs (EIP) and the State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds held in the Trust. The State Budget and Control Board has been designated as the Trustee.

Plan Description and Contribution Information

The Trustee has determined that the Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit long-term disability plan that covers employees of the State including all agencies and public school districts and all participating local governmental entities (the “Employers”). The Plan provides disability payments to eligible employees as defined in Article 5 of the State Code of Laws (the “Code”) that become disabled. Article 5 of the Code authorizes the Trustee to at any time adjust the Plan, including its benefits and contributions, as necessary to insure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

The Trust receives employer contributions only. For the period ended June 30, 2009, Employers contributed \$6,965,683 to the Trust.

Administrative costs of the Plan are paid from Plan assets.

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1. Trust Description (Continued)

Eligible participants of the Plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2008, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Active participants | 203,365 |
| Retired participants | <u>1,201</u> |
| Total participants | <u>204,566</u> |
| Number of participating employers | <u>584</u> |

Risks and Uncertainties

The Trust invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of plan net assets available for benefits.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Trust are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Method Used to Value Investments

Investments are stated at fair value as determined by the custodian from quoted market prices. Net unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the year is reflected in the statement of changes in plan net assets and is included as a component of investment income.

Estimates

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

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3. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions

As prescribed by Statute, the State Treasurer is the custodian and investment manager of all investments, deposits and securities lending transactions of the Trust.

Investments

In accordance with State Law, the Trust may invest in a variety of instruments including obligations of the United States and its agencies and securities fully guaranteed by the United States, certain corporate obligations, certain shares of Federal savings and loan associations and State chartered savings and loan associations, and collateralized repurchase agreements. All investments are required to be insured or registered, or held by the State or its agent in the name of the State Treasurer as custodian.

With respect to investments in the State's internal cash management pool, all of the State Treasurer's investments are insured or registered or are investments for which the securities are held by the State or its agents in the State's name. Information pertaining to the reported amounts, fair values, and credit risk of the State Treasurer's investments is disclosed in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* of the State of South Carolina.

The following table presents the fair values of the investments (including invested securities lending collateral) of the Trust at June 30, 2009:

| | Fair Value |
|--|----------------------|
| Collateralized mortgage-backed obligations | \$ 4,292,860 |
| Other Governmental guaranteed investments | 7,243,028 |
| Repurchase agreement | 2,865,000 |
| Corporate bonds | 12,405,622 |
| Asset backed notes | 155,027 |
| Financial paper | 2,171,232 |
| Total | <u>\$ 29,132,769</u> |

The accounts classified as investments in the financial statements comprise investments held for the Trust and the State of South Carolina, which are legally restricted and earnings thereon become revenue of the specific fund from which the investment was made. These investments are specific, identifiable investment securities, some of which may be included in one of the State Treasurer's investment pools.

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3. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

For all investment classifications reported above, the balances therein fluctuated minimally in excess of the year-end balances throughout the year ended June 30, 2009. As discussed in *Note 2*, investments are reported at fair value. Therefore, gains and losses recognized due to market fluctuations are recognized as investment income. The Fund held no short-term investments at June 30, 2009.

The investment types listed above include all investment types in which monies were held throughout the year ended June 30, 2009. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the Fund's investment in repurchase agreements fluctuated significantly. The maximum amounts held in this classification during the year ended June 30, 2009, was \$4,840,000.

Deposits

All deposits with financial institutions are required to be insured or collateralized with securities held by the State or its agent in the State Treasurer's name as custodian. At June 30, 2009, the Fund had no deposits with financial institutions. The Fund had cash of \$4,235, held by the State Treasurer as of June 30, 2009.

Fair value for cash and cash equivalents reported approximates the carrying value.

During the year, the following amounts (which apply to all investments) were included in investment earnings:

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Interest earned | \$ 1,469,283 |
| Premium amortization | (31,704) |
| Change in unrealized gains (losses) | 1,000,963 |
| Unrealized loss from value of securities lending collateral | <u>(130,757)</u> |
| Investment earnings | <u><u>\$ 2,307,785</u></u> |

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3. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

The following schedule reconciles investments and deposits as reported in the statement of net assets to disclosures included in this note.

| | Statements | Note Disclosure |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Held by State Treasurer: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,869,235 | \$ - |
| Invested securities lending collateral | 2,127,187 | 2,127,187 |
| Pooled investments | 26,267,769 | - |
| Deposits | - | 4,235 |
| Specifically identified investments | - | 29,132,769 |
| Total | \$ 31,264,191 | \$ 31,264,191 |

Securities Lending

Through its custodial agent, the Trust participates in a securities lending program whereby securities are loaned for the purpose of generating additional income. The Trust lends securities from its investment portfolio on a collateralized basis to third parties, primarily financial institutions. The market value of the required collateral must initially meet or exceed 102 percent of the market value of the securities, loaned, providing a margin against a decline in the market value of the collateral, and requires additional collateral if the collateral value falls below 100 percent.

There are no restrictions on the amount of securities that may be loaned. The types of securities available for loan during the year ended June 30, 2009, included U.S. Government securities, U.S. Government agencies, corporate bonds, and convertible bonds. The contractual agreement with the Trusts' custodial bank provides indemnification in the event the borrower fails to pay the Trust income distribution by the securities' issuers while the securities are on loan. Cash and U.S. Government securities were received as collateral for these loans. The Trust cannot pledge or sell collateral securities without a borrower default. The trust invests cash collateral received; accordingly, investments made with cash collateral appear as an asset. A corresponding liability is recorded as the Trust must return the cash collateral to the borrower upon the expiration of the loan.

At June 30, 2009, the fair value of securities on loan was \$2,204,423. The fair value of the invested cash collateral was \$2,127,187. Securities lending obligations at June 30, 2009 were \$2,257,944, with the unrealized loss in invested cash collateral recorded in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets under investment income.

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3. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

With regard to custodial credit risk, the Trusts' cash collateral invested is held by the counterparty and is uninsured. All securities loaned can be terminated on demand by either the Trust or the borrower. At year end the average number of days the loans were outstanding was twelve days. The average weighted maturity of investments made with cash collateral was twenty-four days. At June 30, 2009, there had been no losses resulting from borrower defaults and the Trust had no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the Trust owed the borrowers exceeded the amounts the borrowers owed the Trust.

The following table presents the fair value of the underlying securities and the total collateral received for securities on loan at June 30, 2009:

| | <u>June 30, 2009</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| Securities lent for cash collateral: | |
| U.S. Government securities | \$ 869,901 |
| Corporate bonds | <u>1,334,522</u> |
| Total securities lent for cash collateral | <u>\$ 2,204,423</u> |
| Cash collateral invested as follows: | |
| Repurchase agreements | \$ 385,895 |
| Asset backed securities | 218,609 |
| Floating rate notes | <u>1,522,683</u> |
| Total for cash collateral invested | <u>\$ 2,127,187</u> |

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4. Funded Status and Funding Progress

The latest actuarial valuation was performed as of June 30, 2008 by the Trust's independent consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company.

The funded status of the Plan as of the most recent actuarial valuation date is as follows (\$ in '000s):

| <u>Actuarial Valuation Date</u> | <u>Actuarial Value of Assets (a)</u> | <u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)</u> | <u>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b-a)</u> | <u>Funded Ratio (a / b)</u> | <u>Covered Payroll (c)</u> | <u>Percentage of covered Payroll {(b - a) / c}</u> |
|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| June 30, 2008 | \$ 27,468 | \$ 26,341 | \$ (1,127) | 104% | \$ 8,307,740 | 0% |

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedules of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, present multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial values of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

The accompanying schedules of employer contributions present trend information about the amounts contributed to the Trust by employers in comparison to the annual required contribution (the ARC), an amount that is actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 43. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost for each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

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4. Funded Status and Funding Progress (Continued)

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the Plan as understood by the employer and plan participants) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of the valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Valuation date | June 30, 2008 |
| Actuarial cost method | Individual entry age |
| Amortization method | Level percent closed |
| Remaining amortization periods | 30 years |
| Asset valuation method | Market |
| Actuarial assumptions: | |
| Investment rate of return | 6.00% |
| Payroll growth rate | 4.00% |

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTH CAROLINA LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2009

(\$ IN '000S)

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarial Value of Assets (a) | Actuarial Accrued Liability (b) | Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b-a) | Funded Ratio (a / b) | Covered Payroll (c) | UAAL as a Percentage of covered Payroll {(b - a) / c} |
|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| June 30, 2007 | \$ - | \$ 28,048 | \$ 28,048 | 0% | \$ 7,781,719 | 0% |
| June 30, 2008 | \$ 27,468 | \$ 26,341 | \$ (1,127) | 104% | \$ 8,307,740 | 0% |

SOUTH CAROLINA LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

(\$ IN '000S)

| <u>Year Ended June 30</u> | <u>Annual Required Contribution</u> | <u>Percentage Contributed</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 2009 | \$ 9,469 | 73.56% |

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**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***

Mr. Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
Deputy State Auditor
Office of the State Auditor
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (the "Trust") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2009. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Trust's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we 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. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the State Auditor and management of the Trust and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Rebeck & Williamson, L.L.P.

September 18, 2009