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# Monroe-West Monroe (Ouachita Parish) Public Trust Financing Authority

## Financial Statements

## For The Years Ended July 31, 2009 and 2008

# MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)
# PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2009 AND 2008

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe-West Monroe (Ouachita Parish)
Public Trust Financing Authority
Monroe, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying individual program and unrestricted fund balance sheets of the Monroe-West Monroe (Ouachita Parish) Public Trust Financing Authority (the "Authority") as of July 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related individual statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual programs and the unrestricted fund of the Authority as of July 31, 2009 and 2008, and their revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 18, 2010, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and 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 audits.

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# MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)
# PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY

INDIVIDUAL FUND BALANCE SHEETS
JULY 31, 2009 (IN THOUSANDS)

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| ASSETS | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 2,687 | 230 | $ 545 | $ 647 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | - | - | 245 |
| U.S. Government securities - at fair market value | 6,327 | - | 10,383 | 167 |
| Mortgage loans receivable - net — Close to bring Pd | - | 58 | 12 | - |
| Accrued interest receivable | - | 1 | - | 3 |
| Deferred financing costs - net of amortization | 90 | - | 56 | - |
| | $ 9,104 | $ 289 | $ 10,996 | $ 1,062 |
| **LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES** | | | | |
| Accrued interest payable | $ 292 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Bonds Payable - net | 8,120 | - | 8,059 | - |
| Total Liabilities | 8,412 | - | 8,059 | - |
| Fund balances | 692 | 289 | 2,937 | 1,062 |
| | $ 9,104 | $ 289 | $ 10,996 | $ 1,062 |

*See notes to individual fund financial statements.*

**MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)**
**PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY**

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2009 (IN THOUSANDS)

| | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Interest on mortgage loans/mortgage-backed securities | $ - | $ 42 | $ 498 | $ - |
| Interest on investments | 366 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| | 366 | 43 | 499 | 14 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Interest | 585 | 135 | 607 | - |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 28 | - | 9 | - |
| Servicing fees | - | - | 1 | - |
| Operating expense | - | - | - | 22 |
| | 613 | 135 | 617 | 22 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES | (247) | (92) | (118) | (8) |
| TRANSFERS AMONG PROGRAMS | - | - | - | - |
| FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 939 | 381 | 3,055 | 1,070 |
| FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR | $ 692 | $ 289 | $ 2,937 | $ 1,062 |

See notes to individual fund financial statements.

**MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)**
**PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY**

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2009 (IN THOUSANDS)

| | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | $ (247) | $ (92) | $ (118) | $ (8) |
| Adjustments to reconcile excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | | | | |
| Discount accretion on mortgage loans | - | (75) | (650) | - |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 28 | - | 9 | - |
| Interest on investments | (366) | (1) | (1) | (14) |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments | 349 | - | 153 | 5 |
| Interest on bonds payable | 585 | 135 | 607 | - |
| Decrease (increase) in mortgage interest receivable | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Principal collected on mortgage loans/mortgage-backed securities | - | 206 | 5 | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 349 | 174 | 6 | (17) |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Proceeds from maturity/sale of investments | 2,628 | - | - | 2 |
| Interest received on investments | - | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 2,628 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Bond redemptions | (2,215) | (141) | - | - |
| Interest paid on bonds payable | (665) | (5) | - | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (2,880) | (146) | - | - |

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# MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)
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INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2009 (IN THOUSANDS)

| | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 97 | 29 | 7 | (1) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF YEAR | 2,590 | 201 | 538 | 648 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR | $ 2.687 | $ 230 | $ 545 | $ 647 |

(Concluded)

See notes to individual fund financial statements.

# MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)
# PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY

INDIVIDUAL FUND BALANCE SHEETS
JULY 31, 2008 (IN THOUSANDS)

| ASSETS | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 2,590 | 201 | $ 538 | $ 648 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | - | - | 245 |
| U.S. Government securities - at fair market value | 8,936 | - | 9,885 | 174 |
| Mortgage loans receivable - net | - | 189 | 17 | - |
| Accrued interest receivable | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Deferred financing costs - net of amortization | 118 | - | 65 | - |
| Other assets | - | 1 | - | - |
| | $ 11,646 | $ 393 | $ 10,506 | $ 1,070 |
| **LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES** | | | | |
| Accrued interest payable | $ 372 | $ 1 | $ - | $ - |
| *Bonds Payable - net* | 10,335 | 11 | 7,451 | - |
| Total Liabilities | 10,707 | 12 | 7,451 | - |
| Fund balances | 939 | 381 | 3,055 | 1,070 |
| | $ 11,646 | $ 393 | $ 10,506 | $ 1,070 |

See notes to individual fund financial statements.

# MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)
# PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2008 (IN THOUSANDS)

| | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Interest on mortgage loans/mortgage-backed securities | $ - | $ 156 | $ 999 | $ - |
| Interest on investments | 830 | 5 | 14 | 30 |
| | 830 | 161 | 1,013 | 30 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Interest | 744 | 184 | 561 | - |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 26 | 1 | 8 | - |
| Servicing fees | - | - | 1 | - |
| Mortgage loan insurance costs | - | 1 | - | - |
| Operating expense | 11 | - | - | 11 |
| | 781 | 186 | 570 | 11 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES | 49 | (25) | 443 | 19 |
| TRANSFERS AMONG PROGRAMS | - | - | - | - |
| FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 890 | 406 | 2,612 | 1,051 |
| FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR | $ 939 | $ 381 | $ 3,055 | $ 1,070 |

See notes to individual fund financial statements.

**MONROE-WEST MONROE (OUACHITA PARISH)**
**PUBLIC TRUST FINANCING AUTHORITY**

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2008 (IN THOUSANDS)

| | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | $ 49 | $ (25) | $ 443 | $ 19 |
| Adjustments to reconcile excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | | | | |
| Discount accretion on mortgage loans | - | (123) | (596) | - |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 26 | 1 | 8 | - |
| Interest on investments | (830) | (5) | (14) | (30) |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments | 75 | - | (396) | (5) |
| Interest on bonds payable | 744 | 184 | 561 | - |
| Decrease (increase) in mortgage interest receivable | - | 2 | - | - |
| Principal collected on mortgage loans/mortgage-backed securities | - | 288 | 5 | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 64 | 322 | 11 | (16) |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Proceeds from maturity/sale of investments | 2,812 | - | - | 23 |
| Interest received on investments | 2 | 5 | 14 | 30 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 2,814 | 5 | 14 | 53 |
| *NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES* | | | | |
| Bond redemptions | (2,050) | (274) | - | - |
| Interest paid on bonds payable | (744) | (21) | - | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (2,794) | (295) | - | - |

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INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2008 (IN THOUSANDS)

| | 1979 Program | 1988 Program | 1990C Program | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 84 | 32 | 25 | 37 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF YEAR | 2,506 | 169 | 513 | 611 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR | $ 2,590 | $ 201 | $ 538 | $ 648 |

(Concluded)

See notes to individual fund financial statements.

## 1. ORGANIZATION

The Monroe-West Monroe (Ouachita Parish) Public Trust Financing Authority (the Authority) was created through a Trust Indenture dated February 28, 1979, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The initial legislation and subsequent amendments grant the Authority the power to obtain funds and to use them to promote the financing and development of any essential program conducted in the public interest within the boundaries of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

The Authority's operations were originated through two single family mortgage revenue bond programs issued in 1979 and 1980 under which the Authority promoted residential home ownership through the acquisition of mortgage loans secured by first mortgage liens on single family residential housing.

On July 27, 1988, the Authority issued $26,756,893 in Taxable Collateralized Mortgage Refunding Bonds dated July 1, 1988 (the 1988 Program), for the purpose of providing for the satisfaction of all future debt service obligations of the outstanding bonds of the Authority's 1979 Program. The Authority entered into an Escrow Deposit Agreement with a local bank pursuant to which there have been deposited sufficient funds and U. S. Government Obligations (as defined in the 1979 Indenture) to provide for repayment of the 1979 bonds pursuant to the 1979 Indenture. Simultaneously, the mortgage loans receivable and certain funds of the 1979 Program were transferred to the 1988 Program and to the Authority's Unrestricted Fund. The Authority provided additional security for the repayment of the Bonds Payable in the amount of $110,000 on the date of refinancing. This amount is included in U. S. Government Securities and will revert to the Unrestricted Fund when the Bonds are paid.

On November 30, 1990, the Authority issued $3,360,000 in Revenue Refunding Bonds (the 1990A Program) and $1,560,000 in Taxable Refunding bonds (the 1990B Program). On December 31, 1990, the Authority issued $12,000,000 par value in Tax-Exempt Capital Appreciation Refunding Bonds (1990C Program). The proceeds from these bonds along with the proceeds from the sale of the 1980 Program investments were used to redeem the outstanding 1980 program bonds payable. Simultaneously, the 1980 Program mortgage loans receivable were transferred to the 1990A and 1990B Programs. Upon redemption of all 1990B Program bonds payable, the remaining assets in the 1990B Program have reverted to the 1990C Program as security for its bonds payable. Additionally, upon redemption of all 1990A Program bonds payable, the remaining assets in the 1990A Program have reverted to the 1990C Program bonds as security for its bonds payable.

The bonds issued by the Authority are general obligations of the Authority and are not obligations of the State of Louisiana or any other political subdivision thereof.

The Authority's Board of Trustees is empowered under the bond trust indentures and the bond program agreements to contract with outside parties to conduct the day-to-day operations of the programs. The Authority utilizes area financial institutions to service the mortgage loans acquired. In addition, two financial institutions have been designated as trustees of the separate bond programs and have the fiduciary responsibility for the custody and investment of funds. The Board of Trustees may, in their discretion, transfer any or all of the assets of the Authority which are not pledged to the payment of any bonds or other evidence of indebtedness of the Authority to the City of Monroe and the City of West Monroe in the ratio of 57.2% and 42.8%, respectively.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICIES

***Basis of Accounting and Reporting*** – The Authority follows the accrual basis of accounting and operates certain funds established by the Bond Trust Indentures. The funds, which are maintained by the Trustees, provide for the accounting for bonds issued, debt service and bond redemption requirements, investments, and related revenues and expenses. The individual funds for each bond program are aggregated in the accompanying individual fund financial statements.

***Amortization*** – Bond issuance costs, including underwriters' discount on bonds sold, are being amortized over the lives of the bonds, using the effective interest method.

Deferred financing costs related to bonds called in accordance with the early redemption provisions, as described in the Bond Trust Indentures, are charged to expense in the year that such bonds are called.

Discounts are amortized over the lives of the related assets or liabilities as yield adjustments based upon the principal amounts outstanding.

***Statement of Cash Flows*** – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

***Use of Estimates*** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Investments*** – The Authority reports all investments at fair value with gains and losses included in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances. Fair value is defined as the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties and has generally been based upon quoted values. This method of accounting causes fluctuations in reported investment values based on fluctuations in the investment market. Fluctuations in the fair value of investments are recorded as income or expense in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances (deficit), and the amount is disclosed in the statements of cash flows as unrealized (gain) loss on securities.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Following is a summary of the unrealized gains (losses) as reflected in the accompanying financial statements:

| | Unrealized Gain (Loss) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Balance August 1, 2008 | Change During The Year Ended July 31, 2009 | Balance July 31, 2009 |
| 1979 Program | $ 1,125 | $ (349) | $ 776 |
| 1990C Program | 2,348 | (153) | 2,195 |
| Unrestricted | 6 | (6) | - |

## 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Authority's programs and Unrestricted Fund maintain deposits at the trustee banks. The balances of these deposits at July 31, 2009 and 2008 were entirely insured. The Authority also has unrestricted funds, classified as "Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the balance sheet, which represent interests in uninsured money market mutual funds.

In addition to the deposits described above, the Authority also has investments in U.S. Government and U.S. Government Agency securities. Investments are stated at fair value with gains and losses included in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balances. A schedule of U.S. Government and U.S. Government Agency securities held is as follows:

| | 1979 | 1990C | Unrestricted Fund |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amortized cost at July 31, 2009 | $ 5,551 | $ 8,188 | $ 167 |
| Unrealized Gain | 776 | 2,195 | - |
| Fair Value at July 31, 2009 | $ 6,327 | $ 10,383 | $ 167 |

The U.S. Government securities of the 1979 Program and the 1990C Program are restricted for debt service on the respective Program's bonds and payment of various program expenses. All securities are held by the trustee banks in the Authority's name.

## 4. MORTGAGE LOANS RECEIVABLE

The 1988 Program's mortgage loans receivable were originally acquired under the 1979 Program and were transferred to the 1988 Program at a discount upon the 1979 Program's defeasement. These notes have stated interest rates of 7.875% yielding approximately 11.3%, have scheduled maturities in 2009, and are secured by first mortgages on the related real property. The remaining unamortized discount on mortgage loans was approximately $29,318 and $103,941 at July 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The 1990C Program's mortgage loans receivable were originally acquired under the 1980 Program and were transferred, first to the 1990B Program upon the 1980 Program's redemption. During fiscal year 2000, the mortgage loans receivable were transferred to the 1990C Program upon the 1990B Program's redemption. These notes have stated interest rates of 9.625%, have scheduled maturities in 2003, and are secured by first mortgages on the related real property.

The mortgage loans receivable are serviced by the participating mortgage lenders who receive monthly compensation based upon the unpaid principal balances of the mortgage loans. The mortgage loans were made through conventional, FHA, and VA programs sponsored by the various participating mortgage lenders. In addition to the customary insurance required of the mortgagors, the Authority has obtained insurance on the mortgage loans under a supplemental hazard policy, service performance bonds, and a master trust policy for mortgagor defaults.

## 5. BONDS PAYABLE

Each program's bond debt service requirements are secured by the assets and revenues of the respective program in accordance with the respective bond trust indenture. Outstanding bonds payable are due on a term and serial basis and bear interest at rates as follows at July 31, 2009 and 2008:

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|---|---|
| 1979 Program: | | |
| Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, | | |
| Due serially and term through 2011, | | |
| 6.5% to 7.2% stated rate | $ 8,120 | $ 10,335 |
| 1988 Program: | | |
| Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, | | |
| Due June 30, 2011, 7.30% stated rate, | $ - | $ 141 |
| Less related discount | - | ( 130) |
| | $ - | $ 11 |

## 5. BONDS PAYABLE (continued)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1990C Program: | | |
| Tax-Exempt Capital Appreciation Refunding Bonds, due August 20, 2014, 7.86% effective Yield | $ 12,000 | $ 12,000 |
| Less related discount | (3,942) | (4,549) |
| | $ 8,058 | $ 7,451 |

The 1988 Program bonds are structured such that the monthly principal remittances received from mortgage loans are passed through to bondholders as monthly principal redemptions of bonds payable. The 1990C Program bonds are compound interest bonds; interest is paid to bondholders at maturity. The bonds are subject to early redemption provisions as described in the respective Bond Trust Indentures at redemption prices equal to the principal amounts of the bonds redeemed plus accrued interest to the applicable call dates. In connection with early bond redemptions, deferred financing costs related to the bonds called are charged to expense. Scheduled 1979 Program bond principal maturities for each of the next five fiscal years are as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|---|---|
| 2010 | $ 2,390 |
| 2011 | $ 1,205 |
| 2012 | $ 4,525 |
| 2013 | $ - |
| 2014 | $ - |

## 6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXPENSES

The members of the Authority's Board of Trustees receive no fees for their services but are reimbursed for their actual travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Trustees of the Authority.

## 7. DISTRIBUTION TO CITIES

During fiscal years 2009 and 2008, the Authority made no distributions from the Unrestricted Fund to the cities of Monroe and West Monroe, Louisiana.

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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*

To the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe-West Monroe (Ouachita Parish)
Public Trust Financing Authority
Monroe, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Monroe - West Monroe (Ouachita Parish) Public Trust Financing Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the years ended July 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated January 18, 2010. 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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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.



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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 entity'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 Authority'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 management and the Board of Trustees of the Authority and the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Little & Associates, LLC

Monroe, Louisiana
January 18, 2010