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Bob Taft
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDED JUNE 30, 2004



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Honorable Bob Taft, Governor
State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the State of Ohio (the State) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the State's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the State's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the following organizations:

Primary Government: Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (Underground Parking Garage); Office of the Auditor of State; Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Industrial Commission of Ohio; State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio; Treasurer of State Lease Revenue Bonds; Office of Credit and Finance; and Variable College Savings Plan.

Blended Component Units: Ohio Building Authority and State Highway Patrol Retirement System.

Discretely Presented Component Units: Bowling Green State University; Cleveland State University; Kent State University; Miami University; Ohio State University; Ohio University; Shawnee State University; University of Akron; University of Cincinnati; University of Toledo; Wright State University; Youngstown State University; Cincinnati State Community College; Clark State Community College; Columbus State Community College; Edison State Community College; Northwest State Community College; Owens State Community College; Southern State Community College; Terra State Community College; Washington State Community College; and Medical College of Ohio at Toledo.

In addition, we did not audit the financial statements of the Public Employees Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System, and School Employees Retirement System, whose assets are held by the Treasurer of State and are included as part of the State's Aggregate Remaining Fund Information. These financial statements reflect the following percentages of total assets and revenues or additions of the indicated opinion units:

Opinion Unit	Percent of Opinion Unit's Total Assets	Percent of Opinion Unit's Total Revenues / Additions
Governmental Activities	2%	0%
Business-Type Activities	86%	46%
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units	77%	89%
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	90%	23%
Workers' Compensation	100%	100%
Ohio Building Authority	100%	100%
Underground Parking Garage	100%	100%
Office of Auditor of State	100%	100%

Those financial statements listed above were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for these independently audited organizations is based on the reports of the other auditors.

The Honorable Bob Taft, Governor

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 and the reports of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the State of Ohio as of June 30, 2004, and respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, and respective budgetary comparisons for the general and major special revenue funds thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, during fiscal year 2004, the State of Ohio adopted GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, which required certain foundations of state colleges and universities to be reported as component units of their respective reporting entities.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and Infrastructure Assets Accounted for Using the Modified Approach, as listed in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

We conducted our audit to form opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the State's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining fund statements, individual fund schedules and statistical tables are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. We and the other auditors subjected the combining fund statements and individual fund schedules to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the other auditors, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. We did not subject the introductory section and statistical tables to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.



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December 15, 2004