

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

*SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA*

For The Year Ended June 30, 2008

# *State of South Carolina*



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The Honorable Converse Chellis, State Treasurer  
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This report resulting from the application of certain agreed-upon procedures to the accounting records of the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, was issued by The Hobbs Group, P.A., 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.

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We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and management of the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer ("the Agency"), solely to assist you in evaluating the performance of the Agency for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, in the areas addressed. The Agency's management is responsible for its financial records, internal controls and compliance with State laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

### 1. **Cash Receipts and Revenues**

- We inspected selected recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were properly described and classified in the accounting records in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected selected recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in the State's accounting system (STARS) as reflected on the Comptroller General's reports to determine if recorded revenues were in agreement.
- We made inquiries and performed substantive procedures to determine if revenue collection and retention or remittance were supported by law.

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- We compared current year recorded revenues at the subfund and object code level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the earmarked and restricted funds to ensure that revenue was classified properly in the agency's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels (\$320,000 - earmarked fund and \$2,900,000 - restricted fund) and  $\pm 10$  percent.
- We made inquiries of management pertaining to the agency's policies for accountability and security over permits, licenses, and other documents issued for money. We observed agency personnel performing their duties to determine if they understood and followed the described policies.

The individual transactions selected were chosen haphazardly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **2. Non-Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures**

- We inspected selected recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were properly described and classified in the accounting records in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and State regulations, were bona fide disbursements of the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer, and were paid in conformity with State laws and regulations; if the acquired goods and/or services were procured in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We inspected selected recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in various STARS reports to determine if recorded expenditures were in agreement.
- We compared current year expenditures at the subfund and major object code level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general, earmarked and restricted funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the agency's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels for the operating fund (\$690,000 - general fund, \$320,000 - earmarked fund, and \$2,900,000 - restricted fund) and  $\pm 10$  percent. Materiality levels for the aid to subdivisions and debt service funds were \$1,200,000 and \$970,000, respectively and  $\pm 10$  percent.

The individual transactions selected were chosen haphazardly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

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### 3. Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures

- We inspected selected recorded payroll disbursements to determine if the selected payroll transactions were properly described, classified, and distributed in the accounting records; persons on the payroll were bona fide employees; payroll transactions, including employee payroll deductions, were properly authorized and were in accordance with existing legal requirements and processed in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected selected payroll vouchers to determine if the vouchers were properly approved and if the gross payroll agreed to amounts recorded in the general ledger and in STARS.
- We inspected payroll transactions for selected new employees and those who terminated employment to determine if the employees were added and/or removed from the payroll in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures, that employee's first and/or last paycheck was properly calculated and that the employee's leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
- We compared amounts recorded in the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers to those in various STARS reports to determine if recorded payroll and fringe benefit expenditures were in agreement.
- We compared current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and major object code level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general and earmarked funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the agency's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels (\$27,000 - general and earmarked funds) and ±10 percent.
- We compared the percentage change in recorded personal service expenditures to the percentage change in employer contributions; and computed the percentage distribution of recorded fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compared the computed distribution to the actual distribution of recorded payroll expenditures by fund source. We investigated changes of ±5 percent to ensure that payroll expenditures were classified properly in the agency's accounting records.

The individual transactions selected were chosen haphazardly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

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**4. Journal Entries, Operating Transfers and Appropriation Transfers**

- We inspected selected recorded journal entries, operating transfers, and appropriation transfers to determine if these transactions were properly described and classified in the accounting records; they agreed with the supporting documentation, the purpose of the transactions was documented and explained, the transactions were properly approved, and were mathematically correct; and the transactions were processed in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and State regulations.

The individual transactions selected were chosen haphazardly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

**5. General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledgers**

- We inspected selected entries and monthly totals in the subsidiary records of the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer to determine if the amounts were mathematically accurate; the numerical sequences of selected document series were complete; the selected monthly totals were accurately posted to the general ledger; and selected entries were processed in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and State regulations.

The transactions selected were chosen haphazardly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

**6. Reconciliations**

- We obtained all monthly reconciliations prepared by the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer for the year ended June 30, 2008, and inspected selected reconciliations of balances in the State Treasurer's accounting records to those in STARS as reflected on the Comptroller General's reports to determine if accounts reconciled. For the selected reconciliations, we determined if they were timely performed and properly documented in accordance with State regulations, recalculated the amounts, agreed the applicable amounts to the State Treasurer's general ledger, agreed the applicable amounts to the STARS reports, determined if reconciling differences were adequately explained and properly resolved, and determined if necessary adjusting entries were made in the State Treasurer's accounting records and/or in STARS.

The reconciliations selected were chosen haphazardly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

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**7. Appropriation Act**

- We inspected agency documents, observed processes, and/or made inquiries of agency personnel to determine the Agency's compliance with Appropriation Act general and agency specific provisos.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

**8. Closing Packages**

- We obtained copies of all closing packages as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, prepared by the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer and submitted to the State Comptroller General. We inspected them to determine if they were prepared in accordance with the Comptroller General's GAAP Closing Procedures Manual requirements and if the amounts reported in the closing packages agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

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