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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Oklahoma Department of Securities
Oklahoma Securities Commission

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Oklahoma Department of Securities (the "Department"), a department of the State of Oklahoma, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Department, as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the financial position, changes in financial position and cash flows of the Oklahoma Department of Securities and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the State of Oklahoma as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the changes in its financial position, or its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 27, 2017, on our consideration of the Department'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Arledge & Associates, P.C.

February 27, 2017

Management’s Discussion and Analysis—Unaudited

The discussion and analysis section of the financial statements of the Oklahoma Department of Securities (the “Department”) provides an overview of the Department’s financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2016. Since this discussion and analysis section is designed to focus on current activities, resulting changes and current known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Department’s financial statements and footnotes. A comparative analysis of the prior years’ financial data is provided.

Financial Highlights

Statements of Net Position and Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report the Department’s net position and how it has changed. Net position – the residual difference of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows – is one way to measure the Department’s financial health. Non-financial factors are also important to consider, such as changes in Oklahoma laws.

These statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows using the accrual basis of accounting. All of the year’s revenues and expenses are recognized when earned or incurred, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Schedule A is prepared from the Department’s Statements of Net Position, and summarizes the Department’s assets, liabilities, and net position as of June 30, 2016, with comparative totals at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Department currently does not have any transactions that meet the definitions of deferred inflows and deferred outflows and therefore, no deferrals are reported on the Statements of Net Position.

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Schedule A
Net Position at June 30, 2016
With Comparative Totals at June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current assets	\$ 10,115,113	\$ 9,331,358	\$ 8,556,462
Noncurrent assets	179,907	228,373	122,667
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,295,020</u>	<u>\$ 9,559,731</u>	<u>\$ 8,679,129</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 543,943	\$ 804,090	\$ 715,939
Noncurrent liabilities	725,022	756,548	753,546
Total liabilities	1,268,965	1,560,638	1,469,485
Net position			
Investment in capital assets	179,907	228,373	122,667
Restricted net position - expendable	497,064	398,618	716,300
Unrestricted net position	8,349,084	7,372,102	6,370,677
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,026,055</u>	<u>\$ 7,999,093</u>	<u>\$ 7,209,644</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2016, current assets increased due to unrestricted cash generated from increased revenue collections. Unrestricted cash increased approximately \$922,000 or 11%.

Also, for the year ended June 30, 2016, current liabilities decreased primarily due to bringing the Invest Ed® Program in-house. Accounts payable from restricted assets also decreased \$196,876, a 100% decrease from the year ended June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, current assets increased due to unrestricted cash generated from increased revenue collections. Unrestricted cash increased approximately \$1,092,000 or 14%. The increase in liabilities is primarily due to the amount due to the State of Oklahoma's general revenue fund at June 30, 2015.

Also, for the year ended June 30, 2015, noncurrent assets increased due to capital asset additions of approximately \$157,000, an approximate 186% increase from \$55,000 for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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Schedule B is prepared from the Department's Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2016, with comparative totals for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Schedule B
Operating Results for the Year Ended June 30, 2016
With Comparative Totals for the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating revenues:			
Registration fees	\$ 22,788,097	\$ 22,120,531	\$ 21,149,195
Fines, penalties, and other	123,925	99,275	202,592
Operating expenses	<u>(4,362,592)</u>	<u>(4,511,533)</u>	<u>(4,829,709)</u>
Net operating income	18,549,430	17,708,273	16,522,078
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest income	8,729	13,157	22,887
Transfers to and due to State of Oklahoma	<u>(17,531,197)</u>	<u>(16,931,981)</u>	<u>(16,212,304)</u>
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(17,522,468)	(16,918,824)	(16,189,417)
Increase in net position	1,026,962	789,449	332,661
Net position - beginning	<u>7,999,093</u>	<u>7,209,644</u>	<u>6,876,983</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 9,026,055</u>	<u>\$ 7,999,093</u>	<u>\$ 7,209,644</u>

Revenue

In 2016, fines, penalties, and other revenue increased approximately \$25,000 or 25%. Fines, penalties, and administrative costs are awarded to the Department by the court system or the Administrator and the aggregate amount varies annually.

In 2015, fines, penalties, and other revenue decreased approximately \$103,000 or 51%. Fines, penalties, and administrative costs are awarded to the Department by the court system or the Administrator and the aggregate amount varies annually.

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Expenses

In 2016, rent expense increased approximately \$124,000 or 82% due to leasing new office space.

In 2015, investor education professional services decreased approximately \$307,000 or 45% primarily due to the elimination of projects other than the Students Tracking and Researching the Stock Market (STARS) Program.

Schedule C summarizes the Department's operating expenses for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Schedule C
Operating Expenses for the Year Ended June 30, 2016
With Comparative Totals for the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 3,667,523	\$ 3,619,221	\$ 3,615,310
Rent expense	274,306	150,793	146,080
Contracted and professional services	99,169	76,600	115,790
Depreciation	70,391	51,000	44,998
Investor education professional services	28,048	381,440	687,960
Other general and administrative expenses	223,155	232,479	219,571
	<u>\$ 4,362,592</u>	<u>\$ 4,511,533</u>	<u>\$ 4,829,709</u>

General and administrative expenses include travel, telecommunication services, software, maintenance, supplies, insurance premiums, membership dues, library resources, furniture and equipment.

Statements of Cash Flows

The primary purpose of the Statements of Cash Flows is to provide information about the cash receipts and disbursements of an entity during a period. These statements also aid in the assessment of an entity's ability to generate future net cash flows, ability to meet obligations as they come due, and needs for external financing.

Schedule D is prepared from the Department's Statements of Cash Flows, and summarizes the Department's cash flow for the year ended June 30, 2016, with comparative totals for the years ended June 30, 2015, and 2014, respectively.

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Schedule D
Cash Flows for the Year Ended June 30, 2016
With Comparative Totals for the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$ 18,389,395	\$ 17,808,087	\$ 16,327,254
Noncapital activities	(17,550,847)	(16,808,052)	(16,136,643)
Capital and related financing activities	(23,722)	(156,706)	(54,806)
Investing activities	8,872	13,562	24,160
Net increase in cash	<u>\$ 823,698</u>	<u>\$ 856,891</u>	<u>\$ 159,965</u>
Cash - beginning of year	<u>\$ 9,248,699</u>	<u>\$ 8,391,808</u>	<u>\$ 8,231,843</u>
Cash - end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,072,397</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,248,699</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,391,808</u></u>

Other Financial Information

Economic Outlook

The Department's Revolving Fund is a continuing fund, not subject to limitations, consisting of fees and other charges collected by the Administrator as set forth in 71 O.S. §1-612(E). With legislative authorization, such funds may be budgeted and expended by the Department as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Department by law. The ability of the Department to fund operations necessary to meet its mission depends on the amount of cash deposited in the Revolving Fund that in turn depends on the amount of fees that are statutorily authorized by the Legislature for deposit in the Revolving Fund. For 2016, there were sufficient revenues deposited in the Revolving Fund for Department operations. There is no assurance, however, that a change in the fee structure by the Legislature will be sufficient to fund future operations.

During the 2016 legislative session, the Oklahoma Legislature directed the transfer of \$3,900,000 from the Department's revolving fund to the State's general revenue fund. The transfer occurred in July 2016.

The following items could potentially affect the Department's future operations:

- Legislative mandates in connection with the administration and enforcement of the *Oklahoma Securities Act*, *Subdivided Land Sales Code*, *Business Opportunity Sales Act* and the *Take-Over Disclosure Act*.
- Reduction or elimination of carry-over funds from one fiscal year to another.
- The economic climate.
- Federal legislation.
- Any legislation changing the fee allocations to the Department's Revolving Fund.

Investor Education

During the fiscal year 2003, the Department received \$574,000 as a part of a multi-state settlement with a major broker-dealer and the Legislature established the Department of Securities Investor Education Revolving Fund to segregate the funds for investor education. These designated amounts are to be used exclusively for the specific purposes of research for education and education of Oklahoma residents in matters concerning securities laws and general investor protection.

A subsequent settlement with nine broker-dealer firms resulted in the receipt of \$4,121,091 during fiscal years 2003 and 2004. Settlements of \$117,765, \$92,600, and \$197,499 were received during fiscal years 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively. Interest earned on the restricted funds was \$8,729, \$13,157, and \$22,887 for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively.

Invest Ed® is a multi-component investor education program initially produced by the Oklahoma Securities Commission in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma OUTREACH, College of Continuing Education. Invest Ed® programs are created to provide unbiased investment and anti-fraud information to Oklahomans of all ages. The 2016 Invest Ed® programs included the continuation of the high school investor education and teacher training through STARS and other outreach efforts.

The Invest Ed® contract with the University of Oklahoma OUTREACH, College of Continuing Education ended June 30, 2015. The Department did not renew the contract and brought the operation in-house in FY 2016.

For additional information or to access a variety of available resources, visit the Invest Ed® Internet site at www.investedok.org.

Contacting the Department's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Department's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Deputy Administrator, 204 North Robinson, Suite 400, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

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**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION, CHANGES IN NET
POSITION AND CASH FLOWS**

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Statements of Net Position – June 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,576,049	\$ 8,654,064
Cash restricted for investor education	496,348	594,635
Accrued interest restricted for investor education	716	859
Accounts receivable	42,000	81,800
Total current assets	<u>10,115,113</u>	<u>9,331,358</u>
Long-term assets		
Capital assets, net	179,907	228,373
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,295,020</u>	<u>\$ 9,559,731</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 35,035	\$ 75,153
Due to State of Oklahoma	428,350	448,000
Accrued compensated absences	80,558	84,061
Accounts payable from restricted assets	-	196,876
Total current liabilities	<u>543,943</u>	<u>804,090</u>
Long-term liabilities		
Accrued compensated absences	725,022	756,548
Total liabilities	<u>1,268,965</u>	<u>1,560,638</u>
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets	179,907	228,373
Restricted net position - expendable	497,064	398,618
Unrestricted net position	8,349,084	7,372,102
Total net position	<u>9,026,055</u>	<u>7,999,093</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 10,295,020</u>	<u>\$ 9,559,731</u>

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Securities registration fees	\$ 14,706,927	\$ 14,393,751
Securities professionals' registration fees	8,081,170	7,726,780
Fines, penalties, and administrative fees	117,765	92,600
Other revenue	6,160	6,675
Total operating revenues	<u>22,912,022</u>	<u>22,219,806</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries, wages, and benefits	3,667,523	3,619,221
Rent expense	274,306	150,793
Contracted and professional services	99,169	76,600
Depreciation	70,391	51,000
Investor education professional services	28,048	381,440
Other general and administrative expenses	223,155	232,479
Total operating expenses	<u>4,362,592</u>	<u>4,511,533</u>
Net operating income	18,549,430	17,708,273
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)		
Interest income	8,729	13,157
Transfers to and due to State of Oklahoma	(17,531,197)	(16,931,981)
Net nonoperating revenue (expense)	<u>(17,522,468)</u>	<u>(16,918,824)</u>
Change in net position	1,026,962	789,449
Net position - beginning	<u>7,999,093</u>	<u>7,209,644</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 9,026,055</u>	<u>\$ 7,999,093</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows – Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Registration of professionals and securities	\$ 22,827,897	\$ 22,066,031
Fines, penalties, and other	123,925	235,365
Payments to suppliers	(859,875)	(877,425)
Compensation and benefits	(3,702,552)	(3,615,884)
Net cash provided by operating activities	18,389,395	17,808,087
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments to State's general fund	(17,550,847)	(16,808,052)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	(17,550,847)	(16,808,052)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	(23,722)	(156,706)
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(23,722)	(156,706)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	8,872	13,562
Net cash provided by investing activities	8,872	13,562
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	823,698	856,891
Balances - beginning of year	9,248,699	8,391,808
Balances - end of year	\$ 10,072,397	\$ 9,248,699
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,576,049	\$ 8,654,064
Cash restricted for investor education	496,348	594,635
Total cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$ 10,072,397	\$ 9,248,699
Reconciliation of net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Net operating income	\$ 18,549,430	\$ 17,708,273
Adjustment to reconcile net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	70,391	51,000
Loss on disposal of capital assets	1,797	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	39,800	81,590
Accounts payable	(236,994)	(36,112)
Accrued compensated absences	(35,029)	3,336
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 18,389,395	\$ 17,808,087

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

NOTE A—NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The Oklahoma Department of Securities (the “Department”) and its governing body, the Oklahoma Securities Commission (the “Commission”), were established by the 1959 Oklahoma Legislature. The Department’s objective is to protect investors through the administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Uniform Securities Act of 2004 (OUSA of 2004). This act prohibits fraud in securities transactions and requires the registration of broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives, and the registration of securities. The Department also administers the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act, the Oklahoma Subdivided Land Sales Code, and the Oklahoma Take-Over Disclosure Act of 1985.

The primary duties of the Department are detailed in Title 71 of the Oklahoma Statutes and include registration and examination of broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives; registration of securities and securities transactions; investigation and enforcement; and investor education.

The Department is governed by the Commission that consists of five members appointed by the Governor. The Commission appoints and fixes the salary of the Administrator of the Department.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Department’s financial statements are reported as an enterprise fund. The bulk of the Department’s revenue is derived from fees paid by external users.

Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, and Statement 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, consists of the primary government, organizations that the primary government is financially accountable for, and other organizations that the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion could cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

NOTE A—NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts and funds of the Department. The Department is included in the State of Oklahoma (the “State”) financial reporting entity. The Department’s transactions are included as a part of the General Fund-Regulatory Services.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Department considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The cash and cash equivalents are on deposit with the Oklahoma State Treasurer. Certain funds received from settlements, fines, and judgments are restricted for investor education. Interest earned on the restricted cash carries the same restriction. Restricted cash and interest (net of accounts payable from restricted assets) are reported as restricted net position – expendable at June 30, 2016 and 2015, in the accompanying Statements of Net Position.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of a \$42,000 deposit in transit. This deposit in transit subsequently posted on July 1, 2016.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, with an individual cost of \$500 or more, are capitalized at cost at the date of acquisition. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the useful life of the asset, generally three, five, and ten years. When assets are disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any gain or loss is reflected in the results from operations in the period of disposal.

Due to State of Oklahoma

Due to State of Oklahoma consists of the portion of registration and filing fees that are required by state statute to be transferred into the State’s General Fund and, as of the end of the year, had not been transferred. All amounts due to the state were transferred subsequent to year end.

NOTE A—NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued

Compensated Absences

Employees' compensated absences are accrued at year-end for financial statement purposes. The liability and expense incurred are recorded as accrued compensated absences in the Statements of Net Position, and as an expense in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Employees earn vacation at the rate of 10 hours per month for the first four years, 12 hours per month during the fifth through ninth year, 13.33 hours per month during the tenth to nineteenth year, and 16.66 hours per month, thereafter. A maximum of 240 hours of vacation may be accrued during the first four years of employment and a maximum of 480 hours may be accrued thereafter.

Net Position

The Department's net position is classified as follows:

Investment in capital assets – This represents the Department's total investment in capital assets. The Department has no outstanding debt related to the capital assets as of June 30, 2016 and 2015.

Restricted net position – expendable – This includes resources that the Department is legally and contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, this balance consisted of cash and accrued interest (net of accounts payable from restricted assets) restricted for investor education and research.

Unrestricted – Unrestricted net position represents all other resources not classified as invested in capital assets or restricted. These resources are used for transactions relating to the general operations of the Department, and may be used at the discretion of the Administrator to meet current expenses for any authorized purpose.

When the budget is adopted, a decision is made as to whether restricted or unrestricted resources are used to fund an expense. Generally, the Department's policy is to first charge the expense toward restricted resources, if appropriate, and then toward unrestricted resources.

Classifications of Revenues

The Department has classified its revenues as either operating or non-operating according to the following criteria:

NOTE A—NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued

Operating revenue – Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as fees.

Non-operating revenue – Non-operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenue sources, such as interest income, that are defined as non-operating revenues by GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, and investment income as defined by GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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. The significant estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements include the depreciation of capital assets and the accrued compensated absences.

NOTE B—CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Department’s deposits may not be returned or the Department will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. The Department deposits its funds with the Office of the State Treasurer (OST). Oklahoma statutes require OST to ensure that all state funds either be insured by Federal Deposit Insurance, collateralized by securities held by the cognizant Federal Reserve Bank, or invested in U.S. government obligations. The Department’s deposits with the State Treasurer are pooled with the funds of other State agencies and then, in accordance with statutory limitations, placed in financial institutions or invested as the Treasurer may determine, in the State’s name.

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As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the carrying amounts of the Department’s deposits with the State Treasurer were \$10,071,897 and \$9,248,199, respectively.

Investments

Investor Education Revolving Fund deposits with the State Treasurer are placed in the State Treasurer’s internal investment pool *OK INVEST*. Of funds on deposit with the State Treasurer, amounts invested in *OK INVEST* total \$496,348 and \$594,635 as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

For financial reporting purposes, deposits with the State Treasurer that are invested in *OK INVEST* are classified as cash equivalents. At June 30, the State Treasurer reports the Department’s proportionate share of *OK INVEST* to be:

OK INVEST Portfolio	2016		2015	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
U.S. Agency securities	\$ 204,575	\$ 204,733	\$ 238,734	\$ 238,476
Money market mutual funds	54,758	54,758	74,650	74,650
End of day commercial paper sweep	-	-	12,031	12,031
Certificates of deposit	17,957	17,956	16,236	16,236
Mortgage-backed agency securities	199,641	204,662	233,278	236,259
Municipal bonds	8,616	9,124	8,245	8,940
Foreign bonds	4,336	4,336	4,579	4,579
U.S. Treasury Obligations	6,465	7,716	6,882	8,262
	<u>\$ 496,348</u>	<u>\$ 503,285</u>	<u>\$ 594,635</u>	<u>\$ 599,433</u>

The Department implemented GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Fair value according to GASB 72 focuses particular attention on the price that would be required to acquire the asset (entry price). The valuation technique used was the “market approach” using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Except for investment in nonparticipating interest earning investment contracts (e.g. nonnegotiable certificates of deposit) which are considered cash equivalents, the Department categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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Stated fair value in the financial statements is determined by the custodial relationship existing at June 30, 2016. The custodian’s hierarchy level for fixed income is classified as a Level 2 assessment due to fair value observable inputs using market based pricing and an evaluated price provided by an independent pricing vendor or broker-dealer. Per GASB 72, the assets are reported at the lowest input level when fair value inputs are from more than one level. As reported to the Department by the State Treasurer, the Department’s portfolio has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2016:

	Fair Value	Categories	Average Credit Quality Rating (1)	Weighted Average Maturity (Days) (2)
U.S. Agency securities	\$ 204,733	Level 2	AA+ (3)	365
Money market mutual funds	54,758	-	AAAm, Aaamf	1
Certificates of deposit	17,956	-	N/A	67
Mortgage-backed agency securities	204,662	Level 2	AA+ (3)	1625
Municipal bonds	9,124	Level 2	(4)	1179
Foreign bonds	4,336	Level 2	N/A	579
U.S. Treasury Obligations	7,716	Level 2	AA+ (3)	303
	<u>\$ 503,285</u>			

- (1) Ratings are provided where applicable to indicate associated Credit Risk. N/A indicates not applicable.
(2) Interest Rate Risk is estimated using weighted average days to maturity.
(3) These ratings are implicitly or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government and currently a rating is not provided by the nationally recognized statistical rating organization. GASB rating provided by JPM, Custodian was AA+.
(4) All Municipal Bonds possessed a AAA rating when purchased. As of June 30, 2016, 13.03% had a rating of AAA, 28.86% had a rating of AA+, 15.79% had a rating of A+, 24.28% had a rating of AA, 7.73% had a rating of AA-, and 10.31% were not rated.

Agencies and funds that are considered to be part of the State’s reporting entity in the State’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report are allowed to participate in *OK INVEST*. Oklahoma statutes and the State Treasurer establish the primary objectives and guidelines governing the investment of funds in *OK INVEST*. Safety, liquidity, and return on investment are the objectives that establish the framework for the day to day *OK INVEST* management with an emphasis on safety of the capital and the probable income to be derived and meeting the State’s daily cash flow requirements. Guidelines in the State Treasurer’s Investment Policy address credit quality requirements, diversification percentages and the types and maturities of allowable investments.

NOTE B—CASH AND INVESTMENTS—Continued

The specifics regarding these policies can be found on the State Treasurer’s website at <http://www.treasurer.state.ok.us/>. The State Treasurer, at his discretion, may further limit or restrict such investments on a day to day basis. *OK INVEST* includes a substantial investment in securities with an overnight maturity as well as in U.S. government securities with a maturity of up to ten years. *OK INVEST* maintains an overall weighted average maturity of no more than four years.

Participants in *OK INVEST* maintain an interest in its underlying investments and, accordingly, may be exposed to certain risks. As stated in the *OK INVEST* Information Statement as of July, 2011, the main risks are interest rate risk, credit/default risk, liquidity risk, and U.S. government securities risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that during periods of rising interest rates, the yield and market value of the securities will tend to be lower than prevailing market rates; in periods of falling interest rates, the yield will tend to be higher. Credit/default risk is the risk that an issuer or guarantor of a security, or a bank or other financial institution that has entered into a repurchase agreement, may default on its payment obligations. Liquidity risk is the risk that *OK INVEST* will be unable to pay redemption proceeds within the stated time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. U.S. Government securities risk is the risk that the U.S. government will not provide financial support to U.S. government agencies, instrumentalities or sponsored enterprises if it is not obligated to do so by law. Various investment restrictions and limitations are enumerated in the State Treasurer’s Investment Policy to mitigate those risks; however, any interest in *OK INVEST* is not insured or guaranteed by the State, the FDIC or any other government agency.

NOTE C—FEES

As to securities, state statutes specify fee amounts and assessments for registrations, examinations, exemptions, and investment company notices.

The registration of securities requires that a filing fee of one-tenth of one percent, but not less than \$200 or more than \$2,500, of the aggregate offering price of the registered securities be remitted to the Department. The Department is required to remit all of the filing fees to the State’s General Fund. Registration statement filings, according to state statute, require an examination fee of \$200 that is to be deposited into the Department’s Revolving Fund.

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A filing fee of \$500 is required for all investment company notice filings. According to state statute, \$350 is required to be remitted to the State’s General Fund and \$150 is to be remitted to the Department’s Revolving Fund. Issuers filing a request for an order of exemption or an exemption notification are required by state statute to remit a fee of \$250 to the Department. This fee is required to be remitted to the State’s General Fund. There has been no fee or allocation change during fiscal years 2016 or 2015.

The Department charges registration or notice filing fees to broker-dealers, broker-dealer agents, investment advisers and investment adviser representatives on an annual basis. Such fees range from \$10 to \$300 and are remitted to the State’s General Fund or the Department’s Revolving Fund, as mandated by state statutes.

Civil or administrative penalties, fines, and costs are determined by either court order or the Administrator.

NOTE D—CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2016:

	Balance at June 30, 2015	Additions	Retirements	Balance at June 30, 2016
Capital assets:				
Depreciable:				
Computer hardware	\$ 528,455	\$ 2,137	\$ (161,624)	\$ 368,968
Computer software	110,667	-	(29,189)	81,478
Furniture and equipment	95,496	21,585	(43,889)	73,192
Telephone equipment	85,112	-	(26,647)	58,465
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>819,730</u>	<u>23,722</u>	<u>(261,349)</u>	<u>582,103</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Computer hardware	(427,843)	(42,629)	158,828	(311,644)
Computer software	(46,166)	(13,436)	30,188	(29,414)
Furniture and equipment	(82,061)	(6,022)	43,889	(44,194)
Telephone equipment	(35,287)	(8,304)	26,647	(16,944)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(591,357)</u>	<u>(70,391)</u>	<u>259,552</u>	<u>(402,196)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 228,373</u>	<u>\$ (46,669)</u>	<u>\$ (1,797)</u>	<u>\$ 179,907</u>

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NOTE D—CAPITAL ASSETS — Continued

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2015:

	Balance at June 30, 2014	Additions	Retirements	Balance at June 30, 2015
Capital assets:				
Depreciable:				
Computer hardware	\$ 488,752	\$ 39,703	\$ -	\$ 528,455
Computer software	43,489	67,178	-	110,667
Furniture and equipment	95,496	-	-	95,496
Telephone equipment	35,287	49,825	-	85,112
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>663,024</u>	<u>156,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>819,730</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Computer hardware	(385,587)	(42,256)	-	(427,843)
Computer software	(42,231)	(3,935)	-	(46,166)
Furniture and equipment	(77,252)	(4,809)	-	(82,061)
Telephone equipment	(35,287)	-	-	(35,287)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(540,357)</u>	<u>(51,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(591,357)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 122,667</u>	<u>\$ 105,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 228,373</u>

NOTE E—COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The following is a summary of changes in compensated absences of the Department for the years ended June 30:

2016				
Balance at June 30, 2015	Additions	Deductions	Balance at June 30, 2016	Current Portion June 30, 2016
<u>\$ 840,609</u>	<u>\$ 279,316</u>	<u>\$ (314,345)</u>	<u>\$ 805,580</u>	<u>\$ 80,558</u>
2015				
Balance at June 30, 2014	Additions	Deductions	Balance at June 30, 2015	Current Portion June 30, 2015
<u>\$ 837,273</u>	<u>\$ 290,652</u>	<u>\$ (287,316)</u>	<u>\$ 840,609</u>	<u>\$ 84,061</u>

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NOTE F—RETIREMENT PLAN

The Department provides a pension benefit for all of its permanent employees through the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a statewide cost-sharing plan. OPERS is a defined benefit plan that provides benefits based on the members' final compensation, age, and term of service. OPERS also provides death and disability benefits to its members. All full-time employees as of October 31, 2015, are eligible and are required to participate in the plan. The plan's provisions are set by Title 74 of the Oklahoma State Statutes. The employees' required contribution rate was 3.50% for 2016 and 2015. The Department's required contribution rate was 16.50% for 2016 and 2015. Members may elect to contribute an additional contribution rate to increase the benefit calculating factor upon retirement. Members become 100% vested in the plan after eight years of accredited service. As stated in Title 74, Section 921, of the Oklahoma Statutes, administrative expenses are paid by OPERS.

Unless previous OPERS participants, employees who become employed by the Department on or after November 1, 2015, are required to participate in Pathfinder, a defined contribution plan. Under this plan, employees choose a contribution rate that will be matched up to 7%. As of June 30, 2016, no Department employees participated in Pathfinder.

A copy of the OPERS financial statements can be obtained from Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, Post Office Box 53007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-3007.

Summary of Contributions:

<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Required</u> <u>Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Contributed</u>
2014	\$ 429,000	100%
2015	\$ 425,000	100%
2016	\$ 439,000	100%

The Department's employees who participate in OPERS are also eligible to participate in the SoonerSave Deferred Compensation Plan (SoonerSave Plan) offered through OPERS. This plan's provisions are established by Title 74 of the Oklahoma State Statutes.

NOTE F—RETIREMENT PLAN—Continued

In the SoonerSave Plan, employees invest a portion of their pay with a minimum contribution of \$25. The State of Oklahoma matches the first \$25 per month by contributing to the Deferred Savings Incentive 401(a) Plan. Participants are immediately 100% vested in their accounts and they may direct the investment of their contributions in the available investment options. All interest, dividends, and investment fees are allocated to the participants' accounts. Pathfinder participants are not eligible to participate in SoonerSave.

NOTE G—OPERATING LEASES

The Department leases office space, parking, and equipment under annual renewable operating leases. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, there were no significant operating lease commitments outstanding. Lease expense for 2016 and 2015 was approximately \$274,000 and \$151,000, respectively.

The Department entered into a lease agreement on May 20, 2016 with Oklahoma Commissioners of the Land Office to lease office space at 204 North Robinson, Suite 400, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The lease began on August 1, 2016 and will cost the Department \$16,381 per month, an 85% increase from FY15.

NOTE H—CONTINGENCIES

The Department is subject to litigation in the normal course of business. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, there is no litigation pending.

NOTE I—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

During the 2016 legislative session, the Oklahoma Legislature directed the transfer of \$3,900,000 from the Department's revolving fund to the State's general revenue fund. The transfer occurred in July, 2016.

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INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Commissioners
Oklahoma Department of Securities
Oklahoma Securities Commission

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Oklahoma Department of Securities (the "Department"), a department of the State of Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control.

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. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's financial statements are free from 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*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Department's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Arledge & Associates, P.C.

February 27, 2017