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The Oversight Division is pleased to present the annual report on state bonded indebtedness and other evidences of indebtedness as required by Section 23.195, RSMo. This report is a summary of information compiled from state agencies and local governmental entities. Its contents describe both state debt and non-state debt as of June 30, 2002. The information is unaudited.

We have listed state debt by agency and local debt. It is important to mention the State of Missouri has continued to maintain its AAA bond rating. This means the state has a superior credit rating and can issue its bonds at a lower rate of interest.

We hope this report will be helpful to the members of the General Assembly and encourage you to contact our office if you have any questions regarding its content.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Wilson".

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Director

Introduction & Scope

Section 23.195, RSMo directs the Oversight Division of the Committee on Legislative Research to "...maintain a register of all state bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of all state agencies and of entities of the state given authority by law to incur indebtedness, whether or not the indebtedness is a liability of the state..." Subsection 2 of this statute requires that the Oversight Division "...report on the total bonded and other indebtedness including lease purchase agreements of this state and its various agencies, entities, and institutions to the individual members of the general assembly..." This report provides members of the state legislature with information regarding the amount of indebtedness incurred throughout the state as of June 30, 2002; so that they may make informed decisions regarding expenditures and appropriations.

Background

State Debt

General Obligation Bonds

The Board of Fund Commissioners, (Chapter 33, RSMo), upon approval of the General Assembly, issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for improvements of buildings and property of higher education institutions, Department of Corrections, and the Division of Youth Services. The principal and interest on these bonds will be paid from moneys transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Fourth State Building Fund.

The Board began issuing Fourth State Building bonds in 1995. The total amount authorized by constitutional amendment is \$250,000,000.

Fourth State Building bonds outstanding (not including interest) as of June 30, 2002, total \$218,725,000, and the interest to maturity totals \$139,217,314.

The grand total of outstanding principal and interest is \$357,942,314.

The Third State Building Bonds provide funds for improvements of state buildings and property. The principal and interest on these bonds are paid from funds transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Third State Building Bond Interest and Sinking Fund. The Office of Administration reported \$349,305,000 in Third State Building bonds outstanding principal as of June 30, 2002. Outstanding interest remaining to be paid out over the remaining life of the bonds is \$86,636,213. The grand total of outstanding principal and interest to maturity is \$435,941,213.

The Board of Fund Commissioners also issues Water Pollution Control Bonds to provide funds to protect the environment through control of water pollution. The principal and interest on these bonds are paid from funds transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Water Pollution Control Bond and Interest Fund. A total principal of \$356,905,000 was outstanding as of June 30, 2002. Outstanding interest to be paid out over the remaining life of the bonds is \$176,508,107. Total of principal and interest to maturity is \$533,413,107.

The Board of Fund Commissioners also issues Stormwater Control Bonds to provide funds to protect the environment through the control of stormwater. The principal and interest on these bonds are paid from funds transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Stormwater Control Bond and Interest Fund. A total principal of \$43,860,000 was outstanding as of June 30, 2002. Outstanding interest totals \$31,516,084. Total of outstanding principal and interest is \$75,376,084.

State Road Bonds

The Highway Commissioner, (Chapter 226.133), upon approval of the General Assembly, may issue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000,000 from fiscal year 2001 to fiscal year 2006; except that the commission may immediately authorize the issuance of up to \$250,000,000 of bonds for construction and repairs to the State Highway System in the Commission's Five-Year Plan. The principal amount of such bonds issued in any one year may not exceed \$500,000,000. The Commission issued the first State Road Bonds - Series A 2000 in 2000. Interest and principal are due semiannually on February 1 and August 1, with the first payment due August 1, 2001.

In October 2001, the Commission issued a Series A 2001 bond not to exceed \$200,000,000. In June 2002, the Commission issued a Series A 2002 bond not to exceed \$203,000,000.

State Road bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2002, totaled \$646,390,000 and the interest to maturity totals \$372,088,619, for a grand total of \$1,018,478,619.

Revenue Bonds

With approval of the General Assembly, state revenue bonds are issued by the Board of Public Buildings (Chapter 8, RSMo) to finance building projects. State agencies are committed to leasing space within these buildings and the lease amounts are paid from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. These amounts are sufficient to pay principal and interest on the bonds. As of June 30, 2002, the total revenue bond principal outstanding was \$253,565,000. The interest to be paid out over the remaining life of the bonds is \$146,094,216. Total of principal and interest to maturity is \$399,659,216.

Other Bonds

General Revenue supports the Series A 1990 College Savings bond issue for the Missouri Health and Education Facilities Authority (Chapter 360, RSMo) that is used for college savings bonds.

On June 13, 1996 the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority (MOHEFA) College Savings Bonds were cash defeased. The bonds were not called, but principal and interest payments beginning with the August 1, 1996 payment will be from an escrow account instead of from state appropriations.

While the following bonds are not directly issued by the State of Missouri, the Office of Administration considers them state bond debt for reporting purposes:

The St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority (Chapter 67, RSMo.) has issued limited obligation bonds for facilities. These bonds do not constitute a pledge of full faith and credit of the State of Missouri. However, under a financing agreement reached in 1991, the State pays the Authority sufficient "rent" on these facilities to pay principal and interest each year. As of June 30, 2002, the total amount of outstanding principal is \$111,572,000 and interest to be paid out over the remaining life of the bonds is \$76,981,000. Total amount of principal and interest to maturity is \$188,553,000.

Lease/Purchase Agreements

On April 1, 1995 the Missouri PRC Corporation sold Certificates of Participation (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center Project) Series A 1995 in the amount of \$19,190,000. At the same time, the State of Missouri entered into a lease/purchase agreement to lease the psychiatric rehabilitation center. The certificates of participation represent proportionate ownership interests of the certificate holders in the lease agreement. The certificates do not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. Payments under the lease agreement have been structured in amounts sufficient to pay principal and interest on the certificates, and are subject to annual appropriation by the State legislature.

The total of outstanding principal is \$15,850,000 and outstanding interest to be paid out over the remaining life of the bonds is \$7,329,047. The total of outstanding principal and interest to maturity is \$23,179,047.

On July 1, 1995 the Northwest Missouri Public Facilities Corporation sold Certificates of Participation (Northwest Missouri Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center Project) Series B 1995 in the amount of \$14,795,000. At the same time, the State of Missouri entered into a lease/purchase agreement to lease the psychiatric rehabilitation center. The certificates of participation represent proportionate ownership interests of the certificate holders in the lease agreement.

