

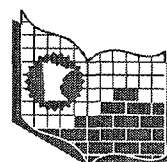
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Minnesota Higher Education  
Facilities Authority

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## Mission of the Authority

The mission of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority is to assist eligible institutions of higher education in the State of Minnesota in financing their capital needs in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Within the framework of Minnesota Statutes 136A.25 – 136A.42, the Authority works to assist educational institutions primarily through the issuance of tax-exempt debt obligations on their behalf. The Authority also actively seeks to develop financing programs that may be of benefit to institutions and shall make its staff and technical resources available to institutions whenever the application of those resources may prove beneficial in the development or implementation of institutional debt financing plans. The Authority shall, where appropriate, actively seek to have laws and regulations amended to empower the Authority to provide such assistance. The Authority will also endeavor to inform and update the representatives of the institutions on the current regulations and strategies of debt financing.

The Authority shall conduct its activities in strict accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Authority will not act as a regulatory body with respect to the internal policies and activities, financial or otherwise, of any educational institution, except as may be required by law and prudent fiscal policy in the course of providing assistance to such educational institutions.

## Letter from the Chair

Greetings:

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority for the year ended June 30, 2008, including the financial statements for the year, as audited by Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd. This report includes information about the services provided by the Authority to nonprofit institutions of higher education in the State of Minnesota. The primary service is to provide financing for capital projects of those colleges and universities through tax-exempt debt issued by the Authority. A critical benefit associated with that service is the monetary savings that are realized by those institutions as a result of the lower interest rates available through the Authority's tax-exempt financing.

Throughout the Authority's history, this financing assistance has been provided without cost to the taxpayers of Minnesota. The credit of the State does not back the bonds, either directly or indirectly, and the operating expenses of the Authority are paid from fees associated with the various financings.

In fiscal year 2008, the Authority completed financings for five institutions. The total principal amount of \$101,130,000 is slightly less than the previous year's total of \$137,260,000. Taking into account regularly scheduled repayments and the refunding of certain prior Authority bonds usually in order to take advantage of lower interest rates, the total principal outstanding for Authority-issued debt stands at \$751,006,098 as of the end of the fiscal year. The current statutory limit on outstanding debt is \$950 million.

During the fiscal year, Governor Pawlenty reappointed Mary Ives and Ray VinZant, Jr. to serve another four-year term.

Annual bonding volume will continue to fluctuate with market conditions and institutional needs. Since 1971, the Authority has remained a constant source of financing to Minnesota's nonprofit colleges and universities. Through the combined efforts of the Authority members, staff and advisors, the Authority will continue to provide requested services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael D. Ranum  
Chair

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## Colleges & Universities with Bond Issues Outstanding:

**AUGSBURG COLLEGE** is a private, four-year, liberal arts college located in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the center of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The College was founded in 1869 in Marshall, Wisconsin and moved to Minneapolis in 1872. It is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The College offers undergraduate degrees in more than 50 major areas of study and offers five graduate degree programs.

- Series A issued December 1972 in the amount of \$2,200,000. The proceeds were used for the construction of a student residence facility.
- Series Four-Y issued January 1999 in the amount of \$15,840,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to refinance the Series Three-G bond issue and to finance the construction and equipping of an apartment-style student residence hall of approximately 66,000 square feet that includes underground parking.
- Series Six-C issued April 2005 in the amount of \$6,780,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to refund the outstanding portion of the Series Four-F1 Bonds and Series Four-W notes.
- Series Six-J1 issued July 2006 in the amount of \$15,655,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used for construction and furnishing of the Gateway Project which includes student housing, commercial space, administrative office space, classroom space and underground parking.
- Series Six-J2 issued July 2006 in the amount of \$5,000,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to construct an addition to the Si Melby Athletic facility, renovate the Augsburg House and Event Center and pay certain construction costs of the Gateway Project.

**BETHEL UNIVERSITY** is a Christian liberal arts institution offering majors, minors, and advanced degrees in nearly 100 programs. Bethel's campus is in Arden Hills, Minnesota, but the College of Adult & Professional Studies and Graduate School also conduct courses in 10 other locations across the Twin Cities.

- Series Six-R issued August 2, 2007 in the amount of \$44,000,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to construct a new student center to be known as University Commons and to refund Series Five-V and Four-S Bonds.

**CARLETON COLLEGE**, founded in 1866 by the Minnesota Conference of Congregational Churches, is a residential, liberal arts college. Located in Northfield, Minnesota on a 1,040-acre campus, which includes an 880-acre arboretum, Carleton offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in over 30 major fields of study, as well as numerous special programs, area studies or concentrations.

- Series Three-L2 issued October 1992 in the amount of \$10,300,000. The proceeds, along with college funds, were used to finance a variety of campus construction, remodeling and equipment acquisition projects.
- Series Four-N issued June 1997 in the amount of \$24,440,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to construct and furnish a recreation center and a student dining hall, install a chiller and related piping, and install an administrative and bookstore computer system. Also, portions of the proceeds were used to finance the renovation of Mudd Hall, Goodhue Dining Hall, and Evans Hall.
- Series Five-G issued June 2000 in the amount of \$23,000,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used for the construction and furnishing of a 63,000 square foot academic and dining facility, for the construction of 100-bed, apartment-style student residence, and for improvements of bridges, walkways, plantings and lighting on and near Lyman Lakes on the College campus.

- Series Six-D issued April 2005 in the amount of \$31,460,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to construct and furnish a townhouse for student occupancy, to acquire real estate near Campus, to refinance the outstanding portion Series Three-L1 Bonds and to refinance a portion of the outstanding Series Four-N Bonds.

**COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT** is a Catholic liberal arts college for women founded by Benedictine monastic women in 1887. Academic and social programs are carried out in cooperation with nearby St. John's University for men allowing student access to the faculties and facilities of both campuses. The College offers more than 60 areas of study and 40 majors. It is located in central Minnesota minutes away from the St. Cloud metropolitan area.

- Series Five-W issued in July 2004 in the amount of \$7,965,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to refinance the outstanding portion of the Series Three-W Bonds and to finance a wide variety of improvements to several residence halls and academic buildings.
- Series Six-M issued in October 2006 in the amount of \$7,345,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for the construction and furnishings of an approximately 51,000 square foot, two-story dining center located on the College campus.
- Series Six-V issued May 8, 2008 in the amount of \$19,430,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to refund Series Four-G and Four-T Bonds and for the acquisition of four condominium units for student or faculty use.

**COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE** is a Catholic liberal arts college founded in 1905 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The College offers its programs on two campuses, one in St. Paul, Minnesota and one in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The College offers baccalaureate, associate and master's degrees in a variety of healthcare specialties, liberal arts and professional programs and has both traditional day and weekend formats.

- Series Five-N1 issued August 2002 in the amount of \$28,265,000 and Series Five-N2 issued August 2002 in the amount of 24,625,000. The proceeds of these bond issues were used for the construction of a Student Center and Learning Commons, renovation of St. Joseph hall and St. Catherine Library, renovation of Whitby Hall and Mendel Hall, an upgrade of the Food Consumer and Nutritional Sciences space in Fontbonne Hall, and upgrade of the Health and Wellness Center space in Butler Center, and for the conversion of a steam plant. In addition, a portion of the bonds was used to refinance the outstanding portion of the Series Three-M1 Bonds.
- Series Six-L issued in August 2006 in the amount of \$8,000,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for the construction of a 150-bed student residence hall.
- Series Six-N issued April 2007 in the amount of \$6,500,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for the construction of a 140-bed student residence hall.

## Colleges & Universities with Bond Issues Outstanding:

### **COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA** is a

Catholic Benedictine institution and the only independent private college in northeastern Minnesota. The College was founded in 1912, and offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences and professional career fields. The campus is set on a hill overlooking Lake Superior in Duluth, Minnesota. In addition to the main campus, the College has extended sites in Brainerd, Rochester, St. Cloud, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

- Series Five-J issued May 2001 in the amount of \$5,960,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to refinance two existing Authority issues, Series Two-T and Series Three-E bonds.
- Series Five-R issued May 2003 in the amount of \$11,705,000. The proceeds were used for the construction of the Wellness Center and to make improvements to the Reif Athletic Center. The proceeds were also used to build a 96-unit apartment-style residence facility and to refinance the Series Three-N bonds.
- Series Six-A issued December 2004 in the amount of \$12,000,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to construct and furnish a two-building, 290-bed apartment-style residence facility.
- Series Six-S issued November 2007 in the amount of \$8,170,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for construction and improvements made to the College's Wellness Center on the Duluth campus.

### **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL**

is a liberal arts university. The University was founded in 1893 and is affiliated with The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. The University offers several programs leading to an Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, or Master of Arts Degree, as well as certificate and degree completion programs. The campus is located in a residential neighborhood of St. Paul, a short distance from both downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

- Series Five-A issued April 1999 in the amount of \$1,440,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for an energy retrofit project including lighting upgrades, variable frequency drives, a new chiller, variable air volume system and steam system upgrades.
- Series Five-P1 issued March 2003 in the amount of \$4,250,000 and Five-P2 issued March 2003 in the amount of \$7,230,000. The proceeds of these variable rate bonds were used for capital improvements to existing campus facilities, for the construction of a 45,000 square foot library and information technology center, for the acquisition of 4.7 acres of adjacent property, and for the refinancing of prior loans.
- Series Six-Q issued October 18, 2007 in the amount of \$18,155,000. The proceeds of these variable rate bonds were used to construct, furnish and equip a 300-bed residence hall.

**GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE** is a residential, four-year, liberal arts college founded in 1862 by Swedish Lutheran immigrants. It is located in St. Peter, Minnesota about one hour southwest of the Twin Cities. The College offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in over 60 major areas of study.

- Series Four-H issued August 1996 in the amount of \$6,135,000. A portion of this bond issue was used to finance the acquisition and installation of an administrative computer system. A larger portion of the bond issue was used to refund the outstanding portion of Series Two-N, Series Two-V, and Series Three-B bond issues.
- Series Four-V issued July 1998 in the amount of \$4,602,000. The proceeds of this off-balance sheet financing lease were used to fund an energy-related equipment retrofit to generate energy and operational savings, plus adding cooling capacity to certain campus buildings.
- Series Four-X issued November 1998 in the amount of \$11,695,000. The proceeds of this issue, in addition to capital gifts received by the College, were used for the construction of a 95-bed apartment-style student housing facility, and for a major expansion of the existing dining service building to create a new Campus Center.
- Series Five-X issued October 2004 in the amount of \$16,550,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to construct and furnish a 200-bed apartment-style residence facility, to renovate the College's Old Main building, and to install fire sprinkler systems in its existing residence halls.

**HAMLIN UNIVERSITY** was founded in 1854 and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The University is composed of an undergraduate College of Liberal Arts, the Hamline School of Law, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Public Administration and Management, and Graduate Liberal Studies Program. The main campus is in St. Paul, but the University also offers graduate programs and courses in management, education, and liberal studies at the University's Minneapolis Center.

- Series Five-B issued September 1999 in the amount of \$7,750,000. Proceeds of this issue were used to construct and furnish an apartment-style student residence facility containing 59 units. The project included underground and surface parking spaces.
- Series Five-O issued July 2002 in the amount of \$1,000,000. The proceeds were used to expand and improve parking facilities and to improve efficiency of electrical, heating and air conditioning systems throughout the campus.
- Series Six-E1 issued June 2005 in the amount of \$9,580,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to refinance a portion of the outstanding Series Four-I Bonds.
- Series Six-E2 issued June 2005 in the amount of \$8,580,000. The proceeds were used to finance improvements to various buildings on the campus, refinance an outstanding commercial note, and acquire and renovate a building in St. Paul for use as an events center and President's residence.
- Series Six-E3 issued August 2006 in the amount of \$2,195,000. The proceeds were used to refinance the outstanding portion of the Series Four-I Bonds.



## Colleges & Universities with Bond Issues Outstanding:

**MACALESTER COLLEGE** is a four-year, undergraduate liberal arts college located in St. Paul, Minnesota. The college was founded in 1874 as a Presbyterian-related but non-sectarian college. The College offers over 35 majors and over 30 minors in natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and fine arts.

- Series Three-Z issued September 1994 in the amount of \$6,660,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used for the expansion of the College athletic fields and other renovations on the campus.
- Series Five-Q issued February 2003 in the amount of \$15,300,000. The proceeds were used to renovate, refurbish Doty Hall make data wiring upgrades to Doty Hall, Wallace Hall and Turck Hall. These variable rate bonds were also used to install fire sprinkler systems in Doty, Wallace, Turck, Bigelow, Dupre, 30 Macalester and Kirk Halls.
- Series Six-B issued December 2004 in the amount of \$14,995,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to refinance the portions of Series Four-C Bonds, and the Series Four-J Bonds.
- Series Six-F issued July 2005 in the amount of \$3,000,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to finance the acquisition and installation of a replacement administrative computing system, including hardware, software licenses, and costs of converting data, training, and testing.
- Series Six-P issued March 2007 in the amount of \$39,490,000. The proceeds were used for the construction of a new athletic and recreation center and refinance the outstanding portion of the Series Four-U1 and Four-U2 Bonds.

### **MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN**

was established in 1886 and is a private, four-year college located just south of downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. The College offers degree programs in Design, Fine Arts, and Media Arts at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

- Series Five-K issued August 2001 in the amount of \$4,355,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for the purpose of acquiring, refurbishing and equipping two apartment buildings for student housing. A smaller portion of the issue was used to demolish an existing residence, construct a parking lot and complete improvements to the Julia Morrison Memorial Building and the library.
- Series Six-K issued July 2006 in the amount of \$7,670,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to advance refund the outstanding portion of Series Five-D Bonds.

### **NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

was founded in 1941 as Northwestern College of Chiropractic and offers degree programs in a variety of natural health care professions. The University is divided into the following programs: Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, School of Massage Therapy, and the integrative Health and Wellness Certificate Program. The main campus is located in Bloomington, Minnesota, the University maintains six clinics that are open to the public in the Twin Cities area.

- Series Four-Z issued January 1999 in the amount of \$5,875,000. A portion of the bond proceeds were used to refund Series Two-X, with remaining proceeds being used to finance the following: construction and furnishing of the DeRusha Center for Clinical Education; remodeling classrooms, faculty offices, and meeting rooms; construction of a new maintenance shop and central storage area; improvement of lighting; fire protection; and central air handling systems on the College's main campus.

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY** is a Catholic, liberal arts college for men. The University offers academic and extracurricular programs in conjunction with the nearby College of Saint Benedict. The character of both of these institutions continues to be shaped by the Benedictine communities that founded the colleges in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. St. John's is located in Collegeville, Minnesota, minutes away from the St. Cloud metropolitan area.

- Series Six-G issued August 2005 in the amount of \$39,300,000. The proceeds were used to advance refund the outstanding portions of the Series Four-L Bonds and the Series Five-I Bonds.
- Series Six-U issued June 2008 in the amount of \$11,375,000. The proceeds of this issue were used for a new 58-bed student apartment housing, new 8,000 square foot community center and renovation of the dining facilities and the Seton Apartments.

### **SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY**

**OF MINNESOTA**, is a four-year residential liberal arts institution. It was founded in 1912 and is administered by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. The University's main campus is in Winona, Minnesota but offers undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs at various locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin and in Nairobi, Kenya.

- Series Five-E issued June 2000 in the amount of \$5,020,000. The proceeds were used in the construction and equipping of a 100-bed, apartment-style student residence facility on the University's Winona campus.
- Series Five-F issued March 2000 in the amount of \$1,037,118. This equipment lease financing was completed for the acquisition and installation of a standby electric generation system for the Winona campus.
- Series Five-U issued March 2004 in the amount of \$10,980,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to refund the outstanding portion of the Series Three-Q Bonds.

## Colleges & Universities with Bond Issues Outstanding:

**ST. OLAF COLLEGE** is a four-year residential liberal arts institution located in Northfield, Minnesota. It was founded in 1874 and is associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. St. Olaf offers over 40 academic majors, nearly 30 intercollegiate sports, a world-renowned music program and a commitment to international study.

- Series Five-H issued October 2000 in the amount of \$14,475,000. The proceeds of this issue were used to finance several renovation projects on the College's campus, the main project being the renovation of the St. Olaf Center to house art and dance departments. Other projects included replacement of residence hall furniture and athletic bleachers, and renovation of the Administration Building.
- Series Five-M1 issued April 2002 in the amount of \$12,205,000. The proceeds were used to finance the construction of the Tostrud Recreation Center and the renovation of Skoglund Athletic Center.
- Series Five-M2 issued July 2002 in the amount of \$13,420,000. The proceeds were used to refinance the outstanding portion of the City of Northfield, Minnesota College Facility Revenue Bonds Series 1992.
- Series Six-O issued March 2007 in the amount of \$45,405,000. The proceeds were used to construct a new science building and to refinance the outstanding portion of the Four-R Bonds.

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS** was founded in 1885 and is a Catholic comprehensive university. The University offers undergraduate degrees in over 95 majors and nearly 60 minors. It offers several master's degree programs, education specialist degree programs, a juris doctor, and a number of doctoral degree programs. The main campus is located in St. Paul, Minnesota and the center for graduate studies of the University is located in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other campuses include the Gainey Conference Center in Owatonna, Minnesota and the Bernardi Campus in Rome, Italy.

- Series Four-O issued September 1997 in the amount of \$10,800,000. A portion of the proceeds of this bond issue were used to refinance the outstanding portion of the Series Four-A2 Bonds. The remainder of the proceeds, along with proceeds of the Series Four-M bond issue and University funds were used to finance the construction and furnishing of a 345-bed residence hall a 345-stall parking ramp, and a commons building connecting Brady and Dowling Hall, located on the St. Paul campus.
- Series Five-C issued October 1999 in the amount of \$10,000,000. Proceeds were used for the renovation of Albertus Magnus Hall on the St. Paul campus. This former science building was converted to an office and classroom facility for the liberal arts and humanities departments.
- Series Five-L issued April 2002 in the amount of \$25,845,000. The proceeds, along with University funds were used to finance the construction and furnishing of the building that will house the University's Law School on the University's Minneapolis campus. A portion of the proceeds also went to refund the outstanding portion of the Series Three-C bonds.
- Series Five-T issued December 2003 in the amount of \$23,575,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to refund the outstanding portion of the Series Three-R1 and Series Three-R2 bonds.

- Series Five-Y issued July 2004 in the amount of \$30,000,000. The proceeds were used to construct and furnish a 422-bed apartment-style residence hall and a related parking facility on the University's St. Paul campus.
- Series Five-Z issued August 2004 in the amount of \$20,000,000. The proceeds of this bond issue were used to construct and furnish Schulz Hall on the University's Minneapolis campus.
- Series Six-H issued February 2006 in the amount of \$12,300,000. The proceeds, together with University funds, financed the construction of a three-story building for the undergraduate business program on the St. Paul campus.
- Series Six-I issued February 2006 in the amount of \$ 38,860,000. The proceeds were used to refund the outstanding portion of Series Four-A1, Series Four-M and Series Four-P Bonds.

**VERMILION COMMUNITY COLLEGE** located in Ely, Minnesota, was established in 1922 as Ely Junior College and became a part of the Minnesota statewide system of public community colleges in 1964. The College offers one- and two-year degrees in several programs and emphasizes career training in natural resources and environmental areas.

- Series Three-T issued July 1993 in the amount of \$950,000. The proceeds were used to finance the acquisition, installation, and equipping of eleven manufactured duplex housing units, including related site improvements. These units house approximately 80 students on the campus of the College.

**WILLIAM MITCHELL COLLEGE OF LAW** is an independent law school. William Mitchell was created in 1958 through successive mergers of several Twin Cities law schools. In 1976, the College moved to its present campus on Summit Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the American Association of Law Schools. The College offers a flexible schedule of day and night classes and part-and full-time enrollment options.

- Series Five-S issued October 2003 in the amount of \$15,800,000. The proceeds were used to construct, renovate and expand a student center and classroom space with enhanced technology and to expand and upgrade the facility infrastructure.

# **I**ndependent Auditor's Report

September 29, 2008

To the Executive Director and Members of the  
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority  
St. Paul, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority, St. Paul, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the Table of Contents. 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 audit. The prior year partial comparative information has been derived from the Authority's 2007 financial statements and, in our report dated October 2, 2007, we expressed an unqualified opinion on these financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. 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 provides 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 the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority, St. Paul, Minnesota, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in its financial position and its cash flows, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements include partial prior year comparative information. Such information does not include all of the information required to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2007, from which such partial information was derived.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis, which follows this report letter, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. 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.

*Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd.*

KERN, DEWENTER, VIERE, LTD.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

# Management's Discussion & Analysis: Introduction

June 30, 2008

This discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Authority is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). It introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Authority's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2008.

The Authority was created by the legislature in 1971 (Sections 136A.25 through 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes) to assist Minnesota institutions of higher education in capital financing needs. The Authority consists of eight members appointed by the Governor. A representative of the Office of Higher Education and the President of the Minnesota Private College Council, who is a nonvoting member, are also members of the Authority.

The Authority is authorized to issue revenue bonds whose aggregate outstanding principal amount at any time cannot exceed a statutory limit. The Legislature amended the limit from \$ 800 million to \$ 950 million effective July 1, 2007. The Authority has had 167 issues (including refunded and retired issues) totaling \$ 1,514,808,307 of which \$ 751,006,098 is outstanding as of June 30, 2008. Bonds issued by the Authority are payable only from the loan repayments, rentals and other revenues and moneys pledged for their payment. The bonds of the Authority do not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith or credit or moral obligation of the State of Minnesota. The operations of the Authority are financed solely from fees paid by the participating institutions. It has no taxing power. Bond issuance costs are paid by the participating institution.

Educational institutions eligible for assistance by the Authority are generally private nonprofit educational institutions authorized to provide a program of education beyond the high school level. Public community and technical colleges in the state are also eligible for assistance, but only in financing of childcare and parking facilities. In addition, pursuant to special legislation, the Authority has twice issued bonds on behalf of a public community college for housing purposes.

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The Authority may issue bonds for a broad range of projects, including facilities for housing, academic and administrative purposes, parking, student centers and other buildings and equipment to be used for instruction, research or operations. The Authority is also authorized to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds of the Authority and other debt.

Beginning with fiscal year 1996, the Authority has acted as dissemination agent on behalf of those institutions that are subject to the annual reporting requirement of Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15c2-12 (most public issues after June 30, 1995). Almost all of the colleges and universities borrowing through the Authority are now subject to the reporting. The service is offered as a convenience to the institutions at no additional charge.

The annual debt financing conference was held in April 2008. The conference was again coordinated with a similar conference for business officers sponsored by the Minnesota Private College Council. The annual conference provides a chance for Authority clients, members and finance professionals to share information on higher education capital financings. This

year, the conference included a presentation on new technologies and the possibilities that may exist for electronic delivery of knowledge. It also provided a forum for representatives from two national rating agencies to give their views on national trends in education and comment on Minnesota's higher education trends. In addition, there were presentations on the current credit market turmoil, on secondary market disclosure changes and a presentation that offered guidance on filling out revised IRS forms that relate to tax exempt bond financing.

The Authority continues to review its policies and procedures in an ongoing attempt to most effectively provide financing assistance to Minnesota's nonprofit colleges and universities. It is through the concerted efforts of the borrowers, the Authority's advisors, staff and members, as well as public finance professionals, that tax exempt financing continues to be a vital tool for higher education. The Authority will work with all these groups to continue providing affordable financing to the private colleges and universities and, ultimately to their students.

# Management's Discussion & Analysis: Overview of the Financial Statements

The three basic statements presented within the financial report are as follows:

- Statements of Net Assets—This Statement presents information reflecting the Authority's assets, liabilities and net assets. Net assets represent the amount of total assets less total liabilities. The Statement of Net Assets is categorized as to current and noncurrent assets and liabilities. For purposes of the financial statements, current assets and liabilities are those assets and liabilities with immediate liquidity or which are collectible or becoming due within one year of the Statement date.
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets—This Statement reflects the operating revenues and expenses during the year. Operating revenue is from administrative fees charged to colleges and universities. The change in net assets for an enterprise fund is similar to net profit or loss for any other business enterprise.
- Statement of Cash Flows—This Statement is presented on the direct method of reporting which reflects cash flows from operating, capital and investing activities. Cash collections and payments are reflected in this Statement to arrive at the net increase or decrease in cash for the year.

The following summarizes the financial position and results of operations of the Authority for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

| <b>ASSETS:</b>                        | <b>2008</b>         | <b>2007</b>         |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current Assets                        | \$ 1,998,334        | \$ 2,037,258        |
| Noncurrent Assets                     | <u>7,011</u>        | <u>6,784</u>        |
| Total Assets                          | <u>\$ 2,005,345</u> | <u>\$ 2,044,042</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:</b>    |                     |                     |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>                   |                     |                     |
| Current Liabilities                   | \$ 47,561           | \$ 38,823           |
| Noncurrent Liabilities                | <u>24,093</u>       | <u>23,020</u>       |
| Total Liabilities                     | 71,654              | 61,843              |
| Net Assets                            | <u>1,933,691</u>    | <u>1,982,199</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets      | <u>\$ 2,005,345</u> | <u>\$ 2,044,042</u> |
| Operating Revenues                    | \$ 245,599          | \$ 225,544          |
| Operating Expenses                    | <u>387,786</u>      | <u>381,991</u>      |
| Operating Loss                        | (142,187)           | (156,447)           |
| Nonoperating Revenues                 |                     |                     |
| Interest Income                       | 84,238              | 92,876              |
| Increase in Fair Value of Investments | <u>9,441</u>        | <u>25,153</u>       |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues           | <u>93,679</u>       | <u>118,029</u>      |
| Change in Net Assets                  | (48,508)            | (38,418)            |
| <b>NET ASSETS:</b>                    |                     |                     |
| Beginning of Year                     | <u>1,982,199</u>    | <u>2,020,617</u>    |
| End of Year                           | <u>\$ 1,933,691</u> | <u>\$ 1,982,199</u> |



# Management's Discussion & Analysis: Financial Highlights

The demand for capital among Minnesota private colleges and universities remains strong. The total principal amount issued in fiscal year 2008 was \$ 101,130,000 compared to \$ 137,260,000 in fiscal year 2007. Following is a listing of the bond issues for fiscal year 2008.

## **Concordia University, St. Paul**

Series Six-Q issued October 2007 in the amount of \$ 18,155,000. These variable rate bonds were issued for a 300-bed student apartment.

## **Bethel University**

Series Six-R issued August 2007 in the amount of \$ 44,000,000. These revenue bonds were issued for a student center to be known as University Commons and to refund Series Five-V and Four-S Bonds.

## **College of St. Scholastica**

Series Six-S issued November 2007 in the amount of \$ 8,170,000. These revenue bonds were issued for the expansion and renovation of the Wellness Center.

## **St. John's University**

Series Six-U issued June 2008 in the amount of \$ 11,375,000. These revenue bonds were issued for a 58-bed student apartment, a community center and the renovation of dining facilities and Seton Apartments.

## **College of St. Benedict**

Series Six-V issued May 2008 in the amount of \$ 19,430,000. These revenue bonds were issued to refund Series Four-G and Four-T Bonds and to acquire four condominium units for student or faculty use.

## Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide interested parties with a general overview of the Authority's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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## Factors Expected to Affect Future Financial Position and Operation

The Authority is primarily dependent on administrative fee revenue with supplemental revenue provided by earnings from its accumulated operating reserve. The fees are based upon the actual outstanding principal amount of each series of bonds when billed. Starting in fiscal year 1997, the Authority's annual administrative fees have been reduced across the board. Utilizing the operating reserve to subsidize the operating expenses, the Authority was able to reduce its annual administrative fees to all borrowers in fiscal year 2008 by 75%. The fees for fiscal year 2009 will be reduced by 70%. Although future reductions are not guaranteed, the Authority is committed to providing financing services at affordable fees to colleges and universities in Minnesota.

# Basic Financial Statements:

## Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

(With Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2007)

| <b>ASSETS:</b>                         | <b>2008</b>         | <b>2007</b>         |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current Assets:                        |                     |                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents              | \$ 133,554          | \$ 160,034          |
| Investments                            | 1,841,386           | 1,848,383           |
| Accounts Receivable                    | -                   | 5,350               |
| Interest Receivable                    | 22,576              | 22,302              |
| Prepaid Expenses                       | 818                 | 1,189               |
| Total Current Assets .....             | 1,998,334           | 2,037,258           |
| Noncurrent Assets:                     |                     |                     |
| Equipment                              | 68,607              | 70,052              |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation          | <u>(61,596)</u>     | <u>(63,268)</u>     |
| Total Noncurrent Assets (Net) .....    | <u>7,011</u>        | <u>6,784</u>        |
| Total Assets .....                     | <u>\$ 2,005,345</u> | <u>\$ 2,044,042</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:</b>     |                     |                     |
| Liabilities:                           |                     |                     |
| Current Liabilities:                   |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                       | \$ 15,168           | \$ 15,804           |
| Unearned Revenue                       | 8,301               | -                   |
| Compensated Absences Payable           | <u>24,092</u>       | <u>23,019</u>       |
| Total Current Liabilities .....        | <u>47,561</u>       | <u>38,823</u>       |
| Noncurrent Liabilities:                |                     |                     |
| Compensated Absences Payable           | <u>24,093</u>       | <u>23,020</u>       |
| Total Liabilities .....                | <u>71,654</u>       | <u>61,843</u>       |
| Net Assets:                            |                     |                     |
| Invested in Capital Assets             | 7,011               | 6,784               |
| Unrestricted                           | <u>1,926,680</u>    | <u>1,975,415</u>    |
| Total Net Assets .....                 | <u>1,933,691</u>    | <u>1,982,199</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets ..... | <u>\$ 2,005,345</u> | <u>\$ 2,044,042</u> |

# Basic Financial Statements:

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2007)

|  | 2008                | 2007                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES:                          |                     |                     |
| Annual Administrative Fees                   | \$ 240,130          | \$ 218,244          |
| Other Income                                 | <u>5,469</u>        | <u>7,300</u>        |
| Total Operating Revenues .....               | 245,599             | 225,544             |
| OPERATING EXPENSES:                          |                     |                     |
| Payroll, Payroll Taxes and Employee Benefits | 258,775             | 248,659             |
| Legal, Audit and Consulting Expense          | 30,764              | 31,090              |
| Rent   | 47,638              | 48,580              |
| Depreciation                                 | 2,099               | 1,532               |
| Other General and Administrative Expenses    | <u>48,510</u>       | <u>52,130</u>       |
| Total Operating Expenses .....               | <u>387,786</u>      | <u>381,991</u>      |
| Operating Loss .....                         | (142,187)           | (156,447)           |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES:                       |                     |                     |
| Interest Income                              | 84,238              | 92,876              |
| Increase in Fair Value of Investments        | <u>9,441</u>        | <u>25,153</u>       |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues .....            | 93,679              | 118,029             |
| Change in Net Assets .....                   | <u>(48,508)</u>     | <u>(38,418)</u>     |
| NET ASSETS:                                  |                     |                     |
| Beginning of Year .....                      | <u>1,982,199</u>    | <u>2,020,617</u>    |
| End of Year .....                            | <u>\$ 1,933,691</u> | <u>\$ 1,982,199</u> |

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement

# Basic Financial Statements:

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2007)

|   | 2008                | 2007                |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS - OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>   |                     |                     |
| Cash Received from Annual Administrative and Other Fees                             | \$ 259,250          | \$ 214,987          |
| Cash Payments to Employees  | (255,252)           | (243,712)           |
| Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services                                   | (128,554)           | (132,244)           |
| Net Cash Flows - Operating Activities .....   | (124,556)           | (160,969)           |
| <b>CASH FLOWS - CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                       |                     |                     |
| Purchase of Capital Assets  | (2,326)             | (2,330)             |
| <b>CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>   |                     |                     |
| Interest Received   | 83,964              | 93,003              |
| Proceeds of Investment Sales  | 16,438              | 300                 |
| Net Cash Flows - Investing Activities .....   | 100,402             | 93,303              |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents   | (26,480)            | (69,996)            |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:</b>   |                     |                     |
| July 1  | 160,034             | 230,030             |
| June 30 .....   | \$ <u>133,554</u>   | \$ <u>160,034</u>   |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS<br/>TO NET CASH FLOWS-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b> |                     |                     |
| Operating Loss  | \$ (142,187)        | \$ (156,447)        |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss<br>to Net Cash Flows-Operating Activities:  |                     |                     |
| Depreciation Expense  | 2,099               | 1,532               |
| Accounts Receivable   | 5,350               | (5,350)             |
| Prepaid Items   | 371                 | (609)               |
| Accounts Payable  | (636)               | 525                 |
| Unearned Fees   | 8,301               | (5,207)             |
| Compensated Absences Payable  | 2,146               | 4,587               |
| Total Adjustments .....   | 17,631              | (4,522)             |
| Net Cash Flows - Operating Activities .....   | \$ <u>(124,556)</u> | \$ <u>(160,969)</u> |
| <b>NON-CASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                        |                     |                     |
| Net Increase in Fair Value of Investments   | \$ <u>9,441</u>     | \$ <u>25,153</u>    |

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement

# Basic Financial Statements:

## Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### A. Reporting Entity

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The Authority is a state agency created to assist nonprofit institutions of higher education in financing the construction of educational facilities. The Authority finances projects through the issuance of bonds; the principal and interest of which are paid by the lease/loan payments collected from the higher education institutions. In fiscal year 2008, the Authority was authorized to have a maximum of \$ 950 million of revenue bonds outstanding. Bonds issued by the Authority are payable only from specified revenues and collateral and do not constitute a debt of the State of Minnesota.

### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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The Authority utilizes the accrual basis of accounting and is reported using the economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The operating revenues of the Authority consist principally of annual administrative fees paid by the participating institutions. While the annual administrative fee rate for new bond issues has changed periodically, the fee rate remains constant for the life of the bonds, with the exception of fee reductions for operating reserve stabilization purposes. The annual fee structure is as follows: bonds issued from December 1971 to September 1975 are charged .125% of the original balance of the bonds; bonds issued from October 1975 to December 1989 are charged .2% of the original balance of the bonds; bonds issued from January 1990 to present are charged .125% of the outstanding balance of the bonds. In an effort to stabilize its unrestricted net asset balance, the Authority periodically evaluates the administrative fees charged to participating institutions. For the year ended June 30, 2008, the Authority required participating institutions to pay 25% of the contractual administrative fees.

## C. Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

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### 1. Cash and Investments

Cash and investment balances are invested to the extent available in various securities as authorized by state law. Securities in which the Authority may invest include government bonds, notes, bills, mortgages and other securities which are direct obligations or are guaranteed or insured issues of the United States, its agencies, its instrumentalities or organizations created by an act of Congress.

Subject to applicable law, the Authority may also invest in general obligation (G.O.) or revenue bonds of any state or any political subdivision provided the G.O. bonds are rated AA or better for states and AAA or better for political subdivisions and revenue bonds are rated AAA or better for both. Time deposits are allowed, provided they

are fully insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. In some cases, investment agreements with corporations rated AA by Standard & Poor's (S&P) or AA by Moody's are allowed as well as repurchase agreements fully collateralized by U.S. government securities. Commercial paper maturing in 270 days or less and rated within the top two categories without gradation by either S&P's or Moody's is also allowed.

The Authority's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, deposits and highly liquid debt instruments purchased with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are stated at fair value.

**Custodial Credit Risk-Deposits:** For deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority has a deposit policy that requires the Authority's deposits be collateralized in an amount equal to 110% of an amount exceeding FDIC coverage.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Managing exposure to fair value arising from increasing interest rates. The Authority's investments policy states the Authority's investments should be made with consideration for cash flow requirements, taking into account budgeted expenditures.

**Credit Risk:** This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Authority's investment policy requires their investments to be rated in the top two categories by S&P or Moody's.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:** This limits the amount the Authority may invest in any one issuer. The Authority's policy states the Authority should consider the credit quality in the selection of individual securities of any single issuer in excess of 5% of the Authority's total investments.

**Custodial Credit Risk-Investments:** For an investment, this is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk for investments other than to follow the overall framework provided by Minnesota Statutes.

### **C. Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets**, continued from previous page

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#### **2. Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items. Prepaid items are recorded as an expense at the time of consumption.

#### **3. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include office furniture and equipment, are stated at historical cost and depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 3, 5 or 10 years. The Authority's threshold for capitalization of assets is \$500.

#### **4. Conduit Debt**

The Authority issues tax exempt instruments (bonds, notes or other obligations), which do not constitute a debt of the Authority. These debt instruments are limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely from payments made by the related borrowing institutions and related assets held by trustees. The Authority has no general liability with respect to these obligations and has no beneficial interest in the related assets held by trustees. Acting solely in an agency capacity, the Authority serves as a financing conduit, bringing the ultimate borrower and the

ultimate lender together. The Authority has elected to exclude these obligations and the related assets held by trustees, from the financial statements.

These obligations are itemized in Note 6. Assets held by trustees related to these obligations totaled \$ 57,794,579 as of June 30, 2008.

#### **5. Compensated Absences**

The Authority compensates all employees upon termination of employment for unused vacation up to a maximum of 275 hours. At June 30, 2008, the Authority recorded a liability for all unused vacation.

Authority employees accrue sick leave at the rate of 4 hours for each 10 day pay period of full-time service. Employees are compensated for unused sick leave upon termination of employment only if they meet the requirements of the employment agreement or plan under which they are employed. Sick leave is disbursed at termination at the rate of 40% for the first 900 hours and at 12.5% for any accrued time in excess of 900 hours. As of January 1, 2008, for eligible managerial employees, sick leave is disbursed at termination at the rate of 35% of the accumulated but unused sick leave.

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### **D. Net Assets**

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities in the basic financial statements. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets.

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### **E. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the 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. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Basic Financial Statements:

## Note 2—Deposits and Investments

### A. Deposits

The Authority maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the Authority's Board of Directors.

Custodial Credit Risk—Deposits: As of June 30, 2008, the Authority's bank balance of \$ 17,302 was not exposed to custodial credit risk because it was insured through FDIC insurance.

As of June 30, 2008, the Authority's carrying value of deposits was as follows:

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| DEPOSITS | \$ 21,736 |
|----------|-----------|

### B. Investments

As of June 30, 2008, the Authority had the following investments:

| Investment                                    | Maturities | Fair Value   | S&P Rating |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|
| BMW BK of America SLC UT CD                   | 02/06/09   | \$ 94,655    | N/A        |
| Georgian Bank Atlanta GA CD                   | 07/23/09   | 95,229       | N/A        |
| Capital One Bank Glen Allen VA CD             | 08/06/09   | 94,022       | N/A        |
| Washington Mutual Bank CD                     | 01/15/10   | 95,266       | N/A        |
| First BK Lexington TN CD                      | 02/08/10   | 93,439       | N/A        |
| Federal Home Loan Note                        | 04/16/10   | 100,625      | N/A        |
| Discover Bank CD                              | 08/13/10   | 92,938       | N/A        |
| Bryn Mawr TR CO Bryn Mawr PA CD               | 02/14/11   | 92,245       | N/A        |
| Federal Home Loan Note                        | 11/14/12   | 201,812      | AAA        |
| Federal Home Loan Note                        | 02/05/13   | 196,438      | AAA        |
| Farm Credit Note                              | 02/08/13   | 98,125       | AAA        |
| Federal Home Loan Note                        | 03/08/13   | 292,500      | AAA        |
| Federal Home Loan Note                        | 06/26/13   | 100,844      | AAA        |
| Fannie Mae Note                               | 08/20/13   | 99,344       | AAA        |
| Capital One National Association Mclean VA CD | 06/25/15   | 93,904       | N/A        |
| Wells Fargo Money Market                      | N/A        | 111,818      | AAAm       |
| Total Investments                             |            | \$ 1,953,204 |            |

Concentration of Credit Risk: As of June 30, 2008, the Authority's investment balances in Federal Home Loan Notes, Fannie Mae Notes and Farm Credit Notes each exceeded 5% of the total investments.

Deposits and investments are presented in the June 30, 2008 basic financial statements as follows:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents      | \$ 133,554   |
| Investments                    | 1,841,386    |
| Total Deposits and Investments | \$ 1,974,940 |



## Basic Financial Statements: Note 3—Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

|                                    | Beginning<br>Balance | Increases     | Decreases   | Ending<br>Balance |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Capital Assets, being Depreciated: |                      |               |             |                   |
| Office Furniture and Equipment     | \$ 70,052            | \$ 2,326      | \$ (3,771)  | \$ 68,607         |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation      | (63,268)             | (2,099)       | 3,771       | (61,596)          |
| Capital Assets, Net                | <u>\$ 6,784</u>      | <u>\$ 227</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 7,011</u>   |

## Basic Financial Statements: Note 4—Leases

The Authority has a lease commitment for office space through November 2012, with monthly base rent from \$ 3,912 to \$ 4,121. Total costs were \$ 47,638 for the year ended June 30, 2008. The future minimum lease payments for this lease are as follows:

| Year Ending June 30 |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2009                | \$ 47,305         |
| 2010                | 47,933            |
| 2011                | 48,562            |
| 2012                | 49,190            |
| 2013                | 20,605            |
| Total               | <u>\$ 213,595</u> |

## Basic Financial Statements: Note 5—Changes in Compensated Absences Payable

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

|                      | Beginning<br>Balance | Additions | Reductions  | Ending<br>Balance | Due Within<br>One Year |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Compensated Absences | \$ 46,039            | \$ 22,233 | \$ (20,087) | \$ 48,185         | \$ 24,092              |

# Basic Financial Statements:

## Note 6—Conduit Debt

At June 30, 2008, there were 59 bond issues and leases outstanding with an aggregate principal balance outstanding of \$751,006,098 as follows:

| College/University   | Final<br>Maturity | Indebtedness<br>Issued | Outstanding |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Series A, Augsburg College,<br>Revenue Bonds, December 1972 .....                                    | 2012              | 2,200,000              | 725,000     |
| Series Three-L2, Carleton College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, October 1992 .....         | 2012              | 10,300,000             | 10,300,000  |
| Series Three-T, Vermilion Community College,<br>Revenue Bonds, July 1993 .....                       | 2013              | 950,000                | 355,000     |
| Series Three-Z, Macalester College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, September 1994 .....      | 2024              | 6,660,000              | 6,660,000   |
| Series Four-H, Gustavus Adolphus College,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 1996 .....                        | 2010              | 6,135,000              | 1,210,000   |
| Series Four-O, University of St. Thomas,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, September 1997 ..... | 2021              | 10,800,000             | 10,040,000  |
| Series Four-V, Gustavus Adolphus College,<br>Lease and Purchase Agreement, July 1998 .....           | 2009              | 4,602,000              | 566,715     |
| Series Four-X, Gustavus Adolphus College,<br>Revenue Bonds, November 1998 .....                      | 2024              | 11,695,000             | 9,395,000   |
| Series Four-Y, Augsburg College,<br>Mortgage Revenue Bonds, January 1999 .....                       | 2027              | 15,840,000             | 11,115,000  |
| Series Four-Z, Northwestern College of Chiropractic,<br>Mortgage Revenue Bonds, January 1999 .....   | 2013              | 5,875,000              | 2,875,000   |
| Series Five-A, Concordia University,<br>Lease and Purchase Agreement, April 1999 .....               | 2014              | 1,440,000              | 721,116     |
| Series Five-B, Hamline University,<br>Revenue Bonds, September 1999 .....                            | 2029              | 7,750,000              | 6,840,000   |
| Series Five-C, University of St. Thomas,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, October 1999 .....   | 2025              | 10,000,000             | 9,295,000   |
| Series Five-E, Saint Mary's University,<br>Revenue Bonds, June 2000 .....                            | 2026              | 5,020,000              | 4,275,000   |
| Series Five-F, Saint Mary's University,<br>Master Financing Agreement, March 2000 .....              | 2012              | 1,037,118              | 605,132     |
| Series Five-G, Carleton College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, June 2000 .....              | 2029              | 23,000,000             | 23,000,000  |
| Series Five-H, St. Olaf College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, October 2000 .....           | 2030              | 14,475,000             | 14,475,000  |
| Series Five-J, College of St. Scholastica,<br>Revenue Refunding Bonds, May 2001 .....                | 2014              | 5,960,000              | 3,155,000   |

# Basic Financial Statements: Note 6—Conduit Debt, *continued from previous page*

| College/University   | Final<br>Maturity | Indebtedness<br>Issued | Outstanding |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Series Five-K, Minneapolis College of Art & Design,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 2001 .....                        | 2021              | 4,355,000              | 3,830,000   |
| Series Five-L, University of St. Thomas,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, April 2002 .....               | 2027              | 25,845,000             | 20,860,000  |
| Series Five-M1, St. Olaf College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, April 2002 .....                      | 2032              | 12,205,000             | 12,205,000  |
| Series Five-M2, St. Olaf College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, July 2002 .....                       | 2020              | 13,420,000             | 13,420,000  |
| Series Five-N1, College of St. Catherine,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 2002 .....                                  | 2032              | 28,265,000             | 25,825,000  |
| Series Five-N2, College of St. Catherine,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, August 2002 .....             | 2032              | 24,625,000             | 24,625,000  |
| Series Five-O, Hamline University,<br>Revenue Notes, July 2002 .....   | 2009              | 1,000,000              | 163,880     |
| Series Five-P1, Concordia University, St. Paul<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, March 2003 .....         | 2027              | 4,250,000              | 2,255,000   |
| Series Five-P2, Concordia University, St. Paul<br>Variable Rate Demand Taxable Revenue Bonds, March 2003 ..... | 2021              | 7,230,000              | 5,670,000   |
| Series Five-Q, Macalester College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, February 2003 .....                  | 2033              | 15,300,000             | 15,300,000  |
| Series Five-R, College of St. Scholastica,<br>Revenue Bonds, May 2003 .....                                    | 2032              | 11,705,000             | 10,900,000  |
| Series Five-S, William Mitchell College of Law,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, October 2003 .....      | 2033              | 15,800,000             | 12,105,000  |
| Series Five-T, University of St. Thomas,<br>Revenue Bonds, December 2003 .....                                 | 2014              | 23,575,000             | 13,440,000  |
| Series Five-U, Saint Mary's University,<br>Revenue Bonds, March 2004 .....                                     | 2019              | 10,980,000             | 9,220,000   |
| Series Five-W, College of St. Benedict,<br>Revenue Bonds, July 2004 .....                                      | 2024              | 7,965,000              | 6,940,000   |
| Series Five-X, Gustavus Adolphus College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, October 2004 .....            | 2034              | 16,550,000             | 14,450,000  |
| Series Five-Y, University of St. Thomas,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 2004 .....                                   | 2034              | 30,000,000             | 28,605,000  |
| Series Five-Z, University of St. Thomas,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 2004 .....                                   | 2029              | 20,000,000             | 17,200,000  |
| Series Six-A, College of St. Scholastica,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, December 2004 .....           | 2034              | 12,000,000             | 11,800,000  |
| Series Six-B, Macalester College,<br>Revenue Bonds, December 2004 .....  | 2017              | 14,995,000             | 11,850,000  |
| Series Six-C, Augsburg College,<br>Revenue Bonds, April 2005 .....   | 2023              | 6,780,000              | 6,780,000   |
| Series Six-D, Carleton College,<br>Revenue Bonds, April 2005 .....   | 2035              | 31,460,000             | 31,040,000  |
| Series Six-E1, Hamline University,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, June 2005 .....                      | 2016              | 9,580,000              | 7,820,000   |
| Series Six-E2, Hamline University,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, June 2005 .....                      | 2025              | 8,580,000              | 8,275,000   |

| College/University  | Final<br>Maturity | Indebtedness          |                       |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   |                   | Issued                | Outstanding           |
| Series Six-E3, Hamline University,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, August 2006 .....       | 2016              | 2,195,000             | 2,010,000             |
| Series Six-F, Macalester College,<br>Revenue Notes, July 2005 .....                               | 2014              | 3,000,000             | 2,272,879             |
| Series Six-G, St. John's University,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 2005.....                           | 2026              | 39,300,000            | 34,710,000            |
| Series Six-H, University of St. Thomas,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, February 2006..... | 2032              | 12,300,000            | 12,300,000            |
| Series Six-J1, Augsburg College,<br>Revenue Bonds, July 2006.....                                 | 2036              | 15,655,000            | 15,430,000            |
| Series Six-J2, Augsburg College,<br>Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, July 2006.....            | 2021              | 5,000,000             | 4,700,000             |
| Series Six-K, Minneapolis College of Art & Design,<br>Revenue Bonds, July 2006.....               | 2026              | 7,670,000             | 7,140,000             |
| Series Six-L, College of St. Catherine,<br>Revenue Notes, August 2006 .....                       | 2031              | 8,000,000             | 7,916,979             |
| Series Six-M, College of St. Benedict,<br>Revenue Notes, October 2006.....                        | 2016              | 7,345,000             | 7,009,397             |
| Series Six-N, College of St. Catherine,<br>Revenue Bonds, April 2007 .....                        | 2027              | 6,500,000             | 6,500,000             |
| Series Six-O, St. Olaf College,<br>Revenue Bonds, March 2007 .....                                | 2032              | 45,405,000            | 45,405,000            |
| Series Six-P, Macalester College,<br>Revenue Bonds, March 2007 .....                              | 2032              | 39,490,000            | 38,660,000            |
| Series Six-Q, Concordia University, St. Paul<br>Revenue Bonds, October 2007 .....                 | 2037              | 18,155,000            | 18,155,000            |
| Series Six-R, Bethel University,<br>Revenue Bonds, August 2007 .....                              | 2037              | 44,000,000            | 44,000,000            |
| Series Six-S, College of St. Scholastica,<br>Revenue Bonds, November 2007.....                    | 2027              | 8,170,000             | 8,170,000             |
| Series Six-U, St. John's University,<br>Revenue Bonds, June 2008.....                             | 2033              | 11,375,000            | 11,375,000            |
| Series Six-V, College of St. Benedict,<br>Revenue Bonds, May 2008 .....                           | 2023              | 19,430,000            | 19,430,000            |
| Total   |                   | <u>\$ 832,054,118</u> | <u>\$ 751,006,098</u> |

A summary of changes in conduit debt outstanding for the year ended June 30, 2008 is presented below:

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Conduit Debt, July 1, 2007  | \$ 719,852,623        |
| Additions:                  |                       |
| Revenue Bonds Issued        | 101,130,000           |
| Reductions:                 |                       |
| Principal Retirements       | (31,951,525)          |
| Refunding of Principal      | <u>(38,025,000)</u>   |
| Conduit Debt, June 30, 2008 | <u>\$ 751,006,098</u> |

## Basic Financial Statements: Note 7—Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. In order to protect against these risks of loss, the Authority purchases commercial insurance through the State of Minnesota Department of Administration Risk Management Division.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, there were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. Settled claims have not exceeded the Authority's commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

## Basic Financial Statements: Note 8—State Employees' Retirement Fund And State Unclassified Employees' Retirement Program

Pension fund information is provided by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), who prepares and publishes their own stand-alone Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), including financial statements and required supplementary information. Copies of the report may be obtained directly from MSRS at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103-3000.

The statutory authority for State Employees' Retirement Fund (SERF) is Minnesota Statutes Chapter 352. The SERF is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan. All classified employees are covered by this Plan. The annuity formula is the greater of a step rate reduction for

each month of early retirement, or a level rate (the higher step rate) with an actuarial reduction for early retirement. The applicable rates are 1.2% and 1.7%.

The statutory authority for State Unclassified Employees' Retirement Program (SUERP) is Minnesota Statutes Chapter 352D. Only certain unclassified employees are covered by this defined contribution program. The cash value may not be withdrawn prior to termination of the covered employee.

The funding requirements for both SERF and SUERP are 4.25% to 6% for both employer and employee. Actual contributions were 100% of required contributions. Required contributions for the Authority were:

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 2008               | \$ 10,988     |
| 2007               | 9,976         |
| 2006               | 9,798         |