

MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
(A Component Unit of the State of Minnesota)
Saint Paul, Minnesota

REPORT ON FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

Director
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
Saint Paul, Minnesota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (the "agency"), a component unit of the State of Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2011. We conducted our audit 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the agency's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the agency's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the agency's internal control over financial reporting.

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 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.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Director
Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Compliance and Other Matters

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the director, management, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, state funding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Baker Tilly Vinchow Krause, LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 29, 2011

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND THE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Director
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (the "agency"), a component unit of the State of Minnesota, with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2011. The agency's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the agency's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the agency's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the agency's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the agency's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the agency complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Director
Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the agency is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the agency's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the agency's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, a component unit of the State of Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the agency's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2011. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the agency's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the director, management, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, state funding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 24, 2011, except for the schedule
of expenditures of federal awards, as to
which the date is September 29, 2011

MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS’ RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditors’ report issued: unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- > Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
- > Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None reported
- > Noncompliance material to basic
financial statements noted? Yes No

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major programs:

- > Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
- > Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs: unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133? Yes No

Identification of major federal programs:

CFDA Number

Name of Federal Program

84.334S

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$ 300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes no

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

None.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (cont.)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

SECTION III – FEDERAL FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Grantor Agency / Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U. S. Department of Education			
Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership	84.069A	\$ 654,150	\$ 654,150
Special Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership	84.069B	874,562	874,562
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	84.334S	2,127,644	348,991
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367B	885,824	839,318
College Access Challenge Grant Program	84.378	<u>602,226</u>	<u>317,067</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>5,144,406</u>	<u>3,034,088</u>
U. S. Department of Justice			
John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act	16.816	<u>149,011</u>	<u>126,659</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS		<u>\$ 5,293,417</u>	<u>\$ 3,160,747</u>

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

This report on Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal financial assistance of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (the "agency"), a component unit of the State of Minnesota. The reporting entity of the agency is based upon criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

NOTE 2 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accounting records for some grant programs are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accounting records for the other grant programs are maintained on the accrual basis, i.e., when the revenue has been earned and the liability is incurred.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.