

**SMITH COUNTY E-911 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 2010**

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 2010**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the
Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District
Carthage, Tennessee

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Smith County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 of America. Those standards require that I 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District, as of June 30, 2010, and the results of its operations and the cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* I have also issued my report dated September 27, 2010 on my consideration of the Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and my test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of the audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

GASB Statement No. 34 provides guidance on Management's Discussion and Analysis, which is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; however, management has chosen to exclude this information.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District, taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary financial information is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

September 27, 2010
Cookeville, Tennessee

Tamara L. Beckman, CPA

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2010**

ASSETS

Current Assets

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 213,325.85 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 30,000.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 7,776.18 |
| Due from State ECB | 7,445.86 |
| Prepaid Expenses | <u>989.20</u> |

Total Current Assets \$ 259,537.09

Non-Current Assets

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Land | 30,000.00 |
| Land Improvements | 4,804.68 |
| A/D-Land Improvements | (440.43) |
| Building | 118,059.75 |
| A/D-Building | (2,739.83) |
| Communications Equipment | 458,643.74 |
| Less: A/D-Communications Equipment | (187,607.68) |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 12,292.76 |
| A/D-Furniture & Fixtures | (1,900.63) |
| Office Equipment | 39,994.56 |
| Less: A/D-Office Equipment | (31,915.11) |
| Vehicles | 28,814.00 |
| Less: A/D-Vehicle | <u>(19,209.33)</u> |

Total Non-Current Assets 448,796.48

Total Assets 708,333.57

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts Payable | <u>5,336.66</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|

Net Assets

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Invested in Capital Assets | 448,796.48 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | <u>254,200.43</u> |

Total Net Assets \$ 702,996.91

The Accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Operating Revenues

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Emergency Telephone Service Charges | \$ 62,255.48 | |
| State – Shared Wireless Charges | 84,397.42 | |
| State – Operational Funding Program | 74,757.48 | |
| Other Operating Revenue | <u>5,462.50</u> | |
| Total Operating Revenue | | \$ 226,872.88 |

Operating Expense

Contracted Services

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Addressing & Mapping | 16,202.00 | |
| Audit Services | 3,500.00 | |
| Contracts with Gov. Agencies | 39,600.00 | |
| Fees Paid to Service Providers | 29,954.87 | |
| Maintenance Agreements | 2,700.00 | |
| Lease/Rental-Communications Equipment | 1,950.00 | |
| M&R-Communications Equipment | 1,323.96 | |
| Other Contracted Services | <u>500.00</u> | |
| Total Contracted Services | | \$ 95,730.83 |

Supplies & Materials

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Office Supplies | 2,717.67 | |
| Small Equipment Purchases | 2,755.79 | |
| Utilities-Gas | 422.33 | |
| Utilities-General Telephone | 8,738.64 | |
| Utilities-Cell Phones & Pagers | 1,647.74 | |
| Utilities-Cable & Internet | <u>1,381.77</u> | |
| Total Supplies & Materials | | 17,663.94 |

Other Charges

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Bank Charges | 537.38 |
| Board Meeting Expense | 261.22 |
| Dues & Memberships | 376.00 |
| Insurance-Liability | 5,536.76 |

The Accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements

SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS, CONT'D
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

| | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| Legal Notices | 238.50 | |
| Premiums on Surety Bonds | 240.00 | |
| Training Expenses | 2,787.50 | |
| Travel Expenses | <u>378.96</u> | |
| Total Other Charges | | 10,356.32 |
| Depreciation | | <u>66,130.53</u> |
| Total Operating Expense | | <u>189,881.62</u> |
| Net Operating Income | | 36,991.26 |
| <u>Non-Operating Revenue & Expense</u> | | |
| Interest Income | 1,352.22 | |
| State-Grants & Reimbursements | 33,788.00 | |
| UCEMC Contract | 6,956.00 | |
| Other Income | <u>2,450.00</u> | |
| Total Non-Operating Revenue & Expense | | <u>44,546.22</u> |
| Decrease in Net Assets | | 81,537.48 |
| Total Net Assets, July 1, 2009 | | <u>621,459.43</u> |
| Total Net Assets, June 30, 2010 | | <u>\$ 702,996.91</u> |

The Accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Cash Flows From Operating Activities

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| Cash Received from Operations | \$ 358,574.49 | |
| Cash Payments for Goods and Services | <u>(129,751.39)</u> | |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | | \$ 228,823.10 |

Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities

| | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| UCEMC Contract | 6,956.00 | |
| State-Grants & Reimbursements | <u>33,788.00</u> | |
| Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities | | \$ 40,744.00 |

Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Acquisitions of New Assets | <u>(147,275.30)</u> | |
| Net Cash Used by Capital & Related Financing Activities | | (147,275.30) |

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

| | | |
|---|--|----------------------|
| Interest Received on CDs & Money Market | | <u>1,352.22</u> |
| Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents | | 123,644.02 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalent at June 30, 2009 | | <u>89,681.83</u> |
| Cash and Cash Equivalent at June 30, 2010 | | <u>\$ 213,325.85</u> |

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash

Provided by Operating Activities

| | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Net Operating Income | \$ 36,991.26 | |
| Depreciation | 66,130.53 | |
| Other Income | 2,450.00 | |
| Decrease in Accounts Receivable | 2,848.86 | |
| Decrease in Due from State ECB | 126,402.75 | |
| Increase in Prepaid Expense | (46.72) | |
| Decrease in Accounts Payable | <u>(5,953.58)</u> | |
| <u>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u> | | <u>\$ 228,823.10</u> |

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2010**

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Smith County E-911 Emergency Communication District was established for the purpose of providing an enhanced level of 911 service to the Smith County citizens by acquiring certain types of equipment that enable emergency service providers to respond more rapidly and more effectively due to increased speed in the transmittal of critical information and improved reliability of address and information. It is a component unit of Smith County. The Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District is run by a board of directors, which is appointed by Smith County. The District must file a budget with Smith County each year. Any bond issued by the district is subject to approval by Smith County.

The District uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Generally accepted accounting principles for local governments include those principles prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in the publication entitled *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units* and by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. As allowed in Section P80 of GASB's *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, the Board has elected not to apply to its proprietary activities Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

Depreciation – Depreciation is computed at rates designed to amortize the cost of the individual assets over their useful lives. Depreciation begins when the fixed assets are placed in service. Depreciation is summarized as follows:

| | <u>Method</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Life</u> | <u>2010 Depreciation</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Land Improvements | S/L | 10-15 Years | \$ 440.43 |
| Building & Improvements | S/L | 10-40 Years | 2,739.83 |
| Communications Equipment | S/L | 5-12 Years | 52,450.12 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | S/L | 5-10 Years | 1,900.63 |
| Office Equipment | S/L | 5-15 Years | 2,836.72 |
| Vehicle | S/L | 5-10 Years | <u>5,762.80</u> |
| | | | <u>\$66,130.53</u> |

Major Source of Revenue

The major source of operating revenue is emergency telephone and wireless surcharges. Non-operating revenue consists of interest income, a contract with UCEMC to answer after hour phone calls, and Insurance Reimbursements.

Note 2 – Cash and cash investments

The following is a schedule of bank accounts at June 30, 2010:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Checking – Citizens Bank | \$173,406.17 |
| Money Market – Citizens Bank | 39,919.68 |
| Certificate of Deposit – Citizens Bank | <u>30,000.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$243,325.85</u> |

At June 30, 2010, the carrying amount of the Smith County E – 911 Emergency Communications District’s cash deposits was \$243,325.85. The District’s deposit accounts are covered up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any amounts over \$250,000 are covered under the State of Tennessee Government Collateralization Pool of which Citizens Bank is a member. The District is authorized to deposit and invest funds according to the provisions of Section 5-8-301 of the Tennessee Code Annotated. [Acts 1992, ch. 891, section 10].

Note 3 – Bonding

Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District has a bond covering certain members of the board at June 30, 2010. The District also has a general liability policy which covers building and contents. There have been no losses or settlements that have exceeded coverage during the past three years.

Note 4 – Fixed Assets

The following is a schedule of equipment at June 30, 2010:

| <u>Assets</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Depreciation</u> | <u>Net</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Non-Depreciable</u> | | | |
| Land | \$ <u>30,000.00</u> | \$ <u>--</u> | \$ <u>30,000.00</u> |
| <u>Depreciable</u> | | | |
| Land Improvements | \$ 4,804.68 | 440.43 | 4,364.25 |
| Building & Imprv. | 118,059.75 | 2,739.83 | 115,319.92 |
| Comm. Equipment | 458,643.74 | 187,607.68 | 271,036.06 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 12,292.76 | 1,900.63 | 10,392.13 |
| Office Equipment | 39,994.56 | 31,915.11 | 8,079.45 |
| Vehicle | <u>28,814.00</u> | <u>19,209.33</u> | <u>9,604.67</u> |
| Total Depreciable | <u>662,609.49</u> | <u>243,813.01</u> | <u>418,796.48</u> |
| <u>Total Assets</u> | <u>\$692,609.49</u> | <u>\$243,813.01</u> | <u>\$448,796.48</u> |

| <u>Assets</u> | Balance 6-30-09 | Additions | Retirements | Balance 6-30-10 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Non-Depreciable</u> | | | | |
| Land | \$ -- | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ -- | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Construction in Progress | <u>237,852.00</u> | <u>--</u> | <u><237,852.00></u> | <u>--</u> |
| <u>Depreciable</u> | | | | |
| Land Improvements | \$ -- | \$ 4,804.68 | \$ -- | \$ 4,804.68 |
| Building & Improv. | -- | 118,059.75 | -- | 118,059.75 |
| Comm. Equipment | 306,463.07 | 218,101.11 | < 65,920.44> | 458,643.74 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | -- | 12,292.76 | -- | 12,292.76 |
| Office Equipment | 41,019.69 | 1,869.00 | < 2,894.13> | 39,994.56 |
| Vehicle | <u>28,814.00</u> | <u>--</u> | <u>--</u> | <u>28,814.00</u> |
| <u>Total Depreciable</u> | <u>376,296.76</u> | <u>355,127.30</u> | <u>< 68,814.57></u> | <u>662,609.49</u> |
| <u>Total Assets</u> | <u>\$614,148.76</u> | <u>\$385,127.30</u> | <u><306,666.57></u> | <u>\$692,609.49</u> |

Note 5 – Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits with original maturities of three months or less with local financial institutions.

Note 6 – Accounts Receivable/Due from State Emergency Communications Board

The amounts due to the District from the subscriber services and wireless charges include the following:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| North Central Telephone Co-op | \$ 1,986.40 |
| AT&T | 2,769.88 |
| DTC | <u>3,019.90</u> |
| Subtotal | 7,776.18 |
| State Emergency Comm. Board | <u>7,445.86</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 15,222.04</u> |

Note 7 – Compensated Absences

There were no employees at June 30, 2010.

Note 8 – Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Non-current Assets | <u>\$448,796.48</u> |
| Invested in Capital Assets | <u>\$448,796.48</u> |

Note 9 – Budgetary Information

As stated in Note 1, the District must file a budget with Smith County each year which must be legally adopted by the County. The budget is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Compliance with the legally adopted is required at the program level as well as the object level.

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
JUNE 30, 2010**

| | Actual (Accrual Basis) | Budget (Accrual Basis) | Variance Under (Over) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Operating Revenue</u> | | | |
| Emergency Telephone Service Charges | \$ 62,255.48 | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 12,744.52 |
| State-Shared Wireless Charges | 84,397.42 | 68,319.00 | (16,078.42) |
| State-Operational Funding Program | 74,757.48 | 103,800.00 | 29,042.52 |
| Other Operating Revenue | 5,462.50 | 5,500.00 | 37.50 |
| <u>Total Operating Revenue</u> | <u>226,872.88</u> | <u>252,619.00</u> | <u>25,746.12</u> |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u> | | | |
| <u>Contracted Services</u> | | | |
| Addressing & Mapping Expense | 16,202.00 | 20,000.00 | 3,798.00 |
| Audit Services | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | - |
| Contracts with Government Agencies | 39,600.00 | 87,819.00 | 48,219.00 |
| Fees Paid to Service Providers | 29,954.87 | 30,000.00 | 45.13 |
| Maintenance Agreements | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 | - |
| Lease/Rental-Communications Equipment | 1,950.00 | 93,521.00 | 91,571.00 |
| M&R-Communications Equipment | 1,323.96 | 3,000.00 | 1,676.04 |
| Other Contracted Services | 500.00 | 54,200.00 | 53,700.00 |
| <u>Total Contracted Services</u> | <u>95,730.83</u> | <u>294,740.00</u> | <u>199,009.17</u> |
| <u>Supplies & Materials</u> | | | |
| Office Supplies | 2,717.67 | 6,000.00 | 3,282.33 |
| Small Equipment Purchases | 2,755.79 | 5,000.00 | 2,244.21 |
| Utilities-Gas | 422.33 | 1,500.00 | 1,077.67 |
| Utilities-General Telephone | 8,738.64 | 12,000.00 | 3,261.36 |
| Utilities-Cell Phones & Pagers | 1,647.74 | 1,700.00 | 52.26 |
| Utilities-Cable & Internet | 1,381.77 | 1,800.00 | 418.23 |
| <u>Total Supplies & Materials</u> | <u>17,663.94</u> | <u>28,000.00</u> | <u>10,336.06</u> |
| <u>Other Charges</u> | | | |
| Bank Charges | 537.38 | 635.00 | 97.62 |
| Board Meeting Expense | 261.22 | 600.00 | 338.78 |
| Dues & Memberships | 376.00 | 550.00 | 174.00 |
| Insurance-Liability | 5,536.76 | 5,600.00 | 63.24 |

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL-CONT'D
JUNE 30, 2010**

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Legal Notices | 238.50 | 600.00 | 361.50 |
| Premiums on Surety Bonds | 240.00 | 400.00 | 160.00 |
| Training Expenses | 2,787.50 | 2,800.00 | 12.50 |
| Travel Expense | 378.96 | 800.00 | 421.04 |
| <u>Total Other Charges</u> | <u>10,356.32</u> | <u>11,985.00</u> | <u>1,628.68</u> |
| | | | |
| <u>Depreciation</u> | <u>66,130.53</u> | <u>75,000.00</u> | <u>8,869.47</u> |
| | | | |
| <u>Total Operating Expenses</u> | <u>189,881.62</u> | <u>409,725.00</u> | <u>219,843.38</u> |
| | | | |
| <u>Operating Income (Loss)</u> | <u>36,991.26</u> | <u>(157,106.00)</u> | <u>(194,097.26)</u> |
| | | | |
| <u>Non-Operating Revenue</u> | | | |
| Interest Income | 1,352.22 | 1,000.00 | (352.22) |
| State-Grants & Reimbursements | 33,788.00 | 146,700.00 | 112,912.00 |
| UCEMC Contract | 6,956.00 | 6,956.00 | - |
| Other Income | 2,450.00 | 2,450.00 | - |
| <u>Total Non-Operating Revenue</u> | <u>44,546.22</u> | <u>157,106.00</u> | <u>112,559.78</u> |
| | | | |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | 81,537.48 | - | 81,537.48 |
| | | | |
| Net Assets-Beginning of Period | 621,459.43 | - | 621,459.43 |
| | | | |
| Net Assets-End of Period | <u>\$ 702,996.91</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 702,996.91</u> |

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE TENNESSEE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION BOARD
JUNE 30, 2010**

Number of public
safety answering points: 1

Address: 515 Jefferson Ave. E.
Carthage, TN 37030

Type of System/Equipment: Motorola

Type of Database: Motorola

Director: Ricky Slack
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Gordonsville, TN 38563
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**SMITH COUNTY E – 911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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JUNE 30, 2010**

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Directors of the
Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District
Carthage, Tennessee

I have audited the financial statements of Smith County Emergency Communications District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued my report thereon dated September 27, 2010. I conducted my 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 my audit, I considered Smith County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the effectiveness of Smith County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Smith County Emergency Communications District'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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

My consideration of 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, as defined above. I did not identify any

deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Smith County Emergency Communications District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information of the management and the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

September 27, 2010
Cookeville, Tennessee

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