

**Columbus-Franklin County
Finance Authority**

Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2008
with Independent Auditors' Report



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, Franklin County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor

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May 1, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets of the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008 and related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

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. 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 the 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 Authority as of December 31, 2008, and its changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 4, 2009 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Our audit was conducted for the purposes of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The combining statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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.

Clark, Schaefer, Haskett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 4, 2009

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The discussion and analysis of the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (the Authority) financial performance provides an overall review of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Authority's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Authority's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 are as follows:

- In total, net assets were \$3,549,534 at December 31, 2008. This represents an increase of \$433,830 or 13.92% increase from December 31, 2007.
- The Authority had operating revenues of \$356,862, operating expenses of \$334,394, nonoperating revenues of \$1,032,269 and nonoperating expenses of \$620,907 for fiscal year 2008. Total change in net assets for the fiscal year was an increase of \$433,830.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Authority's financial activities. The *statement of net assets* and *statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets* provide information about the activities of the Authority, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations.

Reporting the Authority's Financial Activities

Statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets and the statement of cash flows

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2008?" The Statement of net assets and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Authority's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the Authority as a whole, the *financial position* of the Authority has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations and projects financed through the Central Ohio Bond Fund (COBF). The statement of cash flows can be found on page 10 of this report.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 11-24 of this report.

The Authority has provided supplementary information on pages 25-27 of this report to break down the Authority's operations between those that are unrestricted, those that are restricted and those pertaining to the COBF.

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The table below provides a summary of the Authority's net assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

Net Assets		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets	\$ 916,888	\$ 610,004
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted	8,435,200	8,003,000
Unrestricted	<u>32,230</u>	<u>33,980</u>
Total assets	<u>9,384,318</u>	<u>8,646,984</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Payable from restricted assets	125,000	125,000
Payable from unrestricted assets	454,034	28,280
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Payable from restricted assets	<u>5,255,750</u>	<u>5,378,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,834,784</u>	<u>5,531,280</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Restricted	2,625,000	2,500,000
Unrestricted	<u>924,534</u>	<u>615,704</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,549,534</u>	<u>\$ 3,115,704</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2008, the Authority's net assets totaled \$3,549,534. Non-current assets consisted of cash and investments of the Central Ohio Bond Fund (COBF) reserve, cash held by the Authority's fiscal agent related to the Harrison West Project's bond issuance, and pledged tax increment financing (TIF) receivables from the City of Columbus to support the Harrison West Project bond issue that was financed through the Authority's COBF program.

Current liabilities consist of accruals related to the operations of the Authority plus the current portion of the Authority's loan payable from the State of Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). The principal amount and service fees paid on this loan in 2008 was \$125,000 and \$6,250, respectively, which were paid out of general operating funds of the Authority. Non-current liabilities include the long-term portion of the ODOD loan plus the balance of the revenue bonds issued to finance the Harrison West Project through the COBF program. The bond is payable from restricted pledged TIF receivables from the City of Columbus securing repayment.

A portion of the Authority's net assets, \$2,625,000, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The restricted net assets consist of City of Columbus and Franklin County grants which were used to establish the COBF reserve account and the difference between the original proceeds received from the State loan and the balance of the State loan liability at year end.

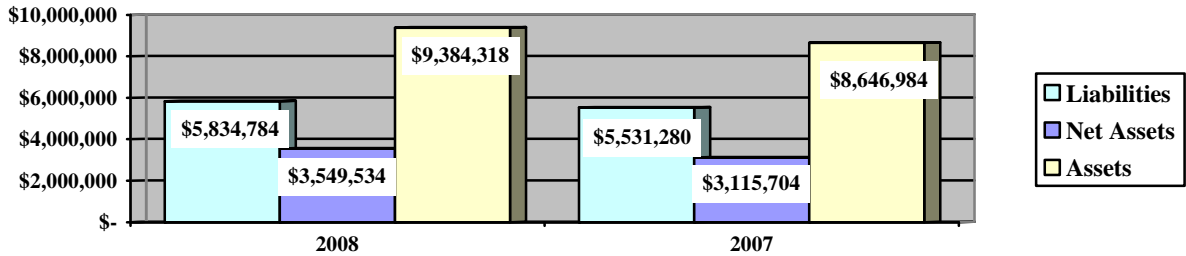
The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets is \$924,534 can be used to finance the Authority's operations.

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The chart below illustrates the Authority's assets, liabilities and net assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007:

Governmental Activities



The table below shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

Change in Net Assets

	2008	2007	Increase (Decrease)
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>			
Conduit financing and other fees	\$ 53,871	\$ 15,800	\$ 38,071
Central Ohio bond fund fees	13,903	15,000	(1,097)
City of Columbus operating grant	144,538	150,000	(5,462)
Franklin County operating grant	144,538	150,000	(5,462)
Other	12	-	12
Total operating revenue	<u>356,862</u>	<u>330,800</u>	<u>26,062</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Salaries and benefits	229,077	158,098	70,979
Professional services	51,013	28,215	22,798
Miscellaneous operating expenses	54,304	54,170	134
Total operating expenses	<u>334,394</u>	<u>240,483</u>	<u>93,911</u>
Operating income	<u>22,468</u>	<u>90,317</u>	<u>(67,849)</u>
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</u>			
City of Columbus bond reserve grant	-	1,250,000	(1,250,000)
Tax increment financing payments	620,907	-	620,907
Other nonoperating revenue	5,570	-	5,570
Debt service and fiscal changes:			
Interest expense	(179,996)	(5,570)	(174,426)
Fiscal charges	(15,293)	-	(15,293)
Bond costs	(9,500)	-	(9,500)
Developer costs	(416,118)	-	(416,118)
Interest revenue	405,792	242,454	163,338
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>411,362</u>	<u>1,486,884</u>	<u>(1,075,522)</u>
Change in net assets	433,830	1,577,201	(1,143,371)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>3,115,704</u>	<u>1,538,503</u>	
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 3,549,534</u>	<u>\$ 3,115,704</u>	

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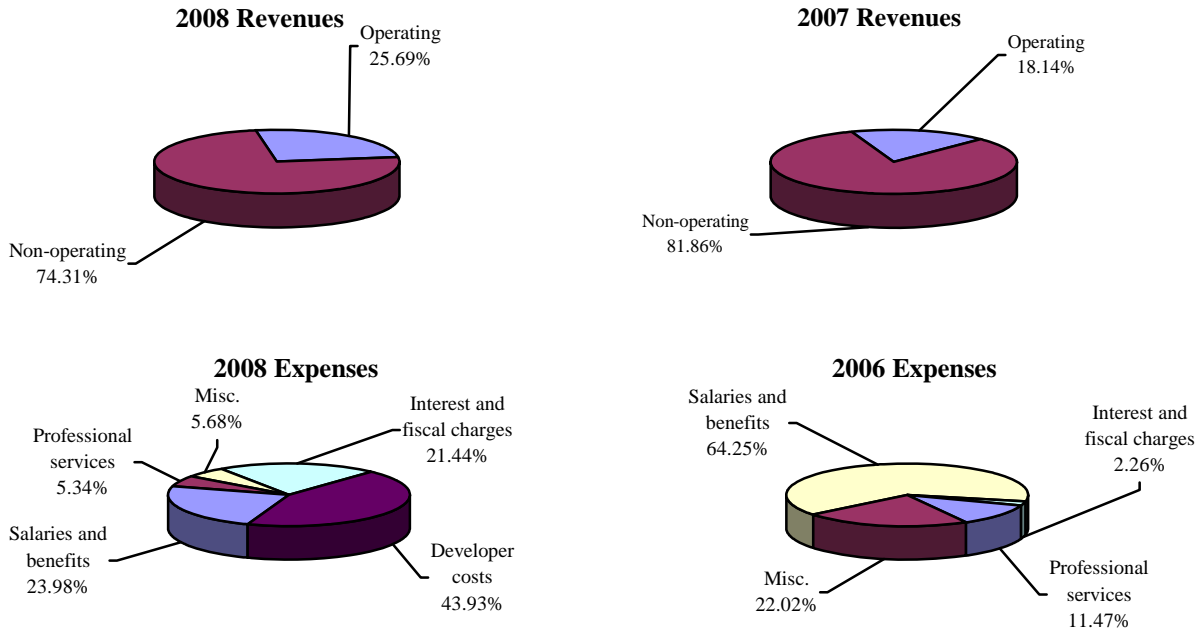
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Operating revenues increased \$26,062 or 7.88%. This increase is due to an increase in conduit and other fees. The Authority received fees from five conduit financing projects in 2008 versus two conduit financing projects in 2007.

Operating expenses increased \$93,911 or 39.05% primarily due to an increase in salaries and benefits and in professional fees. The Authority began actively performing operations in 2007 upon the hiring of an Executive Director and a full year of salary for two employees is recorded for 2008. Professional fees include attorney and accounting fees which increased in 2008 as the Authority had their first audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Non-operating revenues decreased \$460,185. Non-operating revenues decreased as the Authority received their \$1,250,000 bond reserve grant from the City of Columbus in 2007. During 2008, the Authority began receiving TIF payments for the Harrison West Project. These TIF payments were used to make interest and fiscal charge payments on the Harrison West Bonds. Interest revenue increased in 2008 primarily due to an increase in the fair market value of investments. The interest earned on COBF investments may be used by the Authority for general operations.

The charts below illustrate the revenues and expenses for the Authority during fiscal year 2008 and 2007.



Capital Assets

The Authority did not possess any capital assets at December 31, 2008.

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Debt Administration

The Authority obtained a \$2,500,000 ODOD loan in 2007. The loan is interest free with a term of 20 years. Principal and servicing payment of \$131,250 were made in 2008. Payments of principal and servicing fees were made from the general operating funds of the Authority. The State Loan Agreement requires that annual repayment of principal to be based on no more than the interest earned on the \$2,500,000 reserve, up to \$125,000. See Note 7 for more detail on the ODOD loan.

In 2007, the Authority issued \$3,080,000 in revenue bonds through the COBF program to finance the Harrison West Project. The repayment is secured by pledged TIF revenues from the City of Columbus which will be collected and distributed to the trustee for repayment of the bonds. See Note 5 for more detail on the COBF program.

Current Financial Related Activities

The Authority has the ability to finance projects through its Central Ohio Bond Fund program or through a Conduit Financing program. During 2008, the Authority did not finance any new loans through the COBF program. The Authority has one financing one project through the COBF program (Harrison West Project) which began in 2007. In 2008, the Authority financed three new projects through the conduit financing program. In 2007, the Authority financed two projects through the conduit financing program. The Authority's goals are to increase the number of projects financed through both programs in 2009. Fees generated by financing the projects are necessary to support the operations of the Authority.

Currently, the Authority is reliant upon operating grants from the City of Columbus and from Franklin County to support its operations. As more financing arrangements are closed, the fees generated will support the Authority's operations. It is planned that by the end of five years, the Authority will be self-sustaining through fees generated on financing projects and interest earned on investments.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Jean Carter Ryan, Executive Director, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, 150 South Front Street, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS:	
Current:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 297,072
Investments	589,902
Accrued interest receivable	25,039
Prepayments	4,875
Total current assets	<u>916,888</u>
Noncurrent:	
Unamortized loan closing costs	32,230
Restricted assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	250,000
Investments	4,750,000
Bond fund transactions:	
Cash with fiscal agent	958,710
Pledged receivable from City of Columbus	2,382,015
Unamortized bond issue costs	94,475
Total restricted assets	<u>8,435,200</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,467,430</u>
 Total assets	 <u>9,384,318</u>
 LIABILITIES:	
Current:	
Accounts payable	3,341
Accrued salaries and benefits payable	14,280
Accrued service fees payable	3,463
Unearned revenue	3,500
Payable from restricted assets:	
State loan payable - current portion	125,000
Bond fund transactions:	
Bond costs payable	6,418
Accrued interest payable	6,914
Due to developer	416,118
Total current liabilities	<u>579,034</u>
Noncurrent:	
Payable from restricted assets:	
State loan payable	2,250,000
Bond fund transactions:	
Revenue bonds	3,005,750
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>5,255,750</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>5,834,784</u>
 NET ASSETS:	
Restricted	2,625,000
Unrestricted	924,534
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,549,534</u>

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Operating revenues:	
Conduit financing and other fees	\$ 53,871
Central Ohio bond fund fees	13,903
City of Columbus operating grant.	144,538
Franklin County operating grant.	144,538
Other	<u>12</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>356,862</u>
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and benefits	229,077
Professional services	51,013
Miscellaneous operating expenses	<u>54,304</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>334,394</u>
Operating income.	<u>22,468</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Interest revenue.	405,792
Other nonoperating revenue	5,570
Bond fund transactions:	
Tax increment financing payments	620,907
Interest expense on bonds	(179,996)
Fiscal charges	(15,293)
Bond costs	(9,500)
Developer costs	<u>(416,118)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>411,362</u>
Change in net assets	433,830
Net assets, January 1	<u>3,115,704</u>
Net assets, December 31.	<u>\$ 3,549,534</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from conduit financing and other fees	\$ 57,371
Cash received from Central Ohio bond fund fees	13,903
Cash received from operating grants	289,076
Cash received from other operations	12
Cash payments for salaries and benefits	(227,375)
Cash payments for professional services	(54,004)
Cash payments for miscellaneous operating expenses	(52,093)
	26,890
Net cash provided by operating activities	
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Payment on State loan	(125,000)
Bond fund transactions:	
Tax increment financing payments received	738,091
Interest payments on bonds	(166,833)
Fiscal charges paid on bonds	(15,293)
Bond costs paid	(9,500)
	421,465
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Purchase of investments	(650,000)
Interest received	222,701
Bond fund transactions:	
Interest received restricted for bond costs	6,418
	(420,881)
Net cash used in investing activities	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	
	27,474
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1 (see Note 14)	
	1,478,308
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	
	\$ 1,505,782
Reconciliation of operating income to	
net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 22,468
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	
to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Amortization of loan closing costs	1,750
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts receivable	125
Decrease in prepayments	673
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(3,145)
Increase in unearned revenue	3,500
Increase in accrued salaries and benefits payable	1,702
(Decrease) in accrued service fees payable	(183)
	26,890
Net cash provided by operating activities	
	\$ 26,890

Noncash Transactions:

In 2008, the Authority had an increase in the fair market value of investments of \$189,902.

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (the Authority) is a legally separate entity organized under Ohio Revised Code Section 4582.21 through 4582.59. The Authority was established on March 21, 2006 by legislative action of the Columbus City Council and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the purposes of providing creative and attractive financing to private and civic sectors as well as to enhance and facilitate economic development, job retention and job creation in the Central Ohio region. The Authority, organized as a port authority under Ohio law, began operations on May 11, 2006.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") is the governing body of the Authority. The Board consists of nine members each of whom shall serve for a term of four years, of which four are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Columbus, with advice and consent of the Columbus City Council, four are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Franklin, Ohio, and one shall be a joint appointment. The officers of the Board consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. These officers are elected annually by the Board. All of the authority of the Authority is exercised by or under the direction of the Board. The Board sets and approves all policies and other contracts that are accepted or entered into by the Authority. All members of the Board serve without compensation.

The Authority is considered a joint venture of the City of Columbus and Franklin County. The Authority provides financing primarily through its Central Ohio Bond Fund (COBF) program (see Note 5) and its Conduit Financing program (see Note 6).

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Authority also has the option to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, subject to this same limitation. The Authority has elected not to apply these FASB Statements and Interpretations.

The Authority's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39 "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the Authority are not misleading. The Authority has no component units and no other governmental organizations other than the Authority itself are included in the financial reporting entity.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting

The Authority maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of government entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Authority uses an enterprise fund to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

C. Basis of Presentation

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. The Authority uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records during the year.

D. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the Authority utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Revenues received in advance are deferred and recognized as earned over the period to which they relate.

The Authority's activities are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the Authority's operations are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flows of its enterprise activity.

The Authority distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues generally result from operating grants from the City of Columbus and from Franklin County and loan processing and servicing fees. Operating expenses for the Authority include the cost of providing these services, including administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. Nonoperating revenues include tax increment financing payments received from the City of Columbus related to the Harrison West Project and interest earnings. Nonoperating expenses include interest, fiscal changes, bond costs and developer expenses related to the Harrison West Project whose bonds were issued through the COBF.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments

During fiscal year 2008, investments were limited to federal agency securities, negotiable certificates of deposit, nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, U.S. government money market accounts and investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair market value which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at cost.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool, managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2008.

Cash and investments of the COBF reserve are reported as restricted assets on the financial statements to the extent that their use is subject to constraints externally imposed by creditors, grant contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Authority is required to restrict \$5,000,000 which represents the proceeds of a City of Columbus bond reserve grant, a Franklin County bond reserve grant and proceeds of the State loan. Interest earnings on these cash and investments, including fluctuations in the fair market of the investments, in excess of the \$5,000,000 may be used for general operations of the Authority. For 2008, the investments of the COBF reserve had a fair market value increase of \$189,902. This amount is recorded as an unrestricted investment at year end. The unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and investments reported on the statement of net assets are used for the general operations of the Authority.

Cash with fiscal agent represents monies held by a trustee in accordance with the bond indenture for the bonds issued through the Authority's COBF during fiscal year 2008.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for reporting on the statement of net assets, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Authority are considered to be "cash equivalents". Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are considered to be "investments". The cash activity related to the restricted cash with fiscal agent is reported in the Authority's statement of cash flows.

An analysis of the Authority's cash and investments at fiscal year-end is provided in Note 3.

F. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets have been restricted for grant and loan proceeds that are used in the COBF program. The Authority has received a \$1,250,000 grant from the City of Columbus, a \$1,250,000 grant from Franklin County and \$2,500,000 in proceeds from a State loan to establish the COBF reserve. Restricted net assets are reduced by the balance of the State loan payable at year end.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net assets using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

H. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, and requires an annual budget. This budget includes estimated receipts and appropriations. In addition, the Authority's Formative Agreement with the City of Columbus and Franklin County requires the Board of Directors to adopt an appropriation resolution. The Authority maintains budgetary control by not permitting expenses to exceed their respective appropriations without amendment or appropriations from the Board of Directors.

I. Intergovernmental Revenue

The Authority currently receives operating grants through the City of Columbus and Franklin County. Revenues from these grants are recognized as operating revenue in the accounting period in which it is earned, essentially the same as the fiscal year.

J. Unamortized Loan Closing Costs, Bond Issue Costs and Bond Discounts

In the financial statements, closing costs related on the State of Ohio Department of Development loan (see Note 7), bond issue costs related to bonds issued through the COBF program and bond discounts related to bonds issued through the COBF program, are deferred and amortized over the term of the loan/bond using the straight line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Unamortized loan closing costs and unamortized bond issue costs are reported on separate line items on the financial statements. Unamortized bond discounts are presented as a decrease of the face amount of the bond payable (see Note 5).

K. Capital Assets

The Authority maintains a capitalization threshold of \$2,500. The Authority does not possess capital assets exceeding this capitalization threshold; therefore, no capital assets are reported on the statement of net assets.

L. Compensated Absences

Authority employees are entitled to ten days of sick leave per year. Employees are not permitted to carry over unused sick leave and there is no payment for unused sick leave at year end. Employees are not permitted to carry unused vacation over into the next fiscal year. No liability exists for compensated absences at fiscal year end.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

M. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statute and the Authority's investment policy allow monies to be deposited or invested in the following:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) or (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in items (1) or (2) above are made only through eligible institutions;
6. Collateralized certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts in eligible institutions; and
7. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);

Protection of the Authority's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Authority by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Authority, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. The Authority's investment policy also prohibits the purchase of bankers acceptances, commercial paper and investments in local government investment pools, except STAR Ohio; provided, that STAR Ohio maintains the highest letter or numerical rating provided by at least one nationally recognized rating service.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – (Continued)

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash with Fiscal Agent

At December 31, 2008, the Authority had \$958,710 held by a fiscal agent as trustee in accordance with the bond indenture for the Harrison West Project financed through the COBF Program. The monies are investment by the fiscal agent in U.S. government money market funds. The amounts held by the fiscal agent are included in “Investments” below.

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2008, the carrying amount of the Authority’s deposits (both restricted and unrestricted) was \$669,733. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of December 31, 2008, \$400,000 of the Authority’s bank balance of \$670,289 was collateralized by eligible securities maintained by the financial institution and \$270,289 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Authority’s deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the Authority. The Authority has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions’ trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Authority to a successful claim by the FDIC.

C. Investments

As of December 31, 2008, the Authority had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>	
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
Federal Farm Credit Bank security	\$ 1,080,597	\$ -	\$ 1,080,597
Negotiable CDs	3,609,305	-	3,609,305
STAR Ohio	405,319	405,319	-
U.S. government money markets	<u>1,080,730</u>	<u>1,080,730</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 6,175,951</u>	<u>\$ 1,486,049</u>	<u>\$ 4,689,902</u>

The weighted average length to maturity of investment is 1.79 years.

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Interest Rate Risk: The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. The Authority’s investment policy limits the investment of operating funds to a maximum of 18 months. Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Authority’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring the consideration of market conditions and cash flow requirements in determining the term of an investment.

Credit Risk: The Authority’s Federal Farm Credit Bank security investment carries a rating of AAA by Standard & Poor’s and Aaa by Moody’s. Standard & Poor’s has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk 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 Federal Farm Credit Bank security is exposed to custodial credit risk in that it is uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty’s trust department or agent but not in the Authority’s name. The Authority has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Authority’s investment policy does not specifically address the concentration of credit risk. The Authority places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Authority at December 31, 2008:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Federal Farm Credit Bank security	\$ 1,080,597	17.50
Negotiable CDs	3,609,305	58.44
STAR Ohio	405,319	6.56
U.S. government money markets	<u>1,080,730</u>	<u>17.50</u>
	<u>\$ 6,175,951</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – (Continued)

Collateralization of Deposits and Investments: The following table displays the collateralization of the Authority’s deposits and investments:

	<u>Insured/ Collateralized</u>	<u>Uninsured/ Uncollateralized</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deposits:			
Checking account	\$ 19,733	\$ -	\$ 19,733
Nonnegotiable CDs	650,000	-	650,000
Investments:			
Federal Farm Credit Bank security	-	1,080,597	1,080,597
Negotiable CD's	250,000	3,359,305	3,609,305
STAR Ohio	-	405,319	405,319
U.S. government money markets	-	1,080,730	1,080,730
	<u>\$ 919,733</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,951</u>	<u>\$ 6,845,684</u>

D. Reconciliation of Cash and Investment to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the footnote above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of December 31, 2008:

<u>Cash and Investments per footnote</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 669,733
Investments	<u>6,175,951</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,845,684</u>
 <u>Cash and investments on Statement of Net Assets</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 297,072
Investments - unrestricted	589,902
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	250,000
Investments - restricted	4,750,000
Cash with fiscal agent - restricted	<u>958,710</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,845,684</u>

NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to contracted personnel; and natural disasters. Commercial insurance has been obtained to cover damage or destruction of the Authority’s property and for public liability, personal injury, and third-party property damage claims. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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NOTE 5 – CENTRAL OHIO BOND FUND PROGRAM

The Authority has established a COBF program to provide long-term, fixed interest rate financing for qualified industrial, commercial and public projects. The primary objective of the COBF is to further economic development efforts and investment in central Ohio.

To fund the COBF reserve account, the Authority received \$5,000,000 in grants and loans. On December 21, 2006, the Authority received a \$1,250,000 grant from Franklin County. On March 15, 2007, the Authority received a \$1,250,000 grant from the City of Columbus. On May 8, 2007, the Authority received a \$2,500,000 loan from the State of Ohio Department of Development (see Note 7). The grant revenues and loan proceeds were deposited into the COBF reserve account and are reported as restricted assets on the statement of net assets. Interest earned on investments purchased by the grant proceeds is not required to be maintained in the COBF reserve and may be used by the Authority for general operations.

Under the COBF, debt service requirements on each bond issue are to be secured by a pledge of amounts to be received under lease or loan agreements with borrowers who utilize the financed facilities. In addition, all borrowers are required to provide 10% of the bond premium in a reserve (which is used to make the final payment on the bonds). Amounts in the COBF reserve account may be used for debt service in the event the borrower is unable to make the required payments under the lease. The amount held in the COBF reserve account at December 31, 2008 of \$5,000,000 is restricted in use and reported as a restricted asset on the statement of net assets.

The following activity has occurred in the COBF program:

Harrison West Project

On December 19, 2007, the Authority issued \$3,080,000 in Series 2007A revenue bonds, as part of the Harrison West Project. The proceeds of these bonds are used to purchase land for a four-acre park in the Harrison Park residential development and for development of park amenities. The bonds will be repaid from pledged Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues from the City of Columbus in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement between the Authority and the City of Columbus. The revenues to repay the bonds will be generated through the increased property values and real estate taxes from the TIF District. Principal and interest payments are due May 15 and November 15 of each year. The bonds bear an interest rate of 6.00% and mature May 15, 2035.

The following is a schedule of the bond activity in fiscal year 2008:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/08</u>	<u>Amount due</u> <u>within one year</u>
Harrison West Project:					
Revenue Bonds	\$ 3,080,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,080,000	\$ -
Unamortized discount	(77,000)	-	2,750	(74,250)	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,003,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,750</u>	<u>\$ 3,005,750</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE 5 – CENTRAL OHIO BOND FUND PROGRAM - (Continued)

In accordance with the bond indenture, certain bond proceeds were used to fund various accounts with a trustee. The balance of the amounts held by the trustee at December 31, 2008 was \$958,710. This amount is reported as restricted cash with fiscal agent on the statement of net assets. Of this total, \$416,118 is due to the developer of the Harrison West Project for project costs at year-end. This amount has been reported as a current liability payable from restricted assets on the statement of net assets. In addition, \$6,418 of the \$958,710 represents interest earned on the investments which is restricted to be used for future bond costs. This amount has also been reported as a current liability payable from restricted assets on the statement of net assets.

The following is a schedule of the future debt service requirements to maturity for the Harrison West revenue bonds:

Harrison West Revenue Bonds			
Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$ -	\$ 184,800	\$ 184,800
2010	45,000	183,450	228,450
2011	45,000	180,750	225,750
2012	50,000	177,900	227,900
2013	55,000	174,750	229,750
2014-2018	325,000	819,750	1,144,750
2019-2023	450,000	703,500	1,153,500
2024-2028	610,000	546,600	1,156,600
2029-2033	835,000	331,650	1,166,650
2034-2035	665,000	47,850	712,850
Total	<u>\$ 3,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,351,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,431,000</u>

The Harrison West revenue bonds are special obligations and not general obligations of the Authority. The bonds do not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the Authority. The revenue bonds and related accrued interest payable are reported as liabilities on the statement of net assets. These liabilities are equally offset by a pledged receivable from the City of Columbus which is reported as a restricted asset on the statement of net assets.

NOTE 6 – CONDUIT FINANCING PROGRAM

Conduit financing represent bonds and notes for project financings which are collateralized by the related amounts to be received under leases. In accordance with GASB Interpretation No. 2 “Disclosure of Conduit Debt Obligations”, the bonds issued by the Authority under conduit financing program do not create a liability to the Authority and therefore are not presented on the Authority’s financial statements. The Authority has no responsibility for the payment of the debt issued as the repayment is supported solely by the credit of the borrowing entity (frequently enhanced with a letter of credit). Under the conduit financing program, there is no credit exposure to the Authority. The total amount of conduit debt issued by the Authority and outstanding at December 31, 2008 is \$39,944,253.

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NOTE 7 – STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT LOAN

On June 1, 2007, the Authority received a \$2,500,000 loan from the State of Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). The loan proceeds were deposited into the COBF reserve account. The loan has a 20 year term, matures on June 1, 2027 and bears a 0% interest rate. The loan does charge an annual service fee of .25% based upon the outstanding balance of the loan. Payments of principal and the servicing fees are made each June 1 commencing June 1, 2008. Repayment of the loan will be made from general operating activity of the Authority.

The following is a schedule of the State loan activity in fiscal year 2008:

	Balance 12/31/07	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/08	Amount due within one year
State loan payable	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ (125,000)	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 125,000

The following represents the future debt service requirements to retire the State loan payable:

ODOD Loan Payable

Year Ending	Principal	Service Fee	Total Repayment
2009	\$ 125,000	\$ 5,937	\$ 130,937
2010	125,000	5,625	130,625
2011	125,000	5,313	130,313
2012	125,000	5,000	130,000
2013	125,000	4,688	129,688
2014-2018	625,000	18,750	643,750
2019-2023	625,000	10,938	635,938
2024-2027	500,000	3,124	503,124
Total	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 59,375	\$ 2,434,375

The Authority will repay the ODOD loan using interest earnings on the investments purchased with the loan proceeds. In the event that interest earnings from the loan proceeds are not sufficient to make the scheduled payment, the Authority is only required to remit the interest earned as payment. The investments purchased with the ODOD loan proceeds are fixed rate investments whose scheduled interest payments are sufficient to cover repayment.

NOTE 8 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Authority received operating grants from the City of Columbus and Franklin County in the amounts of \$144,538 each to support operations of the Authority for fiscal year 2008.

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NOTE 9 – LETTER OF CREDIT

The Authority obtained a \$5 million, unsecured letter of credit in order to support issuance of development bonds via the Authority's COBF program. No amounts were outstanding on the letter of credit at December 31, 2008.

NOTE 10 – OPERATING FUNDS

The Authority's Board of Directors has approved the concept of using up to \$240,000 in operating funds for the following purposes:

1. To allow for payments of outstanding bonds in the event of a default, thus ensuring the Central Ohio Bond Fund's BBB+ rating would not be impacted;
2. To begin to set aside funds for additional cash reserves for the Central Ohio Bond Fund eventually allowing the Authority to issue bonds beyond its current \$50 million capacity; and
3. To build reserves to ensure adequate operational funds for unexpected contingencies.

NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES

The Authority is not involved in litigation that, in the opinion of management, would have a material effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 12 - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Authority participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the Combined Plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

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NOTE 12 - PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2008, member and contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. While members in the State and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Plan. The 2008 member contribution rates were 10.00% for members in State and local classifications.

The Authority's contribution rate for 2008 was 14.00% of covered payroll. For 2008, a portion equal to 7.00% of covered payroll was allocated to fund the post-employment health care plan.

The Authority's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2008 was 7.00%. The Authority's required contributions for pension obligations to the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$12,229 and \$9,916, respectively; equal to their required contribution for each year. The Authority had no employees prior to 2007.

NOTE 13 - POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the healthcare plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by writing to OPERS, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy – The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment healthcare through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional or Combined Plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2008, local government employers contributed 14.00% of covered payroll. Each year the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for the funding of the post-employment health care benefits. The amount of the employer contributions which was allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for 2008 was 7.00% of covered payroll.

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NOTE 13 - POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN - (Continued)

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment healthcare plan.

The Authority's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$12,229 and \$6,531, respectively; equal to their required contribution for each year. The Authority had no employees prior to 2007.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 9, 2004, was effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, which allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

NOTE 14 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 9, the Authority has restated the January 1, 2008 cash and cash equivalents reported on the Statement of Cash Flows to include cash and cash equivalents related to the Harrison West project funded through the Authority's bond fund. The cash and cash equivalents at January 1, 2008 has been increased by \$405,827 from \$1,072,481 to \$1,478,308 to include cash and cash equivalents in the restricted trust accounts established for the Harrison West project. The restatement does not impact any of the Finance Authority's operating accounts.

NOTE 15 – ACCOUNTABILITY

For 2008, the Authority has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions".

GASB Statement No. 45 establishes uniform standards of financial reporting for other postemployment benefits and increases the usefulness and improves the faithfulness of representations in the financial reports. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 45 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Authority; however, certain disclosures related to postemployment benefits (see Note 13) have been modified to conform to the new reporting requirements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
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	Operating Funds		Central Ohio Bond Fund	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Harrison West Project	
ASSETS:				
Current:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 297,072	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,072
Investments	589,902	-	-	589,902
Accrued interest receivable	25,039	-	-	25,039
Prepayments	4,875	-	-	4,875
Total current assets	916,888	-	-	916,888
Noncurrent:				
Unamortized loan closing costs	32,230	-	-	32,230
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	250,000	-	250,000
Investments	-	4,750,000	-	4,750,000
Bond fund transactions:				
Cash with fiscal agent	-	-	958,710	958,710
Pledged receivable from City of Columbus	-	-	2,382,015	2,382,015
Unamortized bond issue costs	-	-	94,475	94,475
Total restricted assets	-	5,000,000	3,435,200	8,435,200
Total noncurrent assets	32,230	5,000,000	3,435,200	8,467,430
Total assets	949,118	5,000,000	3,435,200	9,384,318
LIABILITIES:				
Current:				
Accounts payable	3,341	-	-	3,341
Accrued salaries and benefits payable	14,280	-	-	14,280
Accrued service fees payable	3,463	-	-	3,463
Unearned revenue	3,500	-	-	3,500
Payable from restricted assets:				
State loan payable - current portion	-	125,000	-	125,000
Bond fund transactions:				
Bond costs payable	-	-	6,418	6,418
Accrued interest payable	-	-	6,914	6,914
Due to developer	-	-	416,118	416,118
Total current liabilities	24,584	125,000	429,450	579,034
Noncurrent:				
Payable from restricted assets:				
State loan payable	-	2,250,000	-	2,250,000
Bond fund transaction:				
Revenue bonds	-	-	3,005,750	3,005,750
Total noncurrent liabilities	-	2,250,000	3,005,750	5,255,750
Total liabilities	24,584	2,375,000	3,435,200	5,834,784
NET ASSETS:				
Restricted	-	2,625,000	-	2,625,000
Unrestricted	924,534	-	-	924,534
Total net assets	\$ 924,534	\$ 2,625,000	\$ -	\$ 3,549,534

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Operating Funds		Central Ohio Bond Fund	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Harrison West Project	
Operating revenues:				
Conduit financing and other fees	\$ 53,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,871
Central Ohio bond fund fees	13,903	-	-	13,903
City of Columbus operating grant.	144,538	-	-	144,538
Franklin County operating grant.	144,538	-	-	144,538
Other	12	-	-	12
	<u>356,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356,862</u>
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and benefits	229,077	-	-	229,077
Professional services	51,013	-	-	51,013
Miscellaneous operating expenses	54,304	-	-	54,304
	<u>334,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,394</u>
Operating income.	<u>22,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,468</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Interest revenue.	280,792	125,000	-	405,792
Other nonoperating revenue	5,570	-	-	5,570
Bond fund transactions:				
Tax increment financing payments	-	-	620,907	620,907
Interest expense on bonds	-	-	(179,996)	(179,996)
Fiscal charges	-	-	(15,293)	(15,293)
Bond costs	-	-	(9,500)	(9,500)
Developer costs	-	-	(416,118)	(416,118)
	<u>286,362</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>411,362</u>
Change in net assets	308,830	125,000	-	433,830
Net assets, January 1	615,704	2,500,000	-	3,115,704
Net assets, December 31.	<u>\$ 924,534</u>	<u>\$ 2,625,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,549,534</u>

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Operating Funds		Central Ohio Bond Fund	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Harrison West Project	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash received from conduit financing and other fees	\$ 57,371	\$ -	\$ -	57,371
Cash received from Central Ohio bond fund fees	13,903	-	-	13,903
Cash received from operating grants	289,076	-	-	289,076
Cash received from other operations	12	-	-	12
Cash payments for salaries and benefits	(227,375)	-	-	(227,375)
Cash payments for professional services	(54,004)	-	-	(54,004)
Cash payments for miscellaneous operating expenses	(52,093)	-	-	(52,093)
Net cash provided by operating activities	26,890	-	-	26,890
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:				
Payment on State loan	-	(125,000)	-	(125,000)
Bond fund transactions:				
Tax increment financing payments received	-	-	738,091	738,091
Interest payments on bonds	-	-	(166,833)	(166,833)
Fiscal charges paid on bonds	-	-	(15,293)	(15,293)
Bond costs paid	-	-	(9,500)	(9,500)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	-	(125,000)	546,465	421,465
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of investments	(400,000)	(250,000)	-	(650,000)
Interest received	97,701	125,000	-	222,701
Bond fund transactions:				
Interest received restricted for bond costs	-	-	6,418	6,418
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(302,299)	(125,000)	6,418	(420,881)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(275,409)	(250,000)	552,883	27,474
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	572,481	500,000	405,827	1,478,308
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u>\$ 297,072</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 958,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,505,782</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income	\$ 22,468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,468
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Amortization of loan closing costs	1,750	-	-	1,750
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease in accounts receivable	125	-	-	125
Decrease in prepayments	673	-	-	673
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(3,145)	-	-	(3,145)
Increase in unearned revenue	3,500	-	-	3,500
Increase in accrued salaries and benefits payable	1,702	-	-	1,702
(Decrease) in accrued service fees payable	(183)	-	-	(183)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 26,890</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,890</u>

Noncash Transactions:

In 2008, the Authority had an increase in the fair market value of investments of \$189,902.

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

To the Board of Directors
Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority:

We have audited the financial statements of the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (the "Authority") as of December 31, 2008 and for the year ended and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2009. 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be 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.

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, others within the entity, and the Ohio Auditor of State and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Clark, Schaefer, Haskett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 4, 2009



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

COLUMBUS-FRANKLIN COUNTY FINANCE AUTHORITY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 14, 2009**