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CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the audit of the Office of State Treasurer

Background

The Office of State Treasurer is an elective office as provided in the Missouri Constitution. The duties of the State Treasurer as defined by Article IV Section 15 are to be the custodian of all state funds; to determine the amount of state monies not needed for current operating expenses; and to invest such monies in interest-bearing time deposits at Missouri banking institutions selected by the State Treasurer and approved by the Governor and State Auditor, short-term U.S. government securities, or certain allowable commercial paper and banker's acceptances.

The Office of State Treasurer operates in four major functional areas (1) accounting and banking services, (2) general and administrative services, (3) investments and deposit programs, and (4) unclaimed property.

On January 9, 2017, Eric Schmitt was inaugurated as the forty-sixth Treasurer of the state of Missouri. He served in this role until January 3, 2019, when he was sworn in as Missouri's forty-third Attorney General. His term as State Treasurer was to expire in January 2021. Governor Michael L. Parson appointed Scott Fitzpatrick as State Treasurer and he was sworn in on January 14, 2019. From January 3, 2019, until January 14, 2019, Jonathan M. Hensley served as Assistant State Treasurer.

Findings

The audit identified no significant deficiencies in internal controls, no significant noncompliance with legal provisions, and no significant deficiencies in management practices and procedures. No findings resulted from this audit.

In the areas audited, the overall performance of this entity was **Excellent**.*

*The rating(s) cover only audited areas and do not reflect an opinion on the overall operation of the entity. Within that context, the rating scale indicates the following:

- Excellent:** The audit results indicate this entity is very well managed. The report contains no findings. In addition, if applicable, prior recommendations have been implemented.
- Good:** The audit results indicate this entity is well managed. The report contains few findings, and the entity has indicated most or all recommendations have already been, or will be, implemented. In addition, if applicable, many of the prior recommendations have been implemented.
- Fair:** The audit results indicate this entity needs to improve operations in several areas. The report contains several findings, or one or more findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated several recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, several prior recommendations have not been implemented.
- Poor:** The audit results indicate this entity needs to significantly improve operations. The report contains numerous findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated most recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, most prior recommendations have not been implemented.