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THE STATE AUDITOR

The Citizens of Missouri
The Honorable Jay Nixon
The Missouri General Assembly

Enclosed is a summation of the body of audit work completed in 2008.

I am pleased that we were able provide Missouri residents, lawmakers, and governments throughout the state needed information and audit support essential to improve operations.

We were able to highlight Medicaid fraud issues as they exist, as well as the timeliness of child support administrative hearings that occurred. Among the scores of audits released were reports that dealt with Missouri's Safe School Initiatives, Transportation Development Districts (TDD's), child immunizations, senior vaccinations, Missouri's Department of Agriculture, and food safety inspection.

Meanwhile, we were able to continue augment county governments, as well the state itself in meeting federal reporting requirements that assure federal funds set aside for Missouri are returned for their intended purposes.

It is my pleasure to continue to lead our independent teams of auditors whose extraordinary work and devotion to service is captured in the following report.

Very truly yours,

Susan Montee, JD, CPA

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OVERVIEW OF THE MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE



Missouri State Auditor Susan Montee

DUTIES OF THE STATE AUDITOR

In the Missouri Constitution, under Article IV, Section 13, the Missouri State Auditor is responsible for auditing all state agencies, boards and commissions; the state court system; counties that do not have a county auditor; and other political subdivisions, such as cities or school districts, upon petition by the voters of those subdivisions.

All audits are conducted in an impartial, nonpartisan manner, in accordance with government auditing standards issued by the United States Government Accountability Office. State auditors adhere to the rigorous standards of the auditing profession and exercise the highest levels of integrity and ethics. Audit findings and recommendations are based upon reliable evidence, free from preconceived notions and the influence of personal opinions.

AUDITS PERFORMED IN THE OFFICE

Primarily five types of audits are performed by the State Auditor's Office. They include the following:

- 1) <u>State Government Audits</u>: Audits of state agencies and departments, boards and commissions, statewide elected officials, the General Assembly, the judiciary, the state's financial statements, and federal awards expended by the state.
- 2) <u>Petition Audits</u>: The State Auditor may be called upon to audit any political subdivision of the state, such as cities, school districts, water districts, etc., if enough qualified voters of that political subdivision request an audit. The political subdivision pays the actual cost of the audit.
- 3) <u>Performance Audits</u>: Independent audits for the purpose of reporting the extent to which agencies and departments of state government are faithfully carrying out the programs for which they are responsible and determining whether the programs are achieving their desired result.
- 4) <u>County Audits</u>: The State Auditor is required to conduct audits once every four years for counties that do not have a county auditor.
- 5) <u>Special County Audits</u>: The State Auditor conducts a special audit after a vacancy occurs in a county collector's office, before the Governor appoints a replacement.

For a complete listing of year 2008 audits delivered, please see Appendix A / page 15.

BOND REGISTRATION

The State Auditor's Office is responsible for reviewing and registering general obligation bonds issued by political subdivisions in Missouri to ensure those bonds comply with both state law and the conditions of the contracts under which the bonds were issued. For a complete listing of bonds registered in 2008 with the State Auditor's Office, please see Appendix B / page 170.

REVIEW OF PROPERTY TAX RATES

State law requires the Missouri State Auditor to annually certify all taxing jurisdictions throughout Missouri as to their compliance with state law and the tax limitation provisions of Missouri's Constitution, Article X, Sections 16-24, commonly known as the Hancock Amendment. Our tax report shows whether a taxing jurisdiction has met its constitutional and statutory obligation to set an overall tax rate at a level approved by voters and within the bounds of limits set by Missouri's Constitution and state law. Through the efforts of the State Auditor's Office, local governments levying taxes in excess of the amount allowable by law have been reduced from 67 in 1999 to 8 in 2008.

NOTE: The State Auditor's Office does not have the authority to reduce the tax rate of any taxing jurisdiction. Additionally, the State Auditor's Office has no authority to determine or review individual tax assessments. Chapter 138, RSMo, governs the appeals process for assessed valuations as they pertain to individual taxpayers.



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Bonds Registered with the Missouri State Auditor's Office

The Missouri State Auditor's Office is responsible for reviewing and registering general obligation bonds issued by political subdivisions in Missouri, with certain exceptions, to ensure those bonds comply with both state law and the conditions of the contracts under which the bonds are issued. Information regarding each bond issue registered with this office since January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 are listed below.

<u>Date of</u> Registration	Bonds Issued By	Amount of Issue
12-23-2008	West Peculiar Fire Protection Dist	\$990,000.00
12-22-2008	Wentzville R-IV School District	\$8,540,000.00
12-22-2008	City of Northwoods	\$2,500,000.00
12-19-2008	City of Lake Ozark	\$125,000.00
12-19-2008	Boone County	\$1,700,000.00
12-18-2008	Odessa R-VII School District	\$6,405,000.00
12-11-2008	Greenville R-II School District	\$4,000,000.00
12-10-2008	Metro-North Fire Protection Dist	\$2,000,000.00
11-25-2008	City of St Charles, Missouri Neighborhood Improvement District	\$2,040,000.00
11-24-2008	City of Lee's Summit	\$5,000,000.00
11-21-2008	North Kansas City School District 74	\$10,000,000.00
11-21-2008	Blue Eye R-V School District	\$830,000.00
11-17-2008	White Cloud Township of Nodaway Co	\$150,000.00
11-17-2008	<u>Independence Township of Nodaway Co</u>	\$75,000.00
11-06-2008	Pattonville Fire Protection Dist	\$5,000,000.00
11-06-2008	Nodaway Township of Nodaway Co	\$135,000.00
11-06-2008	Higbee R-VIII School District	\$1,200,000.00
10-29-2008	JDunklin R-V School District	\$10,000,000.00
10-28-2008	Jefferson Co R-VII School District	\$10,000,000.00
10-06-2008	<u>Lincoln County</u>	\$93,082.66
09-29-2008	Delta R-V School District	\$2,600,000.00
09-29-2008	Avenue City R-IX School District	\$1,250,000.00
09-26-2008	Taneyville R-II School District	\$1,000,000.00

09-25-2008 <u>Humansville R-IV School District</u>	\$1,300,000.00
09-22-2008 Robertson Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri	\$4,000,000.00
09-16-2008 New Haven School District	\$2,800,000.00
09-03-2008 <u>City of Ballwin</u>	\$3,695,000.00
08-22-2008 Concordia R-II School District	\$750,000.00
08-22-2008 <u>City of St Peters</u>	\$16,000,000.00
08-18-2008 <u>Lakeside 370 Levee District of St. Charles County, Missouri</u>	\$33,895,000.00
08-15-2008 <u>University City School District</u>	\$4,735,000.00
07-31-2008 Grandview C-4 School District	\$1,500,000.00
07-30-2008 New Bloomfield R-III School Dist	\$1,900,000.00
07-29-2008 City of Carl Junction	\$4,500,000.00
07-23-2008 Camden County Neighborhood Improvement District	\$1,895,000.00
07-15-2008 Aurora Reorganized School District No. VIII	\$3,900,000.00
07-09-2008 City of Grain Valley	\$6,940,000.00
07-01-2008 Moniteau County R-I School District	\$4,400,000.00
06-26-2008 Northwest R-I School District	\$10,000,000.00
06-26-2008 Southern Boone County R-I School District	\$1,700,000.00
06-24-2008 Silex R-I School District	\$1,300,000.00
06-23-2008 Consolidated School District No. 4	\$8,410,000.00
06-23-2008 Monroe City R-I School District	\$1,200,000.00
06-23-2008 <u>City of Fair Grove</u>	\$500,000.00
06-19-2008 Rockwood R-6 School District	\$4,500,000.00
06-19-2008 Rockwood R-6 School District	\$70,000,000.00
06-18-2008 Portageville School District	\$1,500,000.00
06-17-2008 <u>Fayette R-III School District</u>	\$1,750,000.00
06-16-2008 Pike County R-III School District	\$5,000,000.00
06-12-2008 Kirksville R-III School District	\$14,500,000.00
06-11-2008 Reorganized School District No. 7	\$54,000,000.00
06-11-2008 Reorganized School District No. 2 (Willard)	\$2,835,000.00
06-09-2008 Belton School District #124	\$9,000,000.00
06-03-2008 Community R-VI School District	\$1,700,000.00
06-03-2008 Greenfield R-IV School District	\$750,000.00
06-03-2008 Crawford County R-II School District	\$5,000,000.00

06-03-2008	Halfway R-III School District	\$1,500,000.00
06-03-2008	Clarksburg C-2 School District	\$600,000.00
06-02-2008	Lincoln County R-III School District of Troy, Missouri	\$2,215,000.00
06-02-2008	Kennett School District No. 39	\$7,000,000.00
06-02-2008	Hancock Place School District	\$1,500,000.00
05-29-2008	Odessa R-VII School District	\$9,595,000.00
05-29-2008	Platte County	\$2,025,000.00
05-29-2008	Platte County	\$9,995,000.00
05-29-2008	Livingston County Library District	\$3,400,000.00
05-29-2008	Webb City R-VII School District	\$5,000,000.00
05-27-2008	Wright City R-II School District	\$2,735,000.00
05-27-2008	<u>Liberty Public School District No. 53</u>	\$58,000,000.00
05-27-2008	Reorganized School District No. R-II	\$27,000,000.00
05-27-2008	Davis R-XII School District	\$200,000.00
05-27-2008	Platte Co R-III School District	\$7,950,000.00
05-21-2008	Hickman Mills C-1 School District	\$15,000,000.00
05-20-2008	Normandy School District	\$10,000,000.00
05-20-2008	Normandy School District	\$3,000,000.00
05-20-2008	West Nodaway County R-I School District	\$1,200,000.00
05-14-2008	Lincoln County R-III School District	\$6,795,000.00
05-13-2008	Hancock Place School District	\$7,500,000.00
05-07-2008	Greene Co. Reorganized School District No. 3 (Republic)	\$4,990,000.00
05-01-2008	Eldon R-I School District	\$10,000,000.00
04-30-2008	Lincoln County R-III School District	\$3,205,000.00
04-28-2008	Camdenton Reorganized School District No. R-3	\$3,950,000.00
04-28-2008	Miller County	\$317,000.00
04-28-2008	Polo R-VII School District	\$1,290,000.00
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04-04-2008	Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV	\$1,800,000.00
04-01-2008	Monett R-I School District	\$1,300,000.00

03-31-2008 Grain Valley R-V School District	\$6,000,000.00
03-27-2008 Farmington R-7 School District	\$8,545,000.00
03-27-2008 Pleasant Hill R-III School District	\$2,000,000.00
03-27-2008 Clark County R-I School District	\$2,250,000.00
03-25-2008 School District of Columbia	\$30,015,000.00
03-24-2008 Consolidated School District No. 6	\$8,410,000.00
03-24-2008 Thayer R-II School District	\$2,600,000.00
03-24-2008 City of Raymore	\$2,515,000.00
03-24-2008 St Charles County Ambulance District	\$3,265,000.00
03-18-2008 Rockwood R-6 School District	\$17,165,000.00
03-17-2008 Strain-Japan R-XVI School District	\$200,000.00
03-11-2008 Lincoln County	\$35,475.39
03-10-2008 Windsor C-1 School District	\$5,255,000.00
03-04-2008 Consolidated School District No. 4	\$1,500,000.00
03-03-2008 Southern Boone County R-I School District	\$5,395,000.00
02-29-2008 City of Chesterfield	\$5,255,000.00
02-29-2008 Francis Howell R-III School District	\$26,955,000.00
02-26-2008 Nixa Reorganized School District No. R-2	\$3,200,000.00
02-26-2008 Excelsior Springs 40 School District	\$3,620,000.00
02-20-2008 School District of Webster Groves	\$2,500,000.00
02-11-2008 <u>Cape Girardeau School District No. 63</u>	\$5,950,000.00
02-11-2008 Meramec Valley R-III School District	\$5,145,000.00
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01-29-2008 School District of Clayton	\$10,000,000.00
01-29-2008 Platte County R-III School District	\$2,925,000.00
01-28-2008 Boonville R-I School District	\$2,855,000.00
01-23-2008 Fulton Public School District No. 58	\$3,550,000.00
01-15-2008 Lindbergh R-8 School District	\$8,410,000.00
01-07-2008 New Franklin R-I School District	\$850,000.00
01-07-2008 New Bloomfield R-III School District	\$1,150,000.00
01-07-2008 <u>Dexter R-XI School District</u>	\$4,000,000.00

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All audit reports issued from 1999 to present are listed on the site, and each audit report is categorized in order to locate it quickly and easily. Categories include a listing of audits by subject and there is also a regional map to locate audits by location. These reports are posted for individuals to view and print.

In addition, posted on the office's website are bonds registered with the office from 1999 to present. Fiscal notes prepared by the State Auditor's Office from 2003 to present are available on the website. The Web site has links to SAO media advisories, employment opportunities and petition audit process information. There is also a link to political subdivision financial reporting, County Collector Annual Settlement forms, and property tax forms.

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