



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor  
The Honorable Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Comptroller of Public Accounts  
The Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor  
The Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
and  
Members of the Legislature, State of Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component unit and remaining fund information of the State of Texas as of and for the year ended August 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the State's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We did not audit the financial statements of the following entities and fund:

- The University of Texas System, which constitutes 73 percent of the assets of Colleges and Universities, a major enterprise fund. The University of Texas System also constitutes 51 percent of the assets of the business-type activities.
- The Department of Transportation Turnpike Authority, a major enterprise fund, which constitutes 5 percent of the assets of the business-type activities.
- The Employees Retirement System of Texas and the Texas Local Governmental Investment Pool (TexPool), which constitute 15 and 7 percent, respectively, of the assets of the aggregate discretely presented component unit and remaining fund information, which primarily consists of fiduciary funds.

The financial statements listed above were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for these entities and TexPool, is based on the reports of the other auditors.

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. The financial statements of the University of Texas System, the Department of Transportation Turnpike Authority, and TexPool were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. 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. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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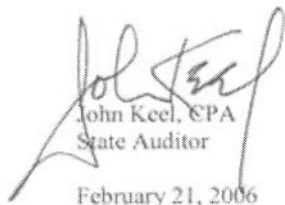
In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component unit and remaining fund information of the State of Texas as of August 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison schedule, and the modified approach to reporting infrastructure assets are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the State's basic financial statements. The combining financial statements, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These financial statements are also the responsibility of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. This supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and the other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not audit the introductory section or the statistical section and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we will issue a separate report on our consideration of the State's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of the State's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. 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 read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.



John Keel, CPA  
State Auditor

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