COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Major Funds

MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) operates a prepaid tuition program. A purchaser enters into a contract with MET which provides that in return for a specified actuarially determined payment, MET will provide a Michigan child's undergraduate tuition at any Michigan public university or community college. The amount the purchaser is required to pay is based on several factors, among them are tuition costs, the child's age and grade in school, anticipated investment earnings, tuition rate increases, and the type of contract purchased.

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 390.1425, the Michigan Education Trust Act, created MET. MET is governed by a nine-member board that consists of the State Treasurer and eight other individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Although MET is administratively located within the Michigan Department of Treasury, the law provides its assets are not to be considered assets of the State and are not to be loaned or otherwise transferred or used by the State for any purpose other than the purposes specified in the law. The law and contracts also specifically provide that the State is not liable if MET becomes actuarially unsound. In that event, the contracts provide for refunds to participants.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 125.1421 created the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to issue notes and bonds to finance housing for sale or rental to families with low or moderate incomes and to finance home improvements. MSHDA is also the administrator of various "Section 8" housing programs in Michigan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Governor appoints MSHDA's board members.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL BOND AUTHORITY

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 141.1054 created the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (MMBA) to assist local units of government in reducing their financing costs for public improvements, deficit reduction, and various other municipal purposes. MMBA pools the borrowing needs of various units and issues limited obligation debt, the proceeds of which are used to purchase local unit obligations or to make loans to local units.

MMBA is governed by a board of trustees consisting of the State Treasurer, two appointees of the Governor, and four state residents appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

MMBA and the Department of Environmental Quality serve as co-administrators of a special State Revolving Fund, which is reported as part of MMBA. The State Revolving Fund assists governmental units in financing water quality projects. Federal government and State matching provides financing for this activity along with investment interest earnings and/or other available funds. MMBA's separately issued financial reports provide a separate accounting of this fund's activities.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Central Michigan University and Western Michigan University are the two major universities of the ten universities included in this report. They are legally separate entities whose governing boards are appointed by the Governor and for which the State is therefore, defined as legally accountable. Excluded from this report are three other universities (University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University) whose board members are elected by the voters and, therefore, considered separate special purpose governments.

Non-Major Funds

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The non-major component unit - State universities are presented beginning on page 206.