COMPONENT UNITS – AUTHORITIES

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Public Act 21 of 1950 created the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA). Public Act 214 of 1952, as amended, empowered MBA to construct and operate a bridge between the lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan. Fares and earnings on investments finance the operation and maintenance of the bridge. State statutes require that MBA continue charging bridge tolls and repay State funds for all the subsidies provided in prior years.

MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION

Public Act 355 of 1927, as amended, established the Mackinac Island State Park Commission. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the seven-member commission. The Commission is responsible for the management of the Mackinac Island and Michilimackinac State Parks and has the authority to issue revenue-dedicated bonds.

MICHIGAN BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Public Act 49 of 2002 created the Michigan Broadband Development Authority (MBDA). The MBDA is a state financing authority that will assist in the build out and utilization of high-speed broadband internet service and infrastructure across the state. It is the responsibility of the authority to remain financially self-sufficient by generating revenues from project lending and joint venture activity.

MBDA's 11-member governing board consists of the President and CEO of MBDA, the Vice President of MBDA, the State Treasurer, the Executive Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the head of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and six fixed-term Governor appointed members.

MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), under Article VII, Section 28 of the Michigan State Constitution of 1963 and P.A. of 1967, is a public body corporation. Created by a ten-year contract (inter-local agreement) between participating local economic development corporations formed under P.A. 338 of 1974 and the Michigan Strategic Fund, MEDC is a separate legal entity whose purpose is to stimulate, coordinate and advance economic development in the State. Under the terms of the agreement, the governance of MEDC resides in an executive committee of 17 members appointed to eight-year, staggered terms.

MICHIGAN HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

Public Act 77 of 1960, as amended, created the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority (MHEAA). It is governed by a 16-member board, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. MHEAA is empowered to guarantee 100% of principal and interest on loans to persons (or their parents) attending eligible post-secondary educational institutions in Michigan and to administer scholarship and grant programs in accordance with State laws. The federal government reimburses MHEAA for losses on purchased loans at varying percentages depending upon rates of defaults. Revenues consist of recovery of loan losses, federal reimbursement, loan guarantee fees, and investment income.

MICHIGAN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Public Act 295 of 1969, as amended, authorized the creation of the Michigan Higher Education Facilities Authority (MHEFA) for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit institutions of higher education in financing their facilities. MHEFA consists of an eleven-member commission, nine are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and two are ex officio (the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of the Department of Management and Budget). Financing for capital improvements is provided by issuance of limited obligation revenue bonds, however these bonds do not constitute an obligation of the State or MHEFA, therefore no liabilities have been recorded. Annual service fees to higher education institutions finance MHEFA's administrative operations.

MICHIGAN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

Public Act 222 of 1975, as amended, authorized the establishment of the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority (MHESLA) to make loans to qualified students (or their parents) attending participating institutions of higher education. MHESLA may issue revenue-dedicated debt in principal amounts necessary to provide funds for achieving its purpose. A board comprised of the same members as Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority governs MHESLA. The Governor, with the consent of the Senate, appoints the 16 members. The State Treasurer, an ex officio member, serves as chairman of the board.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

The Michigan Public Educational Facilities Authority was organized by Executive Order 2002-3. The Authority was created in response to the passage of the federal Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. This act authorizes the issuance of "qualified public educational facility bonds" as tax exempt facility bonds.

The Authority partners with other states to facilitate the acquisition of capital for the construction, rehabilitation, refurbishing or equipping of qualified public educational facilities.

MICHIGAN STATE HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority (MSHFA) was organized under P.A. 38 of 1969, as amended, to lend money to nonprofit, nonpublic hospitals and health-care corporations for capital improvements or debt refinancing. The Act also empowers MSHFA to sell bonds and to enter into loan and other agreements to obtain the necessary funds for such loans. MSHFA is comprised of seven members including a chairperson and four public members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and two members ex officio (the State Treasurer and the Director of the Department of Community Health). Some of MSHFA's revenue and mortgage bonds have been defeased by the various borrowers by placing proceeds of new bonds in an escrow with the State Treasurer or trustee as escrow agent. Such defeased bonds and related investments are reported in the State Treasurer's Escrow and Paying Agent Fund.

MSHFA no longer performs trustee, fiscal agent, registrar, and paying agent functions for bonds payable. The bonds and related assets have been transferred to financial institutions' trust departments. Since these obligations are, in substance, debts of other entities, MSHFA does not reflect the liabilities, assets, revenues and expenditures related to these bonds in its financial statements.

MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND

The Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) is a public body corporation and politic created by P.A. 270 of 1984 to help diversify the economy of the State and to provide for economic development, primarily by assisting business enterprises to obtain additional sources of financing. Executive Order 1999-1, as amended, transferred all of the economic development functions of the former Department of Commerce and the Michigan Jobs Commission to MSF. The order further placed MSF as an autonomous entity in the Department of Management and Budget. MSF is governed by a board of nine members, consisting of the directors of the State Departments of Consumer and Industry Services and Treasury plus seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

The State Bar of Michigan is an association of lawyers who are licensed to practice in Michigan. It is organized as a public body corporate. Its financial support comes solely from member dues and income from member services. The State Bar's budget is the responsibility of its Board of Commissioners, and it is not subject to State of Michigan appropriation procedures.