COMPONENT UNITS – STATE UNIVERSITIES

The State has thirteen legally separate public universities, ten of which are included in this report as component units and three of which are excluded. Included are the ten universities whose governing boards are appointed by the Governor and for which the State is legally accountable, as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 14. Excluded are those three that have governing boards whose members are elected by the voters and, therefore, considered separate special purpose governments. The three that are excluded are the largest public universities: Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University. Also excluded are the public community colleges, for which local units of government are legally accountable.

The information presented in this report for the ten universities is based upon their separately issued financial statements for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2003. The universities include Central Michigan University and Western Michigan University presented as major component units and the following non-major component units: Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, and Saginaw Valley State University.