REPORT DIGEST

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

FINANCIAL AUDIT

For the Year Ended: June 30, 2009

Summary of Findings:

Total this year	1
Total last year	2
Repeated from last year	0

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INTRODUCTION

This digest covers our financial audit of the Illinois Finance Authority for the year ended June 30, 2009. A State and Federal compliance examination covering the year ended June 30, 2009 will be issued separately.

SYNOPSIS

 The Authority has not had an independent valuation of its venture capital investments since fiscal year 2006.

{Revenue, Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the next page.}

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY FINANCIAL AUDIT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS	For The Year Ended June 30, 2009	For The Year Ended June 30, 2008
Operating revenues:		
Interest on loans	\$10,941,522	\$10,121,129
Administrative service fees	4,885,211	7,140,725
Annual fees	761,197	1,128,340
Other operating revenue	231,856	359,393
Total operating revenues	<u>\$16,819,786</u>	\$18,749,587
Operating expenses:		
Interest expense	\$14,457,696	\$15,401,759
Employee related expenses	3,275,386	3,444,591
Professional services	1,284,861	1,837,280
Other operating expense	1,381,421	1,176,130
Total operating expenses	<u>\$20,399,364</u>	<u>\$21,859,760</u>
Operating income	\$(3,579,578)	\$(3,110,173)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest and investment income	\$5,878,031	\$8,942,648
Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair	, ,	, ,
value of investments	286,945	(54,213)
Grants	-	2,000,000
Transfers from (to) primary government	(26,329,923)	13,000,000
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses), net	(20,164,947)	23,888,435
Change in net assets	\$(23,744,525)	\$20,778,262
Net assets – beginning of year	\$112,817,493	\$92,039,231
Net assets – end of year	<u>89,072,968</u>	112,817,493
Selected Statement of Net Asset Accounts		
Cash and investments	\$188,852,629	\$211,846,209
Receivables, net	\$234,716,760	\$239,244,933
Bonds payable and long-term debt	\$301,789,773	\$324,327,855
Net assets	\$89,072,968	\$112,817,493
AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
During Audit Period: Kym Hubbard (7/1/08-7/15/08); Mr. John Filan (11/17/08-6/30/09)		

Currently: Mr. Christopher Meister

INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Authority is to foster economic development to the public and private institutions that create and retain jobs, and improve the quality of life in Illinois by providing access to capital.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FAILURE TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT VALUATION OF VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

The Authority has not had an independent valuation of its venture capital investments since fiscal year 2006.

The Authority maintained a portfolio of the venture capital investments valued at \$5.4 million as of June 30, 2009. Venture capital investments are not a readily marketable investment.

As part of fulfilling its responsibility of making the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements, management should establish an accounting and financial reporting process for determining the fair value measurements and disclosures, select valuation methods, identify and adequately support any significant assumptions used and prepare the valuation.

Authority management indicated that due to budget constraints, the cost benefit analysis of engaging an independent firm's valuation was contemplated during fiscal year 2009; however, a valuation was not performed. (Finding 1, page 43)

We recommended the Authority obtain an independent valuation of the venture capital investment portfolio periodically in order to support the amounts recorded and disclosed in the Authority's financial statements.

Authority officials accepted our recommendation and indicated they have begun the solicitation process to procure an independent firm's valuation services. The Authority

Authority has not had an independent valuation of its venture capital investments since 2006

Authority should develop a process for determining the fair value measurements and disclosures

Authority agrees with auditors

expects the procurement and execution of the services to be finalized by June 30, 2010.

AUDITORS' OPINION

The auditors stated the financial statements for the Illinois Finance Authority for the year ended June 30, 2009 were fairly stated in all material respects.

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND, Auditor General

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT AUDITORS

McGladrey & Pullen, LLP were our special assistant auditors for this engagement.