

Schedule of expenditures of federal awards and report  
of independent certified public accountants

**Oklahoma Student Loan Authority**

June 30, 2008

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**Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Major Program, on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

Board of Trustees  
Oklahoma Student Loan Authority

**Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the Oklahoma Student Loan Authority (the Authority) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Authority's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

The Authority's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated October 27, 2008. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the Authority and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Grant Thornton LLP*

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 27, 2008

# Oklahoma Student Loan Authority

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year ended June 30, 2008

<u>Federal agency/ Program title</u>	<u>CFDA number</u>	<u>Federal expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Education		
Federal Family Education Loan Program - interest supplements and special allowance payments	84.032	<u>\$21,492,556</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

June 30, 2008

### NOTE A - NATURE OF PROGRAM

The Oklahoma Student Loan Authority (the Authority) was created as an express trust under applicable Oklahoma Statutes and a Trust Indenture dated August 2, 1972 with the State of Oklahoma (the State) accepting the beneficial interest therein. The Authority is a component unit of the State and is included in the financial statements of the State as a part of the Enterprise Fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for the operations and financial position of governmental entities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private enterprise.

The purpose of the Authority is to provide loan funds to qualified persons at participating postsecondary educational institutions. The Authority also performs originations and interim status servicing for other Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program lenders in addition to providing a secondary market for FFEL Program loans for participating financial institutions. The student loans held by the Authority under the Federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, include Federal Stafford (Stafford) Loans, Unsubsidized Stafford Loans for Middle Income Borrowers (Unsubsidized Stafford), Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS), Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) and Federal Consolidation Loans (Consolidation).

The FFEL Program loans are guaranteed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Guaranteed Student Loan Program (State Guarantee Agency), which is reinsured by the United States Department of Education (the USDE), or guaranteed by other guarantors approved by the USDE (Guarantee Agencies). The Authority was designated as an Exceptional Performer effective January 1, 2006 by the USDE in recognition of its exceptional level of performance in servicing FFEL Program loans. As a result of this designation, the Authority received 99% reimbursement on all eligible FFEL Program default claims submitted since July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The Authority was required to achieve certain reporting and compliance levels to maintain the Exceptional Performer designation. Effective October 1, 2007, the exceptional performer designation was eliminated with the College Cost Reduction and Access Act.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the interest supplements and special allowance payments related to the FFEL Program for the year ended June 30, 2008. All federal awards received directly from federal agencies are included on the schedule.

### NOTE B - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. It is the Authority's policy that receipts of interest supplements and special allowance payments are expended for debt service on a first-in, first-out basis.

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## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

### NOTE C - RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedule may differ from amounts requested by the Authority for the FFEL Program due to the U.S. Government agency's discretionary authority to reduce interest supplements, special allowance payments or a combination of both by an amount equal to loan origination fees or lender's fees. Additionally, the amount of special allowance payments is determined by a U.S. Government agency using information provided by the Authority; consequently, the amounts are not calculated by the Authority.

### NOTE D - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

Due to the nature of the federal awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, no specific expenditures were made by the FFEL Program; receipts represent subsidies from a U.S. Government agency. Such programs are described in the notes to the basic financial statements. The federal awards received in the major program are interest supplements and special allowance payments.

As of June 30, 2008, approximately \$1,239,927,000 of the Authority's outstanding loans were guaranteed.

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year ended June 30, 2008

### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

#### *Financial Statements*

Type of auditor's report issued:

Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified  yes  no
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses  yes  none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted  yes  no

#### *Federal Awards*

Internal control over major program:

- Material weaknesses identified  yes  no
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses  yes  none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program:

Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 501(a) of Circular A-133

yes  no

Identification of major program:

CFDA Number(s)

84.032

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

Federal Family Education Loans

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$3,784,260

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee

yes  no

### Section II - Financial Statement Findings

None reported

### Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported



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## SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Year ended June 30, 2008

There were no prior year findings or questioned costs.