

Schedule of federal awards and report of independent certified public accountants

Oklahoma Student Loan Authority

June 30, 2003

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Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to
Major Program, on Internal Control Over Compliance
in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and on
Schedule 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, 2003. 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; 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 on 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, 2003.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The Authority's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with 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 and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Schedule of Federal Awards

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Oklahoma Student Loan Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2003. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule 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 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
September 17, 2003

Oklahoma Student Loan Authority

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year ended June 30, 2003

<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>\$6,362,308</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS

June 30, 2003

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 trust 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 98%, with certain exceptions, 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). As of June 30, 2003, approximately \$540,342,000 of the Authority's loans were guaranteed at the 98% level.

The accompanying schedule of federal awards presents the interest supplements and special allowance payments related to the FFEL Program for the year ended June 30, 2003. All federal awards received directly from federal agencies are included on the schedule.

NOTE B - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2003

NOTE D - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

Due to the nature of the federal awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, 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, 2003, approximately \$548,862,000 of the Authority's outstanding loans were guaranteed.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the year ended June 30, 2003

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
- Reportable conditions 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
- Reportable conditions 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: \$3,000,000

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, 2003

There were no prior year findings or questioned costs.

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