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Secretary of State Audit Report

State of Oregon

Oregon Short-Term Fund

An Investment Pool of the State of Oregon

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

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Auditing for a Better Oregon

The Honorable Ted Kulongoski
Governor of Oregon

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Oregon Short-Term Fund Board

This report presents the results of our annual audit of the Oregon Short-Term Fund (OSTF), an investment pool of the State of Oregon, available for use by all state funds and eligible local governments. The OSTF is managed by the Investment Division of the Office of the State Treasurer within the guidelines established in the OSTF Portfolio Rules.

Local governments are considered external participants in the OSTF. The Local Government Investment Pool is an open-ended, no-load diversified portfolio offered to eligible participants, including any municipality, subdivision, or public corporation of the state who by law is made the custodian of, or has control of, any public funds. State agency participants are considered internal involuntary participants, because state law requires state agencies to deposit all funds with depositories qualified by the Office of the State Treasurer (Treasury).

As required by auditing standards, we performed the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and accompanying notes have been presented fairly by management. Our Independent Auditor's Report and the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2006, are included in the Financial Section of this report. We concluded that the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Auditing standards also require us to review Treasury's internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with applicable laws and regulations, as it relates to the Oregon Short-Term Fund. Our report on the results of those reviews is included in the Other Reports section of this report. We noted no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. Similarly, we did not note any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting. We did note other matters involving internal control over financial reporting, which we will report to Treasury management in a separate letter.

We appreciated the cooperation and assistance of Treasury's management and staff during the course of our audit.

Sincerely,
OREGON AUDITS DIVISION

Charles A. Hibner, CPA
Director

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Oregon Short-Term Fund, an investment pool of the State of Oregon, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Office of the State Treasurer management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office of the State Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting, as it relates to the Oregon Short-Term Fund. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Oregon Short-Term Fund, an investment pool of the State of Oregon, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Oregon as of June 30, 2006, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Oregon Short-Term Fund as of June 30, 2006, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 28, 2006, on our consideration of Office of the State Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit. That report is presented separately in the Other Reports section as listed in the table of contents.

OREGON AUDITS DIVISION

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Bill Bradbury
Secretary of State

August 28, 2006

State of Oregon
OREGON SHORT-TERM FUND
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2006
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,927,184
Investments	3,337,578
Due from Employment (note 5)	604
Accrued Interest Receivable	33,467
Securities Lending Collateral	<u>1,047,819</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,346,652</u>
Liabilities:	
Due to Broker	50,080
Due to Fiscal Agent (note 7)	25,658
Obligations Under Securities Lending (note 3)	<u>1,048,760</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,124,498</u>
Net Assets:	
Held in Trust for Participants (note 6)	<u>8,222,154</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 8,222,154</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

State of Oregon
OREGON SHORT-TERM FUND
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2006</u>
Additions:	
Participants' Contributions	\$ 30,797,972
Investment Income, Net of Expenses (notes 1, 4)	<u>361,031</u>
Total Additions	<u>31,159,003</u>
Deductions:	
Participants' Withdrawals	30,950,032
Distributions of Interest to Participants	313,607
Securities Lending Agent Fees Expense	143
Securities Lending Borrowers' Rebate Expense	<u>51,293</u>
Total Deductions	<u>31,315,075</u>
Change in Net Assets Held in Trust For Participants	(156,072)
Net Assets - Beginning	<u>8,378,226</u>
Net Assets – Ending (note 6)	<u>\$ 8,222,154</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

OREGON SHORT-TERM FUND
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity. The Oregon Short-Term Fund (Fund) is one of five asset classes approved for the investment of State of Oregon (State) funds. A number of local governments in Oregon as well as all State agencies participate in the Fund, thus it is an external investment pool as defined in Statement No. 31 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*.

The Fund is not registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. The State's investment policies are governed by the Oregon Revised Statutes and the Oregon Investment Council (Council). The State Treasurer is the investment officer for the Council and is responsible for all funds in the State Treasury. These funds must be invested, and the investments managed, as a prudent investor would, exercising reasonable care, skill and caution. Investments in the Fund are further governed by portfolio guidelines issued by the Oregon Short-Term Fund Board, which establishes diversification percentages and specifies the types and maturities of investments. The portfolio guidelines permit securities lending transactions as well as investments in repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements. The Fund was in compliance with all portfolio guidelines as of June 30, 2006. These guidelines are discussed in greater detail in the Investments section of note (2).

According to ORS 293.265, state agencies must deposit all funds with depositories qualified by the Office of the State Treasurer. Undesignated funds not required to meet current demand are deposited in the Fund; therefore, state agencies are considered involuntary participants of the Fund. Because the Fund operates as a demand deposit account for state agency participants, the portion of the Fund belonging to state agency (internal) participants is classified as cash and cash equivalents in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The portion of the Fund belonging to local government (external) participants is reported in an investment trust fund in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Basis of Accounting. These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Trade date accounting is observed, which means that purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the day the trade takes place with a corresponding payable to or receivable from the broker. Interest income and expenses are recognized on an accrual basis. Changes in the fair value of investments are recognized at the end of each year. The fair value of investments is determined annually and is equal to market price.

OREGON SHORT-TERM FUND
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2006

Cash Equivalents. Investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered cash equivalents and are reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Cash and cash equivalents also includes cash in banks.

Investments. Investments with remaining maturities of up to ninety days are carried at amortized cost, provided that the fair value of these instruments is not significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors. Amortized cost approximates fair value. Investments with longer maturities are carried at fair value.

Participants' equity; distributions of interest. Participants' account balances in the Fund are determined by the amount of participants' deposits, adjusted for withdrawals and distributed interest. The Fund has not provided or received any legally binding guarantees with regard to balances in the Fund. Interest is calculated and accrued daily on each participant's account based on the ending account balance and a variable interest rate determined periodically by the Office of the State Treasurer. When a participant's account is overdrawn, negative interest accrues daily at the determined rate plus a premium. The total interest paid to participants each month approximates the actual earnings of the Fund exclusive of unrealized gains and losses. Interest is distributed monthly on the last business day of the month. If the last day of the month is a weekend or holiday, interest is accrued through the last calendar day of the month but posted on the last business day. See note (6).

(2) Deposits and Investments

Deposits

On June 30, 2006 the OSTF held \$20.5 million (book balance) in deposits with a bank balance of \$52.8 million. The insurance and collateral requirements for deposits are established by banking regulations and Oregon law. FDIC insurance of \$100,000 applies to the deposits in each depository. Where balances exceed \$100,000, ORS 295.025 requires the depositor to obtain certificates of participation (COPs) in the amount of the excess deposit from its pool manager. ORS 295.005 provides that the pool manager can be the Office of the State Treasurer, an insured bank or trust company, the Federal Reserve Bank, or the Federal Home Loan Bank. Depository banks must pledge securities with a value of at least 25 percent of outstanding COPs, and the securities are held by a custodian for the benefit of the State of Oregon. The pool manager ensures that the value of the securities pledged is at least 25 percent of outstanding COPs.

The balances in excess of the FDIC insurance plus 25 percent of the COPs are considered exposed to custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the bank failure, the Fund will be unable to recover deposits

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2006

or collateral securities in possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2006, the balances exposed to custodial credit risk totaled \$12.4 million.

Investments

On June 30, 2006, the OSTF held \$8.2 billion of investments, \$4.9 billion of which are classified as Cash Equivalents on the Statement of Net Assets. The Fund's portfolio rules establish the Fund's permitted investments and provide guidelines for managing the various types of risk associated with these investments (see the current portfolio rules at <http://www.ost.state.or.us/divisions/investment/index.htm>). The different risks will be discussed below.

A. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Fund staff manages this risk by limiting the maturity of the investments held by the Fund. The portfolio rules require at least 50 percent of the portfolio mature within 93 days; not more than 25 percent of the portfolio may mature in over a year; and no investments may mature over three years from settlement date. The June 30, 2006 holdings are shown in the schedule below. For variable rate securities, the next interest rate reset date is used instead of the maturity date.

Oregon Short Term Fund Investments
June 30, 2006
(Dollars in Thousands)

Investment Type:	Yield	Reported Amount*	----- Investment Maturities -----		
			Up to 93 Days	94 Days to One Year	1 – 3 Years
Cash Equivalents: #					
Commercial Paper	5.03 – 5.38	\$ 2,804,011	\$ 2,804,011	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Agency Securities	4.91 – 5.32	1,968,205	1,968,205	-	-
Time Certificates of Deposit	5.04 – 5.28	134,450	134,450	-	-
Subtotal Cash Equivalents		\$ 4,906,666	\$ 4,906,666	\$ -	\$ -
Investments: #					
U.S. Agency Securities	1.50 – 5.53	\$ 2,073,183	\$ 609,883	\$ 749,959	\$ 713,341
Corporate Notes	4.17 – 5.65	1,264,395	977,930	93,880	192,585
Subtotal Investments		\$ 3,337,578	\$ 1,587,813	\$ 843,839	\$ 905,926
Total		\$ 8,244,244	\$ 6,494,479	\$ 843,839	\$ 905,926

* Reported amount is a combination of amortized cost and fair value. See Note (1).
Classification on Statement of Net Assets.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2006

B. Credit risk.

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. The Fund's policies provide that the weighted average credit quality ratings for the Fund's holdings are a minimum of AA, Aa2, or AA for Standard and Poor's, Moody's, or Fitch, respectively. On June 30, 2006, the Fund's weighted average rating was between the AA+/Aa1/AA+ and AA/Aa2/AA ratings. The schedule below summarizes the fund's holdings by S&P rating.

Schedule of Credit Quality Distributions
June 30, 2006
(Dollars in Thousands)

Investment Type:	AAA	AA	A	Not rated	Total Reported Amount
U.S. Agency Securities	\$ 3,985,529	\$ 55,860	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,041,389
Corporate Bonds	175,519	631,136	457,739	-	1,264,394
Commercial Paper	-	1,745,983	1,058,028	-	2,804,011
TCDs	-	-	-	134,450	134,450
Total	<u>\$ 4,161,048</u>	<u>\$ 2,432,979</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,767</u>	<u>\$ 134,450</u>	<u>\$ 8,244,244</u>

C. Custodial credit risk.

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the government will not be able to recover the value of an investment or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. The Fund's portfolio rules provide that broker/dealers meet certain qualifications and that investments are delivered to and held by a third-party custodian, which holds the Fund's securities in the State of Oregon's name. The time certificates of deposit (TCDs) are exposed to custodial credit risk since they are collateralized by securities pledged by the bank equal to 25 percent of the COP provided by the bank. The uninsured and uncollateralized exposure related to the TCDs is \$98.5 million.

D. Concentration of credit risk.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The Fund rules provide that the maximum that may be invested in any one issuer, as a percentage of the fund's total investments, is 33 percent for U.S. Agency securities and 5 percent for both commercial paper and corporate notes. On June 30, 2006, the Fund did not hold investments with any one issuer that exceeded these limits.

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June 30, 2006

E. Foreign currency

The OSTF portfolio rules prohibit investments that are not U.S. dollar-denominated; therefore the Fund is not exposed to this risk.

(3) Securities Lending

The Office of the State Treasurer has authorized its custodian to act as its agent in the lending of the Fund's securities pursuant to a form of loan agreement, in accordance with Fund investment policies. There have been no significant violations of the provisions of securities lending agreements.

The State's securities lending agent lent short-term and fixed income securities and received as collateral U.S. dollar-denominated cash. Borrowers were required to deliver cash collateral for each loan equal to not less than 102 percent of the market value of the loaned security. The State did not impose any restrictions during the year on the amount of the loans that the securities lending agent made on its behalf. The State is fully indemnified by its securities lending agent against losses due to borrower default. There were no losses during the year from the failure of borrowers to return loaned securities.

The balances of securities on loan and cash collateral received are presented in the schedule below. Cash collateral is invested in a short-term investment fund (STIF) maintained by the custodial agent; the STIF's balance is also presented below. The STIF is not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO), although the Fund's portfolio rules provide minimum requirements with respect to the credit quality of the STIF.

The State and borrowers maintained the right to terminate all securities lending transactions on demand. As a consequence, the maturities of investments made with cash collateral generally do not match the maturities of the securities loans. As of June 30, 2006, the State had no credit risk exposure to borrowers related to securities on loan.

Schedule of Securities Lending Balances

June 30, 2006
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Securities on Loan at Fair Value	Collateral Received	Invested Collateral at Fair Value (STIF Fund)
U.S. Agency Securities	\$1,011,186	\$1,031,957	\$1,031,014
Corporate Notes	16,443	16,803	16,805
Total	\$1,027,629	\$1,048,760	\$1,047,819

OREGON SHORT-TERM FUND
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2006

(4) Management Fees

In accordance with ORS 293.718, the Office of the State Treasurer may deduct monthly 0.435 basis points of the most recent market value of assets under management for administration and portfolio management. For the year ended June 30, 2006 the Office of the State Treasurer charged the Fund a monthly rate of 0.30 basis points based on average daily balances in the Fund. The fee is deducted from investment income before distributions to participants. Fees charged to the Fund totaled \$2.81 million for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(5) Receivable from and Payable to Employment

The Office of the State Treasurer (Treasury) maintains accounts, separate from the Fund, that contain employment benefit and trust funds in the name of the Oregon Department of Employment, also a participant in the Fund. Treasury processes transfers of employment taxes and benefit payments between state agencies and the Oregon Department of Employment. Occasionally, a transfer will be recorded between participants' accounts on one day, but the transfer of cash between the Fund and the employment benefit and trust funds does not take place until the following day, creating either a receivable from or payable to Employment.

(6) Equity of Internal and External Participants

The following table describes the equity of internal and external participants in the Fund's net assets, and shows that net assets are composed of participants' account balances and undistributed and unrealized gains:

	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Net Assets Held in Trust for Participants: (in thousands)	
Equity of Internal Participants	\$ 4,988,112
Equity of External Participants	<u>3,234,042</u>
	<u>\$ 8,222,154</u>
Net Assets Consist of: (in thousands)	
Participants' Account Balances	\$ 8,240,155
Undistributed and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	<u>(18,001)</u>
	<u>\$ 8,222,154</u>
Participants' Fair Value (Net Assets divided by Participants' Account Balances)	<u>\$.998</u>

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(7) Payable to Fiscal Agent

The Office of the State Treasurer (Treasury) collects debt service payments from general obligation debt issuing agencies and forwards them on to the fiscal agent, which makes bond interest and principal payments to bond holders. Treasury maintains accounts separate from the Fund in which they payments to the state's fiscal agent are recorded. Occasionally a debt service payment will be received at Treasury before the funds are actually forwarded to the fiscal agent, creating a payable to the fiscal agent.

(8) Schedule of Investments and Cash Equivalents

The following schedule presents by issuer the par value and reported amount of the Investments and Cash Equivalents held as of June 30, 2006.

Schedule of Investments and Cash Equivalents
June 30, 2006
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
INVESTMENTS AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:			
U.S. Government and Agency Securities:			
Agency Bonds:			
Federal Farm Credit Bank	\$ 3,400	3,414	
Federal Home Loan Bank	861,935	854,630	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	994,492	985,511	
Federal National Mortgage Association	<u>452,437</u>	<u>450,757</u>	
Total Agency Bonds	<u>2,312,264</u>	<u>2,294,312</u>	27.8%
Agency Discount Notes:			
Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation	163,474	163,159	
Federal Home Loan Bank	759,007	756,311	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	456,472	455,221	
Federal National Mortgage Assoc	<u>373,584</u>	<u>372,385</u>	
Total Agency Discount Notes	<u>1,752,537</u>	<u>1,747,076</u>	21.2%
Total U.S. Government Agency Securities	\$ <u>4,064,801</u>	<u>4,041,388</u>	49.0%
Commercial Paper:			
Asset Backed:			
Bavaria Universal Funding	\$ 29,400	29,318	
CAFCO, LLC	110,000	109,532	

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	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Ciesco	100,000	99,459	
Daimler Chrysler Revolving	85,936	85,881	
Edison Asset	50,000	49,972	
FCAR Owner Trust 1	111,000	110,916	
FCAR Owner Trust II	35,000	34,951	
Giro Balanced Funding	101,590	101,481	
GOVCO Inc.	35,000	34,892	
Jupiter Securitization	153,506	153,170	
Klio III, Ltd	73,880	73,708	
New Center Asset Trust	155,000	154,810	
Sheffield Receivables Corp	134,500	134,072	
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Total Asset Backed	1,174,812	1,172,162	14.2%
Broker Dealer:			
Bear Stearns	200,000	199,256	2.4%
Financial:			
Bank America Corp	90,000	89,975	
CIT Group, Inc.	107,555	107,491	
Citigroup Funding, Inc.	210,000	209,505	
Credit Suisse New York	120,000	119,811	
HSBC Bank USA	90,000	89,681	
Prudential Funding, LLC	200,000	199,640	
Toyota Motor Credit	240,000	239,376	
UBS Finance Delaware, LLC	50,000	49,929	
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Total Financial	1,107,555	1,105,408	13.4%
Industrial:			
Cortez Capital Corp	49,800	49,633	
Explorer Pipe	25,000	24,887	
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Total Industrial	74,800	74,520	0.9%
Utility - Electric:			
National Rural Utilities	125,000	124,704	
Southern Company Funding	128,435	127,961	
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Total Utility - Electric	253,435	252,665	3.1%
Total Commercial Paper	\$ 2,810,602	2,804,011	34.0%
Corporate Notes:			
Bank Notes:			
Wachovia Corp	\$ 50,000	50,072	0.6%

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2006

	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Broker/Dealer:			
Goldman Sachs	110,000	110,020	
Merrill Lynch & Co.	50,000	50,159	
Morgan Stanley	150,280	150,631	
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Total Broker/Dealer	310,280	310,810	3.8%
Finance and Insurance:			
Bank America.	31,750	31,850	
Barclays Financial, LLC	100,000	97,580	
Berkshire Hathaway	10,000	9,783	
Citigroup Inc.	40,000	40,097	
Credit Suisse First Boston	50,000	50,100	
General Electric Capital Corp	157,225	155,422	
Goldman Sachs	14,250	14,256	
Household Finance	36,216	35,849	
HSBC Finance Corp	83,650	83,766	
International Lease Finance Corp.	133,515	131,585	
Merrill Lynch	32,449	32,425	
Wachovia Corp.	100,000	100,248	
Wells Fargo & Co.	80,000	80,195	
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Total Finance and Insurance	869,055	863,156	10.5%
Retail - Discount:			
Wal-Mart	30,000	30,043	0.4%
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Utility - Electric:			
Cleveland Electric Illumination	10,150	10,314	0.1%
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Total Corporate Notes and Bank Notes	\$ 1,269,485	1,264,395	15.4%
Time Certificates of Deposit	\$ 134,450	134,450	1.6%
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TOTALS INVESTMENTS AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 8,279,338	8,244,244	100.0%

OTHER REPORTS



Auditing for a Better Oregon

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING, COMPLIANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

We have audited the financial statements of the Oregon Short-Term Fund, an investment pool of the State of Oregon, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Office of the State Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting, as it relates to the Oregon Short-Term Fund, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements 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 financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Oregon Short-Term Fund's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we will report to management of the Office of the State Treasurer in a separate letter.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Oregon State Treasurer, the Oregon Short-Term Fund Board, the Oregon Investment Council, management of the Office of the State Treasurer, the governor of the State of Oregon, and the Oregon Legislative Assembly, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

OREGON AUDITS DIVISION

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Bill Bradbury
Secretary of State

August 28, 2006

ABOUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE AUDITS DIVISION

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