

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
FINANCIAL REPORT AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 1, 2010

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

February 28, 2010

The Board of Trustees  
Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency (LARMA) as of October 1, 2010 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of LARMA management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from LARMA's October 1, 2009 financial statements and in our report dated February 28, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

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 examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LARMA as of October 1, 2010 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows 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 February 28, 2011 on our consideration of Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants 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 *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules of ten year claims development information and of changes in claim liabilities by line of coverage are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. This is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Heagerty, Casiday & Guilford*

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Statement of Financial Position

October 1, 2010

With comparative totals as of October 1, 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,581,461	\$ 6,336,467
Other receivables	<u>908,860</u>	<u>448,369</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,490,321</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,784,836</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Reserves for unpaid claims and allocated adjustment expenses	\$ 5,247,477	\$ 5,299,574
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	-	149,735
Deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>52,667</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>5,247,477</u></b>	<b><u>5,501,976</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>2,242,844</u></b>	<b><u>1,282,860</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,490,321</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,784,836</u></b>

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

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Statement of Activities

Year ended October 1, 2010

With comparative totals for the year ended October 1, 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Revenues:		
Premiums written and earned	\$ 5,284,178	\$ 4,853,537
Less: Reinsurance Premiums	<u>(1,938,318)</u>	<u>(1,712,981)</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,345,860</u>	<u>3,140,556</u>
Expenses:		
Claims:		
Claims paid and adjustment expenses-net	1,405,234	1,350,885
Changes in reserves for unpaid claims and allocated adjustment expenses-net	<u>(52,097)</u>	<u>674,689</u>
Claims incurred-net	<u>1,353,137</u>	<u>2,025,574</u>
Supporting Services:		
Management fees	365,448	339,742
Agent commissions	634,090	582,430
Consulting and professional fees	35,650	34,500
Bank charges	140	3,957
Other	<u>15,050</u>	<u>16,902</u>
Total supporting services	<u>1,050,378</u>	<u>977,531</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,403,515</u>	<u>3,003,105</u>
Operating income (loss)	942,345	137,451
Other income:		
Interest income	<u>17,639</u>	<u>25,349</u>
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	959,984	162,800
Net Assets, beginning	<u>1,282,860</u>	<u>1,120,060</u>
Net Assets, ending	<u>\$ 2,242,844</u>	<u>\$ 1,282,860</u>

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

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended October 1, 2010

With comparative totals for the year ended October 1, 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 942,345	\$ 137,451
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Other receivable	(460,491)	174,369
Reserves for unpaid claims and allocated adjustment expenses	(52,097)	674,689
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(202,402)</u>	<u>173,049</u>
	227,355	1,159,558
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Interest income	<u>17,639</u>	<u>25,349</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	244,994	1,184,907
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning	<u>6,336,467</u>	<u>5,151,560</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 6,581,461</u>	<u>\$ 6,336,467</u>

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

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Notes to Financial Statements

October 1, 2010

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION

The Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency (LARMA), a public entity risk pool, was created effective September 17, 2003 under the provisions of the Louisiana Inter-Local Risk Management Agency Statutes (LRS 33:1341 et al). The purpose of LARMA is to provide member school districts insurance coverage. The by-laws of LARMA, as supplemented by the Interlocal Agreement, set forth the various procedures, which are to be followed in the organization, administration and operation of LARMA.

LARMA provides coverage for general liability, automobile liability and physical damage, and errors and omissions. Members' deductibles are set for each line of coverage based on a case by case determination. LARMA uses reinsurance agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses on these types of coverages.

A summary of the risk amounts retained by LARMA, by line of coverage, is as follows:

<u>Line of Coverage</u>	<u>Retention</u>
General liability, automobile liability, auto physical damage and errors and omission	\$150,000 self-insured retention, \$850,000 per occurrence reinsurance, \$1,000,000 of aggregate stop loss reinsurance coverage after exhaustion of loss fund.

The responsibility for managing the affairs of LARMA rests with the Board of Trustees consisting of five to nine members elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting. Trustees are elected for terms of three years and may be re-elected to any number of successive terms.

Willis Pooling serves as the administrator for LARMA. The administrator's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, underwriting, policy issuance, policy holders' services and claims management services. In addition, the administrator oversees and manages the claim services and uses professional adjustment firms in Louisiana for field services.

Alternative Services Concepts, LLC is responsible for preparation of monthly financial statements.

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LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Notes to Financial Statements

October 1, 2010

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION-CONTINUED

At October 1, 2010, twenty-nine Louisiana school districts were members in LARMA.

LARMA members are subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of LARMA were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for LARMA liabilities. LARMA also may return surpluses to members.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. A summary of significant accounting policies is set forth below:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, LARMA considers all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

Other Receivables

Other receivables represent advances made on claims that are reimbursable from members and are considered fully collectable.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Premiums Earned

Premiums are recognized on a monthly prorata basis over the term of the policy. Premiums applicable to the unexpired terms of the policies in force are reported as unearned at the balance sheet date.

Reserves for Unpaid Claims and Allocated Adjustment Expenses

LARMA establishes claims liabilities based on estimates of the ultimate cost of claims (including future claims adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled, and of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Because

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## Notes to Financial Statements

October 1, 2010

### NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

actual claims costs depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in doctrines of legal liability, and damage awards, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount, particularly for coverages such as general liability. Claims liabilities are recomputed periodically using a variety of actuarial and statistical techniques to produce current estimates that reflect recent settlements, claims frequency, and other economic and social factors. Adjustments to claims liabilities are charged or credited to expenses in the periods in which they are made.

#### Excess Insurance

LARMA uses reinsurance agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses on all types of insured events. This is commonly referred to as reinsurance ceded. Reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from reinsurers, although it does not discharge the primary liability of LARMA as direct insurer of the risk reinsured. LARMA does not report reinsured risk as liabilities unless it is probable that those risks will not be covered by reinsurers.

#### Income Taxes

Income of LARMA is excludible from gross income under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code and is therefore not subjected to either federal or state income taxes.

#### Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2011, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Prior year Comparative Information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the LARMA's financial statements for the period ended October 1, 2009, from which the summarized information was derived.

### NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The bank balances of \$6,581,461 have been deposited in public depositories, which are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the excess is secured by the purchase of U.S. securities.

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October 1, 2010

NOTE D – RESERVES FOR UNPAID CLAIMS AND ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES

As discussed in Note B, LARMA established a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses and is net of any probable reinsurance coverage.

Management believes that the reserves for unpaid losses are adequate to cover the ultimate cost of reported and unreported claims. However the ultimate cost may be more or less than the estimated liability. The reserves, which have been estimated by LARMA's independent actuary and LARMA claims organization, are as follows:

Case Reserves	\$ 3,672,486
Reserve for losses incurred but not reported	<u>1,574,991</u>
Total reserves for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at October 1, 2010	<u>\$ 5,247,477</u>

The following represents changes in the reserves for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses for LARMA during the period:

Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at October 1, 2009	<u>\$ 5,299,574</u>
Incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses:	
Provision for insured events of the current year	1,798,704
Increase (Decrease)-net in provision for insured events of prior years	<u>(445,567)</u>
Total incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses	1,353,137
Less claim payments-net:	
Claims and claim adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of the current year	416,277
Claims and claim adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of prior years	<u>988,957</u>
Total payments-net	<u>1,405,234</u>
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at October 1, 2010	<u>\$ 5,247,477</u>

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Schedule of Ten Year Claims Development Information

October 1, 2010

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Premium Revenue:	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,792,387	\$ 5,251,727	\$ 4,213,572	\$ 4,921,613	\$ 5,177,726	\$ 4,853,537	\$5,284,178
Earned				<u>(663,789)</u>	<u>(2,119,816)</u>	<u>(1,745,347)</u>	<u>(2,000,598)</u>	<u>(2,052,517)</u>	<u>(1,712,981)</u>	<u>(1,938,318)</u>
Ceded				1,128,598	3,131,911	2,468,225	2,921,015	3,125,209	3,140,556	3,345,860
Net Earned										
Investment Income					48,720	119,512	170,330	103,504	25,349	17,639
Administrative Expenses				359,437	1,035,947	849,075	984,556	1,042,917	977,531	1,050,378
Reserve for Unallocated Adjustment Expenses				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estimated Incurred Claims, End of Policy Year (or earliest Year Available)				637,101	897,521	1,398,582	1,441,551	1,861,000	1,528,237	1,798,704
Cumulative Paid Claims As of:										
End of Policy Year				36,201	262,801	155,739	261,593	483,752	386,588	416,277
One Year Later				76,160	695,141	422,146	403,296	898,876	381,977	
Two Years Later				224,214	961,214	733,051	625,292	971,883		
Three Years Later				534,216	1,006,095	827,013	1,189,680			
Four Years Later				537,748	1,241,415	844,802				
Five Years Later				535,644	1,650,952					
Six Years Later				464,490						
Cumulative Incurred Claims as of:										
End of Policy Year				637,101	897,521	1,398,582	1,441,551	1,861,000	1,528,237	1,798,704
One Year Later				600,738	857,177	1,975,600	1,705,425	2,204,399	1,064,422	
Two Years Later				600,738	1,835,762	1,855,435	2,091,217	2,683,811		
Three Years Later				601,740	1,818,334	1,783,879	2,117,308			
Four Years Later				585,171	1,653,314	1,896,300				
Five Years Later				589,893	1,178,117					
Six Years Later				465,413						

Increase (Decrease) in  
Cumulative Incurred Claims from End of Policy Year (171,688) 280,596 497,718 675,757 822,811 (463,815)

N/A = Not in Operations

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Schedule of Changes in Claim Liabilities by Line of Coverage

Year ended October 1, 2010

Unpaid Claim Liabilities, October 1, 2009	<u>\$ 5,299,574</u>
Incurred Claims:	
Provision for Insured Events of Current Year	1,798,704
Increase (Decrease)-net in Provision for Insured Events of Prior Years	<u>(445,567)</u>
Increase in Incurred Claims-net:	1,353,137
Less Claim Payments-net:	
Payment-net on Claims for Insured Events of Current Year	416,277
Payments-net on Claims for Insured Events of Prior Years	<u>988,957</u>
Total Payments-net	<u>1,405,234</u>
Unpaid Claim Liabilities, October 1, 2010	<u>\$ 5,247,477</u>



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

February 28, 2011

The Board of Trustee  
Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency

We have audited the financial statements of the Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency as of and for the year ended October 1, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2011. 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 Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency's internal control over financial reporting.

*A deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Louisiana Public School Risk Management Agency's management and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



