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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 10, 2010

Board of Trustees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the statements of plan net assets of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 and the related statements of changes in plan net assets for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits provide 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 the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 and the results of its operations and changes in net assets for the years 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 a report dated December 10, 2010 on our consideration of Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana'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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana's financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules on pages 31 – 42 and the required statistical information on pages 43 - 45 are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a part of the basic financial statements. The required statistical information for the years ending June 30, 2005 - 2010 and supplemental schedules for the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009, have 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 taken as a whole.

Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLT

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana presents a narrative overview and analysis of the System's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2010. This document focuses on the past year's activities, resulting changes, currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the information contained in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana's financial statements, which begins on page 7.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System's net assets held in trust for pension benefits exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2010 by \$755,365,549 which represents an increase from last year. The net assets held in trust for pension benefits increased by \$69,456,458 or 10.13%. The increase was primarily due to the improvement in the financial markets and the strategic diversification of the portfolio.
- 2. Contributions to the System by members and employers totaled \$44,435,294, an increase of \$1,606,026 or 3.75%. Contributions from ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing totaled \$6,617,890, an increase of \$330,159 or 5.25%.
- 3. Pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries increased by \$3,084,541 or 6.29%. This increase is due to an increase in the number of retirees and their benefit amounts.
- 4. Administrative expenses of the System totaled \$999,153, an increase of \$7,611 or .77%.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the System's basic financial statements, which are comprised of three components:

- 1. Statement of plan net assets,
- 2. Statement of changes in plan net assets, and
- 3. Notes to the financial statements.

This report also contains required supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The statement of plan net assets reports the system's assets, liabilities, and resultant net assets held in trust for pension benefits. It discloses the financial position of the System as of June 30, 2010 and 2009.

The statement of changes in plan net assets reports the results of the system's operations during the year disclosing the additions to and deductions from the plan net assets. It supports the change that has occurred to the prior year's net asset value on the statement of plan net assets.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM

Municipal Employees' Retirement System provides benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the State of Louisiana which do not have their own retirement system and which elected to become members of the System. Member contributions, employer contributions and earnings on investments fund these benefits.

Statement of Plan Net Assets June 30, 2010 and 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
		(Restated)
Cash	\$ 10,977,420	\$ 9,671,226
Receivables	12,001,385	7,539,931
Investments	765,218,313	719,085,621
Mitigation bank capitalized project costs	1,258,795	827,921
Prepaid expenses	151,515	-
Loan fees	27,555	27,555
Property and equipment	970,486	998,789
Total assets	790,605,469	738,151,043
Total liabilities	14,981,246	37,242,026
Net Assets Held in Trust		
for Pension Benefits	755,365,549	685,909,091
Noncontrolling interest	20,258,674	14,999,926
Net Assets	\$ 775,624,223	\$ 700,909,017

Plan net assets increased by \$69,456,458 or 10.13%. The increase in plan net assets was a result of the improvement in the financial markets and the strategic diversification of the portfolio.

Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets For the Years Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009

	<u>2010</u>	2009
		(Restated)
Additions:		
Contributions	\$ 51,053,184	\$ 49,116,999
Investment income (loss)	74,854,373	(117,081,081)
Other	560,773	765,641
Total additions/(deductions)	126,468,330	(67,198,441)
Total deductions	57,011,872	55,687,186
Increase (decrease)	\$ <u>69,456,458</u>	\$ <u>(122,885,627)</u>

Additions to Plan Net Assets

Additions to the System's plan net assets were derived from member and employer contributions, ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing funds and investment income. Employer contributions increased \$1,031,612 or 3.99%, primarily due to an increase in salaries and contribution rate. The System experienced a net investment income of \$74,854,373 as compared to a net investment loss of \$117,081,081 in the previous year. The increase in investment return over prior year was due to the improvement in the financial markets and the strategic diversification of the portfolio.

	<u>2010</u>	2009	Increase (Decrease) Percentage
Member contributions	\$ 17,536,099	\$ 16,961,685	3.39%
Employer contributions	26,899,195	25,867,583	3.99%
Ad valorem and state			
revenue sharing	6,617,890	6,287,731	5.25%
Net investment income/(loss)	74,854,373	(117,081,081)	163.93%
Other	560,773	765,641	(26.76)%
	\$ <u>126,468,330</u>	\$ <u>(67,198,441)</u>	

Deductions from Plan Net Assets

Deductions from plan net assets include mainly retirement, death and survivor benefits, administrative expenses and transfers to other systems. Deductions from plan net assets totaled \$57,011,872 in fiscal year 2010. The increase of \$1,324,686 from the previous year is primarily due to an increase in retirement benefits.

			Increase (Decrease)
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Retirement benefits	\$52,105,910	\$ 49,021,369	6.29%
Refunds of contributions	2,925,661	3,931,524	(25.58)%
Administrative expenses	999,153	991,542	.77%
Depreciation	54,537	51,912	5.06%
Transfer to other systems	926,611	1,690,839	(45.20)%
	\$ <u>57,011,872</u>	\$ <u>55,687,186</u>	

Investments

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana is responsible for the prudent management of funds held in trust for the exclusive benefits of their members' pension benefits. Funds are invested to achieve maximum returns without exposing retirement assets to unacceptable risks. Total investments less collateral held under the securities lending program in the amount of \$5,775,137 and non-controlling interests in the amount of \$20,258,674 at June 30, 2010 amounted to \$739,184,502 as compared to \$674,671,157 at June 30, 2009, which is an increase of \$64,513,345. The major contributing factor to this increase was the improvement in the financial markets and the strategic diversification of the portfolio. The System's investments in various asset classes at the end of the 2010 and 2009 fiscal years are indicated in the following table:

		Inc	rease (Decrease)
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cash equivalents	\$ 72,335,253	\$ 63,724,653	13.51%
Bonds	24,933,414	25,725,966	(3.08)%
Equities	65,513,906	50,807,110	28.95%
Collateral held under securities lending progra	am 5,775,137	29,414,538	(80.37)%
Mutual funds	137,216,583	130,889,792	4.83%
Commingled funds	217,602,900	196,181,569	10.92%
Limited Partnerships	112,337,111	101,412,176	10.77%
Limited Liability Companies	5,305,361	25,855,512	(79.48)%
Mitigation credits	57,996,698	45,900,469	26.35%
Notes receivable	15,979,900	12,764,111	25.19%
Line of credit	7,309,061	3,909,062	86.98%
Real estate-mitigation banks and LLC	42,912,989	32,500,663	32.04%
	\$ <u>765,218,313</u>	\$ <u>719,085,621</u>	

Requests for Information

Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Robert Rust, Administrative Director, Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ASSETS:		(Restated)
Cash	\$10,977,420	\$ 9,671,226
Receivables:		
Member contributions	1,200,323	1,248,917
Employer contributions	1,824,172	1,868,290
Accrued alternative investment income	3,561,078	3,173,265
Investment receivable	1,825,964	178,610
Miscellaneous receivable	446,458	37,728
Accrued interest and dividends	3,143,390	1,033,121
Total	12,001,385	7,539,931
Investments (At fair value):		
Cash equivalents	72,335,253	63,724,653
Bonds	24,933,414	25,725,966
Equities	65,513,906	50,807,110
Collateral held under securities lending program	5,775,137	29,414,538
Mutual funds	137,216,583	130,889,792
Investments in commingled funds	217,602,900	196,181,569
Investments in limited liability companies	5,305,361	25,855,512
Investments in limited partnerships	112,337,111	101,412,176
Investments in mitigation credits	57,996,698	45,900,469
Investments in notes receivable	15,979,900	12,764,111
Investments in line of credit	7,309,061	3,909,062
Investment in real estate-mitigation banks and LLC	42,912,989	32,500,663
Total	765,218,313	719,085,621
Other assets:	, ,	, , .
Mitigation bank capitalized project costs	1,258,795	827,921
Prepaid expenses	151,515	-
Loan fees	27,555	27,555
Total	1,437,865	855,476
Property, plant and equipment:	1,107,000	<u> </u>
Land	389,547	389,547
Building	784,330	770,871
Office furnishings and equipment	361,583	348,806
omo rumomigo una equipment	1,535,460	1,509,224
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(564,974)	(510,435)
Total	970,486	998,789
Total assets	790,605,469	738,151,043
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LIABILITIES:		
Bank overdraft	1,183,309	-
Accounts payable	294,528	287,203
Refunds payable	278,658	456,728
Due to related parties	153,442	368,402
Mitigation bank unearned revenue	376,888	176,280
Accrued real estate taxes payable	23,413	-
Notes payable	6,194,658	6,194,658
Investment payable	579,445	262,299
Obligations under securities lending program	5,775,137	29,414,538
Long-term mitigation liability	121,768	81,918
Total liabilities	14,981,246	37,242,026
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	755,365,549	685,909,091
NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	20,258,674	14,999,926
NET ASSETS	\$ <u>775,624,223</u>	\$ <u>700,909,017</u>
See accompanying notes.		

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

ADDITIONS:		<u>2010</u>		2009 (Restated)
Contributions:				
Members'	\$	17,536,099	\$	16,961,685
Employers'		26,899,195		25,867,583
Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds		6,617,890	_	6,287,731
Total contributions		51,053,184		49,116,999
Investment income:				
Interest income		7,935,040		4,837,797
Dividend income		1,682,077		1,546,721
Securities lending income		84,549		463,134
Alternative investment income		1,631,316		4,099,552
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	_	75,412,201		(122,826,572)
	_	86,745,183		(111,879,368)
Less investment expense:				
Investment advisory fees		6,474,787		2,919,715
Securities lending expense		34,185		161,848
Custodian bank fees	_	60,000	_	60,000
		6,568,972		3,141,563
Net investment income (loss)		80,176,211		(115,020,931)
Less: Net appreciation in fair value attributable				
to noncontrolling interest	_	(5,321,838)		(2,060,150)
Net investment income (loss) attributable to the Pension Fund		74,854,373		(117,081,081)
Other additions:				
Interest-other		20 141		29.264
		20,141		38,264
Transfers from other retirement systems	_	540,632	-	727,377
	_	560,773	-	765,641
Total additions/(deductions)		126,468,330		(67,198,441)
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DEDUCTIONS:				
Benefits		52,105,910		49,021,369
Refund of contributions		2,925,661		3,931,524
Administrative expenses		999,153		991,542
Depreciation		54,537		51,912
Transfers to other retirement systems	_	926,611		1,690,839
Total deductions		57,011,872		55,687,186
Total deductions	_	37,011,672	-	33,007,100
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		69,456,458		(122,885,627)
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS:				
Beginning of year	_	685,909,091	_	808,794,718
	_		_	
END OF YEAR	\$_	755,365,549	\$	685,909,091

See accompanying notes.

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the state, which did not have their own retirement system and which elected to become members of the System.

The System is administered by a Board of Trustees composed of nine members, six of whom shall be active and contributing members of the System with at least ten years creditable service, elected by the members of the System; one of whom shall be the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association who shall serve as an ex-officio member during his tenure; one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee; and one of whom shall be the Chairman of the House Retirement Committee of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Act #569 of the year 1968 established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana provides an optional method for municipalities to cancel Social Security and come under supplementary benefits in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, effective on and after June 30, 1970.

Effective October 1, 1978, under Act #788, the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan" were replaced, and are now known as Plan "A" and Plan "B". Plan A combines the original plan and the supplemental plan for those municipalities participating in both plans, while Plan B participates in only the original plan.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as the successor to the National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA).

In addition, these financial statements include the provisions of GASB Number 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, and related standards. This standard provides for inclusion of a management discussion and analysis as supplementary information.

Basis of Accounting:

The System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan.

Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year collected by the tax collector.

Consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Municipal Employees' Retirement System, 30% ownership in four mitigation banks, 61.60% ownership in a limited liability company, 86.21% ownership in a limited liability company, 80% ownership in a limited liability company, and 99.9% ownership in a partnership. The System is allocated 70% of the income, gain and net cash flows of the mitigation banks until they have received their capital contributions to the Banks. The System is allocated their ownership percentage of the income, gain and net cash flows on all other consolidated entities. All significant intercompany balances have been eliminated in the consolidation.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Method Used to Value Investments:

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Investments in commingled funds, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and the notes receivable are reported at fair value. Investments in mitigation banks is reported at fair value which is reflected as the present value of projected cash flows from the sale of mitigation credits less related project cost. Capitalized project cost related to the mitigation banks include costs related to the acquisition, formation engineering and reforestation and maintenance of the mitigation banks. Land related to the mitigation banks is reported at estimated recreational value.

Property, Plant and Equipment:

Property, plant and equipment acquired prior to June 30, 1991 are accounted for based on historical cost and capitalized in the Expense Fund. Property, plant and equipment acquired subsequent to June 30, 1991 is accounted for based on historical cost and capitalized as follows: All property and plant additions will be allocated between the two plans based on each plans' member earnings. All operating equipment additions will be recorded in the expense fund. The cost of property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method.

2. PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was established and provided for by R.S.11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS).

The System provides retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the State which do not have their own retirement system and which elect to become members of the System. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, there were 82 and 82 contributing municipalities in Plan A and 66 and 65 in Plan B.

The System was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana. At June 30, 2010 and 2009 statewide retirement membership consists of:

	2010				2009	
	PLAN A	<u>PLAN B</u>	TOTAL	PLAN A	<u>PLAN B</u>	TOTAL
Active members	5,068	2,197	7,265	4,875	2,204	7,079
Retirees and survivors	2,907	836	3,743	2,861	833	3,694
"Drop Plan" participants	229	84	313	177	65	242
Terminated due deferred benefits	183	72	255	172	67	239
Terminated due refunds	2,590	1,062	3,652	<u>2,596</u>	1,022	3,618
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS AS						
OF THE VALUATION DATE	10,977	4,251	15,228	10,681	<u>4,191</u>	14,872

2. PLAN DESCRIPTION: (Continued)

Eligibility Requirements:

Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System with exceptions as outlined in the statutes.

Retirement Benefits:

Any member of Plan A can retire providing he meets one of the following criteria:

- 1. Any age with twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
- 3. Under age 60 with five (5) years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits.
- 4. Survivor's benefits require five (5) years creditable service at death of member.
- 5. Any age with 20 years of creditable service, exclusive of military service with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Any member of Plan B can retire providing he meets one of the following criteria:

- 1. Any age with thirty (30) years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) or more years of creditable service.
- 3. Under age 60 with ten (10) years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits.
- 4. Survivor's benefits require five (5) years creditable service at death of member.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan B shall consist of an amount equal to two percent of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits:

Upon death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children as outlined in the statutes.

2. <u>PLAN DESCRIPTION</u>: (Continued)

Survivor Benefits: (Continued)

Any member of Plan A who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, surviving spouse or, if none, surviving minor children shall receive benefits for as long as he/she lives as outlined in the statutes.

Upon death of any member of Plan B with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for normal retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse as outlined in the statutes.

- 1. Surviving spouse who is not eligible for social security survivorship or retirement benefits, married no less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding death of member, shall be paid a monthly benefit equal to thirty percent of the member's final compensation, payable when the surviving spouse attains the age of sixty years or becomes disabled and payable for as long as the surviving spouse lives, or
- 2. A monthly benefit equal to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit described above, but not less than fifteen percent of the member's final compensation, payable upon the death of the member and payable for as long as the surviving spouse lives. Selecting this benefit precludes the survivor from eligibility for the thirty-percent benefit payable when the surviving spouse attains the age of sixty years.

Any member of Plan B who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death and who leaves a surviving spouse will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse on the date of death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Any member of Plan A or Plan B who had not withdrawn their accumulated contributions and had at least twenty years of service credit at time of death, surviving spouse shall receive benefits for as long as he/she lives as outlined in the statutes.

DROP Benefits:

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Interest earnings are based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

2. <u>PLAN DESCRIPTION</u>: (Continued)

DROP Benefits: (Continued)

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the board of trustees. If a participant dies during the participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the DROP fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

Disability Benefits:

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of forty-five percent of his final average compensation or three percent of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service whichever is greater or an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

For Plan B, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least ten years of creditable service; in which he would receive a regular retirement under retirement provisions. A member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit it he has at least ten years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement, and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan B shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of thirty percent of his final average compensation or two percent of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater; or an amount equal to two percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

Cost of Living Increases:

The System is authorized under state law to grant a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. State law allows the System to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are age sixty-five and above equal to 2% of the benefit being received on October 1, 1977, or the original benefit, if retirement commenced after that date.

2. <u>PLAN DESCRIPTION</u>: (Continued)

Deferred Benefits:

Both plans provide for deferred benefits for members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits become payable. Benefits are based on statutes in effect at time of withdrawal.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES:

Contributions:

Contributions for all members are established by statute at 9.25% of earnable compensation for Plan A and 5% of earnable compensation for Plan B for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating municipality.

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the actuarially determined employer contribution rates were 13.78% and 10.25%, respectively, of member's earnings for Plan A. The actual contribution rates were 13.50% and 13.50% for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The actuarially determined employer contribution rates for Plan B for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009 were 5.95% and 4.50%, respectively. The actual contribution rates were 6.75% and 6.75% for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. For Plan A for the year ending June 30, 2009 and for Plan B for the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009, the actual rates are greater than the actuarially required rates due to the System's ability to elect to maintain the net direct employer contribution rate at the higher current contribution rate and allocate additional funds collected to reduce the System's frozen unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

According to state statute, the System also receives 1/4 of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes except for Orleans. Tax monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to salaries of plan participants. Tax monies received from East Baton Rouge Parish are apportioned between the Municipal Employees' Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System of the City of Baton Rouge. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions.

Administrative costs of the retirement system are financed through employer contributions.

Reserves:

Use of the term "reserve" by the retirement system indicates that a portion of the fund balances is legally restricted for a specific future use. The nature and purpose of these reserves are explained below:

3. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES</u>: (Continued)

Reserves: (Continued)

A) Expense:

The Expense Fund Reserve provides for general and administrative expenses of the System and those expenses not funded through other specific legislative appropriations. Funding consists of transfers from the retirement funds and is made as needed.

B) Annuity Savings:

The Annuity Savings is credited with contributions made by members of the System. When a member terminates his service, or upon his death before qualifying for a benefit, the refund of his contributions is made from this reserve. If a member dies and there is a survivor who is eligible for a benefit, the amount of the member's accumulated contributions is transferred from the Annuity Savings to the Annuity Reserve. When a member retires, the amount of his accumulated contributions is transferred to Annuity Reserve to provide part of the benefits. The Annuity Savings as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 is \$106,847,756 and \$103,219,853 respectively, for Plan A and \$21,746,193 and \$20,576,851 respectively, for Plan B. The Annuity Savings is fully funded for both plans.

C) Pension Accumulation Reserve:

The Pension Accumulation Reserve consists of contributions paid by employers, interest earned on investments and any other income not covered by other accounts. This reserve account is charged annually with an amount, determined by the actuary, to be transferred to the Annuity Reserve to fund retirement benefits for existing recipients. It is also relieved when expenditures are not covered by other accounts. The Pension Accumulation Reserve as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 is \$271,419,703 and \$268,480,647 respectively, for Plan A and \$61,492,342 and \$58,873,040 respectively, for Plan B. The Pension Accumulation Reserve is 42.76% and 33.94% funded for Plan A and 65.71% and 55.68% funded for Plan B as of June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

D) Annuity Reserve:

The Annuity Reserve consists of the reserves for all pensions, excluding cost-of-living increases, granted to retired members and is the reserve account from which such pensions and annuities are paid. Survivors of deceased beneficiaries also receive benefits from this reserve account. The Annuity Reserve as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 is \$370,322,472 and \$344,755,409 respectively, for Plan A and \$61,543,343 and \$58,060,771 respectively, for Plan B. The Annuity Reserve is fully funded for both plans.

3. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESERVES</u>: (Continued)

Reserves: (Continued)

E) Deferred Retirement Option Account:

The Deferred Retirement Option Account consists of the reserves for all members who upon retirement eligibility elect to deposit into this account an amount equal to the member's monthly benefit if he had retired. A member can only participate in the program for three years, and upon termination may receive his benefits in a lump sum payment or by a true annuity. The Deferred Retirement Option Account as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 is \$24,615,750 and \$22,964,790, respectively, for Plan A and \$4,589,462 and \$4,036,451, respectively, for Plan B. The Deferred Retirement Option Account is fully funded for both plans.

F) Funding Deposit Account:

The Funding Deposit Account consists of excess contribution collected by the System. The excess funds earn interest at the board approved actuarial valuation rate and are credited to the fund at least once a year. These funds are due to the System freezing the employer rate at a higher rate than actuarially required. The excess funds can be used for the following purposes: (1) reduce the unfunded accrued liability, (2) reduce the present value of future normal, and/or (3) pay all or a portion of any future net direct employer contributions. The Funding Deposit Account was established as of January 1, 2009 and has a balance as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 of \$6,594,413 and \$6,105,938, respectively for Plan A and \$2,308,763 and \$1,806,555, respectively, for Plan B.

4. ACTUARIAL COST METHOD:

The Frozen Attained Age Normal Cost Method was used to calculate the funding requirements of the System. Funding of pension plans under this method consists of two components. The first of these components is the Employer Normal Cost of the plan. In addition, amortization payments on the System's unfunded liability must be made. The actuarial present value of future normal cost is called the actuarial accrued liability. Act 81 of the 1988 legislative session requires that the unfunded accrued liability be amortized over a forty year period beginning on July 1, 1989 with payments increasing at 4.25% per year in Plan A and decreasing at 2% per year in Plan B.

5. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE INFORMATION:

Information in the Required Supplementary Schedules is designed to provide information about the System's progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits and is presented on pages 43 - 45.

6. DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS:

Following are the components of the System's deposits, cash equivalents and investments at June 30, 2010 and 2009:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Deposits (bank balance)	\$ 7,685,518	\$ 6,813,579
Cash equivalents	72,335,253	63,724,653
Investments	692,883,060	655,360,968
	\$ <u>772,903,831</u>	\$ <u>725,899,200</u>

Deposits:

The Retirement System's bank deposits were fully covered by federal depository insurance and pledged securities. The pledged securities are held in joint custody with the System's bank.

The System's consolidating entities maintain cash balances at various banks. Cash accounts are insured by the FDIC for up to \$250,000. For the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, bank balances in excess of insured limits were \$2,929,172 and \$2,676,339, respectively.

Cash Equivalents:

For the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, cash equivalents in the amount of \$52,503,382 and \$45,458,013, respectively, consist of government backed pooled funds which are held by a subcustodian, managed by a separate money manager, and are in the name of the Retirement System's custodian's trust department.

For the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, cash equivalents in the amount of \$19,831,871 and \$18,266,640, respectively, consist of government pooled investments. The funds are managed by the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), held by a custodial bank and are in the name of the Retirement System.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-RS 33:2955. LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

6. <u>DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS</u>: (Continued)

<u>Cash Equivalents</u>: (Continued)

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool share.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

The System's cash equivalents were rated AAA by Standard and Poors.

Investments:

Statutes authorize the System to invest under the Prudent-Man Rule. The Prudent-Man Rule shall require each fiduciary of a retirement system and each board of trustees acting collectively on behalf of each system to act with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances prevailing that a prudent institutional investor acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. Notwith-standing the Prudent-Man Rule, the System may invest more than fifty-five percent of the total portfolio in equities, so long as not more than sixty five percent of the total portfolio is invested in equities and at least ten percent of total portfolio is invested in one or more index funds which seek to replicate the performance of the chosen index or indices.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is defined as the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the System's investment in a single issuer.

The System's investment policy states that no more than 25% of the equity portfolio market value may be invested in any single industry. The equity holdings in any single corporation shall not exceed 10% of the market value of the equity portfolio at any time. In addition, no more than 5% of the aggregate long-term debt portfolio at cost may be invested in any one issuer's securities (exclusive of issues of the U.S. Treasury or other Federal agencies).

6. <u>DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS</u>: (Continued)

Credit Risk

Credit risk is defined as the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Following are the credit ratings of the System's investments in long-term debt securities as of June 30, 2010 and 2009.

<u>2010</u>	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	Federal National Mortgage Assn.	Government National Mortgage Assn.	Corporate <u>Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
BBB+	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BBB	·		· 	· 	
BBB-					
BB-				1,338,420	1,338,420
B+				3,047,099	3,047,099
BB+				1,385,337	1,385,337
В				5,085,646	5,085,646
B-				3,496,940	3,496,940
CCC+				2,510,102	2,510,102
CCC				1,069,942	1,069,942
CCC-					
CC				637,500	637,500
D				1,660,043	1,660,043
Not Rated	78,702	497,138	503,691	3,622,854	4,702,385
	\$ <u>78,702</u>	\$ 497,138	\$ 503,691	\$ 23,853,883	\$ 24,933,414
<u>2009</u>	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	Federal National Mortgage Assn.	Government National Mortgage Assn.	Corporate Bonds	<u>Total</u>
BBB+	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,076,530	\$ 1,076,530
BBB	Ψ 	Ψ 	Ψ 	291,812	291,812
BBB-				749,357	749,357
BB-				3,793,480	3,793,480
B+				1,508,595	1,508,595
В				1,180,340	1,180,340
B-				2,538,997	2,538,997
CCC+				4,520,058	4,520,058
CCC				2,958,705	2,958,705
CCC-				930,480	930,480
CC				310,500	310,500
D				1,134,693	1,134,693
Not Rated	93,089	601,303	552,677	3,485,350	4,732,419
	\$ 93,089	\$ 601,303	\$ 552,677	\$ 24,478,897	\$ 25,725,966

6. <u>DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS</u>: (Continued)

At June 30, 2010, the System invested in five fixed income mutual funds in the amount of \$44,471,843. The weighted average credit rating of holdings in the funds are as follows: Loomis Sayles in the amount of \$20,765,170 has a credit rating ranging from Aaa to Caa and lower with the majority of assets rated at Aaa or Baa, Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund in the amount of \$16,213,128 has a credit rating ranging from AAA to BB or lower with an average credit rating of A-, Ashmore Emerging Markets Debt Fund in the amount of \$6,891,294 has a credit rating of BB+, Nuveen Senior Income Fund in the amount of \$129,694 has a credit rating ranging from AAA to CC with the majority of assets rated at BB or B, and Pimco Income Statgey Fund II in the amount of \$472,557 has a credit rating ranging from A to CCC+ with the majority of assets rated at B.

At June 30, 2009, the System invested in five mutual funds in the amount of \$45,527,385. The weighted average credit rating of holdings in the funds were as follows: Loomis Sayles in the amount of \$21,066,659 was rated Baa1, Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund in the amount of \$18,742,028 was rated A1, Ashmore Emerging Markets Debt Fund in the amount of \$5,236,442 had a credit rating ranging from AA to CC with the majority of the assets not rated or rated at BB+, Nuveen Senior Income Fund in the amount of \$214,114 had a credit rating ranging from AAA to CC with the majority of assets rated at BB or B, and Pimco Floating Rate Strategy Fund in the amount of \$268,142 had a credit rating ranging from AAA to <B with an average credit rating of BBB-.

Cash collateral invested under the securities lending program may be invested in securities issued or fully guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies, high-grade commercial paper, notes, bonds and other debt obligations, asset-backed securities which carry the highest rating by Standard and Poors or Moody's, Certificates of deposit, time deposits, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, money market funds, or short-term investment funds, pools or trusts. The System is in compliance with the investment policy regarding cash collateral invested under the securities lending program.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the System will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The System is not exposed to custodial credit risk at June 30, 2010 and 2009 for investments in the amounts of \$706,939,794 and \$644,213,080, respectively, since the investments are in the name of the System. At June 30, 2010 and 2009, for cash collateral held under the securities lending program in the amounts of \$5,775,137 and \$29,414,538, respectively, since the investments are not in the name of the System.

The System has no formal investment policy regarding custodial credit risk.

6. DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As of June 30, 2010 and 2009, the System had the following investments in long-term debt securities and maturities:

<u>2010</u>	Fair	Less			More
	<u>Value</u>	Than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	<u>Than 10</u>
Investment Type					
Corporate Bonds	\$ 23,853,883	\$	\$ 14,845,797	\$ 5,091,805	\$ 3,916,281
Federal Home Loan					
Mortgage Corporation	78,702		8,896	48,342	21,464
Federal National	407.120			150.005	224 102
Mortgage Assn.	497,138			173,035	324,103
Government National	502 601		74.105	240 106	190 200
Mortgage Assn.	503,691 \$ 24,933,414	<u></u>	74,105 \$_14,928,798	249,196 \$ 5,562,378	180,390 \$_4,442,238
	\$ <u>24,933,414</u>	Φ	\$\frac{14,920,790}{}	Ф <u>3,302,376</u>	Φ <u>4,442,236</u>
Collateral Held Under					
Securities Lending					
Program	\$ <u>5,775,137</u>	\$ <u>5,775,137</u>	\$	\$	\$
C	·	·	· ·		·
2009	Fair	Less			More
	<u>Value</u>	Than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	<u>Than 10</u>
Investment Type					
Corporate Bonds	\$ 24,478,897	\$ 1,771,875	\$ 17,824,580	\$ 2,263,230	\$ 2,619,212
Federal Home Loan					
Mortgage Corporation	93,089		1,737	66,116	25,236
Federal National					
Mortgage Assn.	601,303			120,809	480,494
Government National				2 - 7 - 7	40= 400
Mortgage Assn.					187 403
	552,677	<u></u>		365,274	187,403
C 11 4 1 11 11 11 1	\$\frac{552,677}{25,725,966}\$	\$ <u>1,771,875</u>	\$ <u>17,826,317</u>	\$\frac{365,274}{2,815,429}\$	\$ <u>3,312,345</u>
Collateral Held Under		\$ <u>1,771,875</u>	\$ <u>17,826,317</u>		
Collateral Held Under Securities Lending Program		\${1,771,875}\$\$\$ \\$\frac{29,414,538}{29,414,538}\$\$	\${17,826,317}\$\$\$		

The System has no formal investment policy regarding interest rate risk.

At June 30, 2010 and 2009, the System has committed to invest an additional \$53,333,174 and \$46,685,409, respectively, in various investments.

7. INVESTMENT - MITIGATION CREDITS:

At June 30, 2008, the System has an investment in a variable interest entity which consist of four limited liability companies. The limited liability companies are mitigation banking entities ("the Banks"). The Banks acquire land in the state of Louisiana, restore original wetland features and protect the land in perpetuity. As a result of the land restoration and protection, the Banks are granted land mitigation credits by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These credits are sold to developers and landowners in need of habitat to substitute for those being lost to development. The System has a 30% ownership in each Bank. However, the System is allocated 70% of the income, gain and net cash flows until they have received their capital contributions to the Banks. The System has committed to invest \$23,404,500 in the Banks over the next few years. As of June 30, 2010 and 2009, the System has invested \$23,590,853 and \$19,942,292, respectively, in the Banks.

The Banks' net assets have been consolidated with the net assets of the System and is reported as an investment on the statement of net assets. The System's share of the market value of the net assets of the mitigation banks as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 is \$55,497,399 and \$44,517,606, respectively.

The Bank's creditors lack recourse against the System as the Banks were set up as limited liability companies.

8. SECURITY LENDING AGREEMENTS:

The Board of Trustees of the System authorized the System to enter into a securities lending program. These agreements consist of the loan of stocks with a simultaneous agreement to reacquire the same loaned security in the future plus a contract rate of interest. The System requires the dealer to transfer cash or collateral of 102% of the market value of the loaned securities.

At June 30, 2010 and 2009, the fair value of the securities on loan was \$5,616,696 and \$28,909,179, respectively.

In cases of security loans in which the collateral received by the System is cash, the System is able to reinvest the cash under the agreement with the dealer. When this occurs the collateral is reported as an asset with a corresponding liability. If the System receives collateral other than cash, it may not reinvest the collateral. When this occurs, the System does not record the collateral on the financial statements. In both cases, the loaned securities continue to be reported as an asset on the balance sheet. The cash collateral was invested in a money market fund at June 30, 2010 and 2009. The maturities of these investments match the maturities of the securities loans. At year end, the System has no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the System owes the borrowers exceed the amounts the borrowers owe the System. The System cannot pledge or sell collateral securities received unless the borrower defaults.

9. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE:

The employees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System accumulate limited amounts of vacation and unlimited amounts of sick leave. For the year ended June 30, 2010, upon resignation or retirement, unused vacation leave up to 300 hours is payable to employees (who were employed by the System on December 31, 2004) at the employee's rate of pay as of December 31, 2004. Effective January 1, 2005, unused vacation and sick leave will accumulate but will not be paid upon termination. Upon retirement, unused vacation leave in excess of 300 hours and unused sick leave is credited as earned service in computing retirement benefits. The liability for accumulated vacation leave of up to 300 hours, payable at June 30, 2010 and 2009, is estimated to be \$15,723 and \$15,723, respectively. Accumulated vacation leave is not material and therefore not accrued (reflected) in the accompanying financial statements.

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Changes in property, plant and equipment as of June 30, 2010 and 2009, are as follows:

<u>2010</u>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Land Building Equipment Accumulated	\$ 389,547 770,871 348,806	\$ 13,459 12,775	\$ 	\$ 389,547 784,330 361,581
depreciation	(510,435) \$ <u>998,789</u>	<u>(54,537)</u> \$ <u>(28,303)</u>	\$	(564,972) \$ <u>970,486</u>
<u>2009</u>	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending Balance
Land Building Equipment Accumulated	\$ 389,547 592,356 668,272	\$ 178,515 128,668	\$ (448,134)	\$ 389,547 770,871 348,806
depreciation	<u>(906,657)</u> \$ <u>743,518</u>	<u>(51,912)</u> <u>\$255,271</u>	\$	(510,435) \$ 998,789

The cost of the property, plant and equipment is being depreciated over its useful life using the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 is \$54,537 and \$51,912, respectively.

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11. TAX QUALIFICATION:

The System is a tax qualified plan under IRS Code Section 401(a).

12. <u>USE OF ESTIMATES</u>:

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

13. FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS – PENSION PLAN:

The funded status of the Plan as of June 30, 2010, the most recent actuarial valuation date, is as follows:

PL	.AN	A

						UAAL
						as a
		Actuarial				Percentage
Actuarial	Actuarial	Accrued	Unfunded			of
Valuation	Value of	Liability	AAL	Funded	Covered	Covered
<u>Date</u>	<u>Assets</u>	(AAL)	(UAAL)	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Payroll</u>
June 30, 2010	\$704,735,602	\$779,800,094	\$75,064,492	90.37%	\$162,546,523	46.18%

PLAN B

						UAAL
						as a
		Actuarial				Percentage
Actuarial	Actuarial	Accrued	Unfunded			of
Valuation	Value of	Liability	AAL	Funded	Covered	Covered
<u>Date</u>	<u>Assets</u>	(AAL)	(UAAL)	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Payroll</u>
June 30, 2010	\$147,046,143	\$151,680,103	\$4,633,960	96.94%	\$65,241,810	7.10%

13. FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS – PENSION PLAN: (Continued)

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information (RSI) following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial values of the Plan's assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the AALs for benefits.

Valuation Date June 30, 2010

Actuarial Cost Method Frozen Attained Age Normal Cost Method

Amortization Method In accordance with state statute, the payment amounts increase

at 4.25% each year for the remaining amortization period for Plan A and the payment amounts decrease at 2% each year for the remaining amortization period for Plan B. The amortization

period is for a specific number of years (Closed Basis).

Remaining Amortization

Period Plan A 19 years

Plan B 13 years

Asset Valuation Method Market Value of investment securities adjusted to phase in asset

earnings above or below the assumed rate of return over a fiveyear period with limits set at 85% and 115% of the market value of assets. When the adjusted value falls outside of the limits, the actuarial value is set equal to the average of the limited and

adjusted value.

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment Rate of Return 8%

Projected Salary Increases 6% (3.25% Inflation, 2.75 Merit)

Cost of Living Adjustments The present value of future retirement benefits is based on

benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. Future cost of living increases are only granted if specific target ratios are met and excess interest earnings are available to fund the cost of the

benefit increase.

13. FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS – PENSION PLAN: (Continued)

Changes in Actuarial Valuation Methods, Assumptions and Amortization Periods A change was made to the mortality assumption for actives and retirees. In addition, changes were made to the assumed rates of DROP entry, disability, and the assumed rate of post-DROP retirement.

Changes in Normal Costs

For the year ended June 30, 2010, Plan A and Plan B incurred an increase in normal cost in the amount of \$6,542,887 and \$1,641,622, respectively. The increase for Plan A was due to a liability assumption loss and an investment loss assumption. The increase for Plan B was due to a liability assumption loss and an unfavorable asset experience. The effect of the change in normal cost for years ending subsequent to June 30, 2010 has not been determined.

14. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB):

All employees are eligible for postemployment health care benefits when they reach normal retirement age while working for the System. At June 30, 2010, six retirees were receiving postemployment benefits.

Plan Description

The System's employees participate in the Louisiana Municipal Risk Management Agency II Plan (the Plan), an agent multiple-employer defined benefit health plan that provides medical benefits to eligible active employees, retirees and their beneficiaries. The Plan administrator is the Louisiana Municipal Association. The Louisiana Municipal Association is established and sponsored by Louisiana Municipal Risk Management Agency II. The LA Municipal Association through its Risk Management Division has the authority to establish and amend plan provisions.

Funding Policy

The System recognizes the cost of providing postemployment medical benefits (the System's portion of the retiree medical benefit premiums) as an expense when the benefit premiums are due and thus finances the cost of the postemployment benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the System's portion of health care premiums for retired employees totaled \$24,705. Effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, the System implemented Government Accounting Standards Board Number 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (GASB 45) prospectively.

14. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB): (Continued)

Funding Policy (Continued)

The contribution requirements of plan members and the System are established and may be amended by the Louisiana Municipal Association through its Risk Management Division. Retired employees have access to two Preferred Provider Organization Plans (PPO), depending on the years of service. The System contributes 50% of the individual and family employee monthly premiums for both types of PPO plans. For retirees with a minimum of 20 years of service and under 65 years of age, the employer and retiree portion of the monthly premium for an individual retiree and family is \$225.22 and \$330.17, respectively. For retirees with a minimum of 20 years of service and over 65 years of age, the employer and retiree portion of the monthly premium for an individual retiree and family is \$155.70 and \$159.97, respectively. For retirees with a minimum of 10 years of service and a minimum of 60 years of age and family is \$225.22 and \$330.17, respectively. For retirees with a minimum of 10 years of age and family is \$225.22 and \$330.17, respectively. For retirees with a minimum of 10 years of service and a minimum of 60 years of age, the employer and retiree portion of the monthly premium for an individual retiree over 65 years of age and family is \$155.70 and \$159.97, respectively.

Annual Required Contribution

The System's Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is an amount actuarially determined. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL). The total ARC for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 is \$31,257, as set forth below:

Normal Cost	\$ 13,338
30-year UAAL amortization amount	17,919
Annual required contribution (ARC)	\$ 31,257

Net Other Postemployment (OPEB) Obligation

The table below shows the System's Net Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) obligation for fiscal year ended June 30, 2010:

Annual required contribution	\$ 31,257
Interest on net OPEB obligation	212
ARC Adjustment	(203)
Annual OPEB cost	31,266
Current year retiree premium	<u>(24,705</u>)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	6,561
Beginning Net OPEB Obligation – 7/1/2009	5,306
Ending Net OPEB Obligation – 06/30/2010	\$ <u>11,867</u>

14. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB): (Continued)

Net Other Postemployment (OPEB) Obligation (Continued)

The Net OPEB Obligation at June 30, 2010 is not material and therefore not accrued (reflected) in the accompanying financial statements.

The following table shows the System's annual other postemployment benefits (OPEB) cost, percentage of the cost contributed utilizing the pay-as-you-go method, and the net unfunded other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability:

		Percentage	
	Annual	of Annual	
	OPEB	OPEB Cost	Net OPEB
Fiscal Year Ended	<u>Cost</u>	Contributed	Obligation
June 30, 2009	\$31,257	83.03%	\$5,306
June 30, 2010	31,266	79.02%	11,867

Funded Status and Funding Progress

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the System made no contributions to its other postemployment benefits plan. The plan was not funded at all, has no assets, and hence has a funded ratio of zero. As of June 30, 2009, the first and most recent actuarial valuation, the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) was \$489,571, which is defined as that portion, as determined by a particular actuarial cost method (the System uses the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method), of the actuarial present value of postemployment plan benefits and expenses which is not provided by normal cost. Since the plan was not funded in fiscal year 2010, the entire actuarial accrued liability of \$489,571 was unfunded.

Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$ 489,571
Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	<u>-</u>
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	\$ <u>489,571</u>
Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value of Plan Assets/AAL)	0%
Covered Payroll (annual payroll of active employee	
employee covered by the plan)	\$ 313,605
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	156.11%

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. The actuarial valuation for other postemployment benefits includes estimates and assumptions regarding (1) turnover and retirement rates; (2) medical inflation and claims costs; (3) mortality; and (4) discount

14. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB): (Continued)

<u>Actuarial Methods and Assumptions</u> (Continued)

rate (investment return assumption). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the types of benefits provided under the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the System and plan members) at the time of the valuation and on the pattern of sharing costs between the System and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial statement purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the System and plan members in the future. Consistent with the long-term perspective of actuarial calculations, the actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial liabilities and the actuarial value of assets.

Actuarial Cost Method

In the June 30, 2009 actuarial valuation, the Alternative Measurement Method (AMM) was used in determining the annual required contribution and unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Under this method, the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method was used. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of payroll over a closed amortization period of 30 years in developing the annual required contribution.

Turnover and Retirement Rates Assumption

This assumption is used in determining how likely it is that an employee will qualify for postemployment benefits and when will benefits start. A standard turnover assumption has been used.

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

This assumption is used in determining how much will postemployment benefits cost each year and how rapidly will the cost grow when an employee starts receiving postemployment benefits. The expected rate of increase in medical cost is based on projections performed by Getzen model promulgated by Society of Actuaries. Per the model, the rates for health care cost range from 9% in year 1 to 4.7% in year 10 and over.

Mortality Rate

This assumption is used in determining how long a retiree is likely to receive the benefits. The RP2000 Mortality Table for Males and Females Projected 10 years has been used.

14. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB): (Continued)

Discount Rate (Investment Return Assumption)

This assumption is used in determining what the present value is of those future benefit payments in terms of today's dollars. The discount rate is based on the long-term earnings potential of any investments set up in a trust to prefund these benefits. If the benefits are not prefunded, the discount rate must be set based on the expected earnings of the general fund. A 3% annual investment return has been used in the valuation. The discount rate baseline was calculated using a 0% plan asset return rate, a 3% employer asset return rate and funds irrevocably set aside for OPEB.

15. RESTATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The System restated its results for the period ended June 30, 2009 to reflect a change in the financial statement presentation of noncontrolling interests. According to FASB ASC 810, the noncontrolling interest shall be reclassified to equity and the consolidated net income shall be adjusted to include the net income attributed to the noncontrolling interest. Accordingly, beginning net assets of the System in the Consolidated Statement of Plan Net Assets were restated by \$14,999,926 upon implementation of this accounting codification update. However, the net assets held in trust for pension benefits in the amount of \$685,909,091 did not change.

16. NOTE PAYABLE:

During 2006, Sol Sista, L.L.C. (86.21% owned by the System) signed a note with a financial institution in the amount of \$6,507,150. The note was incurred to acquire 141.283 acres of raw land. Principal and interest payments were due on August 5, 2007. The note bore interest at a rate of 9.75% through the date of maturity and 18% after maturity until unpaid principal balance is paid in full. The note was never modified or extended. Sol Sista, L.L.C. is currently in maturity default. The note is secured by a deed of trust on related property. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the unpaid principal balance is \$6,194,658.

17. RECLASSIFICATION

Certain accounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year financial statements.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE BALANCES-PLAN A FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Annuity <u>Reserve</u>	Annuity <u>Savings</u>	<u>DROP</u>	Funding Deposit Account	Pension Accumulation	Unfunded Actuarial <u>Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCES, JULY 1, 2009	\$ 344,755,409	\$ 103,219,853	\$ 22,964,790	\$ 6,105,938	\$ 268,480,647	\$ (177,358,824)	\$ 568,167,813
REVENUES AND TRANSFERS:							
Contributions:							
Members	-	14,387,827	-	-	-	-	14,387,827
Employers	-	-	-	-	22,451,338	-	22,451,338
Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds	-	-	-	-	4,685,471	-	4,685,471
Net income from investments and other sources	-	-	-	488,475	61,592,301	-	62,080,776
Transfer from annuity savings	8,393,009	-	-	-	-	-	8,393,009
Pensions transferred from annuity reserve	-	-	5,260,895	-	-	-	5,260,895
Transfers from other systems	-	56,559	-	-	430,035	-	486,594
Transfers to/from Plans	-	-	-	-	45,554	-	45,554
Actuarial transfer	62,994,761					21,986,235	84,980,996
Total revenues	71,387,770	14,444,386	5,260,895	488,475	89,204,699	21,986,235	202,772,460
EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS:							
Retirement allowances paid	40,559,812	-	3,609,935	-	-	-	44,169,747
Refunds to members	-	2,188,212	-	-	-	-	2,188,212
Refund to Municipality	-	-	-	-		-	-
Transfers to annuity reserve	-	8,393,009	-	-	-	-	8,393,009
Pensions transferred to DROP	5,260,895	-	-	-	-	-	5,260,895
Transfers to other systems	-	235,262	-	-	634,940	-	870,202
Transfer to expense fund	-	-	-	-	622,356	-	622,356
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	27,351	-	27,351
Actuarial transfer		_			84,980,996		84,980,996
Total expenditures	45,820,707	10,816,483	3,609,935		86,265,643		146,512,768
NET INCREASE	25,567,063	3,627,903	1,650,960	488,475	2,939,056	21,986,235	56,259,692
BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 370,322,472	\$ 106,847,756	\$ 24,615,750	\$ 6,594,413	\$ 271,419,703	\$ (155,372,589)	\$ 624,427,505

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE BALANCES-PLAN A FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Annuity <u>Reserve</u>	Annuity <u>Savings</u>	<u>DROP</u>	Funding Deposit <u>Account</u>	Pension Accumulation	Unfunded Actuarial <u>Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCES, JULY 1, 2008	\$ 326,407,128	\$ 100,942,104	\$ 20,986,430	\$ -	\$ 303,335,014 \$	(79,180,011) \$	672,490,665
REVENUES AND TRANSFERS:							
Contributions:							
Members	-	13,823,329	-	-	-	-	13,823,329
Employers	-	-	-	6,105,938	15,339,663	-	21,445,601
Ad valorem taxes and state revenue							
sharing funds	=	=	-	=	4,495,733	-	4,495,733
Net income from investments and							(0= 0=====
other sources	-	-	-	-	(97,355,717)	-	(97,355,717)
Transfer from annuity savings	8,196,511	-	-	-	-	-	8,196,511
Pensions transferred from annuity reserve	-	142 467	5,157,125	-	262.074	-	5,157,125
Transfers from other systems Transfers to/from Plans	-	143,467	-	-	363,874	-	507,341
Actuarial transfer	53,859,291	-	-	-	20,216	-	20,216
Total revenues	62,055,802	13,966,796	5,157,125	6,105,938	<u>44,319,522</u> (32,816,709)	<u> </u>	98,178,813 54,468,952
Total levellues	02,033,802	13,900,790	3,137,123	0,105,938	(32,810,709)		34,406,932
EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS:							
Retirement allowances paid	38,550,396	-	3,178,765	-	-	-	41,729,161
Refunds to members	-	3,093,707	_	_	-	-	3,093,707
Transfers to municipality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to annuity reserve	-	8,196,511	=	-	=	-	8,196,511
Pensions transferred to DROP	5,157,125	-	-	_	-	-	5,157,125
Transfers to other systems	-	398,829	-	_	1,133,495	-	1,532,324
Transfer to expense fund	-	-	-	-	884,891	-	884,891
Depreciation	-	-	=	-	19,272	-	19,272
Actuarial transfer			<u> </u>			98,178,813	98,178,813
Total expenditures	43,707,521	11,689,047	3,178,765		2,037,658	98,178,813	158,791,804
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	18,348,281	2,277,749	1,978,360	6,105,938	(34,854,367)	(98,178,813)	(104,322,852)
BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2009	\$ <u>344,755,409</u>	\$ <u>103,219,853</u>	\$ 22,964,790	\$ <u>6,105,938</u>	268,480,647	(177,358,824) \$	568,167,813

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE BALANCES-PLAN B FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Annuity <u>Reserve</u>	Annuity <u>Savings</u>	<u>DROP</u>	Funding Deposit <u>Account</u>	Pension Accumulation	Surplus (Unfunded) Actuarial <u>Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCES, JULY 1, 2009	\$ 58,060,771	\$ 20,576,851	\$ 4,036,451 \$	1,806,555	\$ 58,873,040 \$	(26,095,258)	\$ 117,258,410
REVENUES AND TRANSFERS: Contributions:							
Members	-	3,148,272	-	-	-	-	3,148,272
Employers	-	-	-	357,684	4,090,173	-	4,447,857
Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds	-	-	=	-	1,932,419	-	1,932,419
Net income from investments and other sources	-	-	-	144,524	12,648,123	-	12,792,647
Transfer from annuity savings	1,249,144	-	-	=	-	-	1,249,144
Pensions transferred from annuity reserve	-	_	1,208,877	-	-	-	1,208,877
Transfers from other systems	-	28,275	-	-	25,763	-	54,038
Actuarial transfer	10,722,602					5,011,932	15,734,534
Total revenues	11,971,746	3,176,547	1,208,877	502,208	18,696,478	5,011,932	40,567,788
EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS:							
Retirement allowances paid	7,280,297	_	655,866	_	=	_	7,936,163
Refunds to members	, , , <u>-</u>	737,449	, <u>-</u>	_	-	_	737,449
Transfers to annuity reserve	-	1,249,144	_	_	-	_	1,249,144
Pensions transferred to DROP	1,208,877	_	-	_	-	-	1,208,877
Transfers to other systems	-	20,612	-	_	35,797	-	56,409
Transfer to expense fund	-	-	-	-	251,734	-	251,734
Transfer to from Plans	-	-	-	-	45,554	-	45,554
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	9,557	-	9,557
Actuarial transfer					15,734,534		15,734,534
Total expenditures	8,489,174	2,007,205	655,866		16,077,176	<u>-</u>	27,229,421
NET INCREASE	3,482,572	1,169,342	553,011	502,208	2,619,302	5,011,932	13,338,367
BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2010	\$ <u>61,543,343</u>	\$ 21,746,193	\$ <u>4,589,462</u> \$	2,308,763	\$ <u>61,492,342</u> \$	(21,083,326)	\$ <u>130,596,777</u>

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE BALANCES-PLAN B FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Annuity Reserve	Annuity <u>Savings</u>	<u>DROP</u>	Funding Deposit Account	Pension Accumulation	Surplus (Unfunded) Actuarial <u>Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCES, JULY 1, 2008	\$ 54,142,591	\$ 19,644,454	\$ 3,455,398	\$ - \$	65,352,016	\$ (6,558,148) \$	136,036,311
REVENUES AND TRANSFERS:							
Contributions:							
Members	-	3,138,356	-		-	-	3,138,356
Employers	-	-	-	1,806,555	2,615,427	-	4,421,982
Ad valorem taxes and state revenue					. =		. =
sharing funds	-	-	-	-	1,791,998	-	1,791,998
Net income from investments and					(10, (01, 220)		(10, (01, 220)
other sources	1 406 267	-	-	-	(19,691,320)	-	(19,691,320)
Transfer from annuity savings Pensions transferred from annuity reserve	1,406,267	-	1,018,743	-	-	-	1,406,267
Transfers from other systems	-	78,133	1,018,743	-	141,903	-	1,018,743 220,036
Actuarial transfer	10,385,174	76,133	-	-	9,151,936	-	19,537,110
Total revenues	11,791,441	3,216,489	1,018,743	1,806,555	(5,990,056)		11,843,172
Total revenues	11,771,441	3,210,409	1,010,743	1,000,333	(3,990,030)		11,043,172
EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS:							
Retirement allowances paid	6,854,518	-	437,690	-	-	-	7,292,208
Refunds to members	=	837,817	-	-	-	-	837,817
Transfers to annuity reserve	-	1,406,267	-	-	=	-	1,406,267
Pensions transferred to DROP	1,018,743	-	-	-	-	-	1,018,743
Transfers to other systems	-	40,008	-	-	118,507	-	158,515
Transfer to expense fund	-	-	-	-	343,922	-	343,922
Transfer to from Plans	=	-	-	-	20,216	-	20,216
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	6,275	-	6,275
Actuarial transfer					- 100.020	19,537,110	19,537,110
Total expenditures	7,873,261	2,284,092	437,690		488,920	19,537,110	30,621,073
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	3,918,180	932,397	581,053	1,806,555	(6,478,976)	(19,537,110)	(18,777,901)
BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2009	\$ 58,060,771	\$ <u>20,576,851</u>	\$ <u>4,036,451</u>	\$ <u>1,806,555</u>	58,873,040	\$ <u>(26,095,258)</u> \$	117,258,410

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATON CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

	2010 MARKET <u>VALUE</u>	2009 MARKET <u>VALUE</u>
PLAN "A"		
Cash equivalents	\$ 60,619,517	\$ 53,255,038
Bonds: U.S. Government Agency Corporate Bonds Convertible corporate bonds	\$ 894,353 16,752,754 3,009,322	\$ 1,035,267 17,863,132 2,458,249
Total Bonds	\$ 20,656,429	\$ 21,356,648
Equities: U.S. Equities Foreign Equities Total Equities	\$ 47,610,067 6,665,826 \$ 54,275,893	\$ 33,975,958 8,202,031 \$ 42,177,989
Equity mutual funds: U.S. Equity Mutual Fund International Equity Mutual Funds Total Equity Mutual Funds Fixed income mutual funds Total mutual funds	\$ 14,283,875 62,551,776 76,835,651 36,843,308 \$ 113,678,959	\$ 13,150,865 57,713,524 70,864,389 37,794,977 \$ 108,659,366
Investment - commingled funds	\$ <u>180,251,509</u>	\$ <u>162,839,250</u>
Investment - limited liability companies	\$4,412,180_	\$ 29,985,681
Investment - limited partnerships	\$ 93,085,034	\$ 84,207,511
Investment - mitigation credits	\$ 48,048,159	\$ 38,104,696
Investment - notes receivable	\$ 13,237,190	\$ 10,596,244
Investment - line of credit	\$ 6,055,241	\$3,245,148
Investment in real estate-mitigation banks and LLC	\$ 35,551,854	\$ 12,037,672

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATON SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS $\underline{\text{JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009}}$

PLAN "B"		2010 MARKET <u>VALUE</u>		2009 MARKET <u>VALUE</u>
Cash equivalents	\$_	11,715,736	\$_	10,469,615
Bonds:				
U.S. Government Agency	\$	185,179	\$	211,803
Corporate Bonds		3,468,716		3,654,587
Convertible corporate bonds		623,091		502,928
Total Bonds	\$	4,276,986	\$	4,369,318
Equities:				
U.S. Equities	\$	9,857,830	\$	6,951,082
Foreign Equities		1,380,183		1,678,039
Total Equities	\$	11,238,013	\$_	8,629,121
Mutual Funds:				
Equity Mutual Funds				
U.S. Equity Mutual Fund	\$	2,957,526	\$	2,690,510
International Equity Mutual Funds	_	12,951,563	_	11,807,508
Total Equity Mutual Funds		15,909,089		14,498,018
Fixed income mutual funds		7,628,535	_	7,732,408
Total mutual funds	\$_	23,537,624	\$_	22,230,426
Investment - commingled funds	\$_	37,351,391	\$_	33,342,319
Investment - limited liability companies	\$_	893,181	\$_	6,132,679
Investment - limited partnerships	\$_	19,252,077	\$_	17,204,665
Investment - mitigation credits	\$_	9,948,539	\$_	7,795,773
Investment - notes receivable	\$_	2,742,710	\$_	2,167,867
Investments - line of credit	\$_	1,253,820	\$_	663,914
Investment in real estate-mitigation banks and LLC	\$_	7,361,135	\$_	2,462,766

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

		2010 Expense <u>Fund</u>		2009 Expense <u>Fund</u>
Building and yard maintenance	\$	16,536	\$	45,414
Hospitalization		59,332		49,668
Insurance		19,559		18,856
Miscellaneous		3,972		6,208
Office equipment maintenance		34,480		34,841
Office supplies		19,031		20,824
Travel		43,179		85,252
Board member - per diem		5,625		4,800
Postage		12,231		14,453
Printing		5,691		8,428
Professional fees		209,889		125,722
Retirement - employer portion		64,752		65,718
Salaries		489,381		494,075
Telephone		5,536		6,164
Utilities		9,959	_	11,119
			_	_
Total	\$_	999,153	\$	991,542

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

		2010 PER DIEM		2009 PER <u>DIEM</u>
Johnny Berthelot	\$	825	\$	750
Dudley Dixon		750		675
Clarence Fields		-		75
Ronnie Harris		900		75
Gerald Johnson		-		675
Susan Menard		525		-
Michael Sands		900		750
Bill Robertson		-		225
Claire Sarradet		900		750
Mary Vice	_	825	_	825
TOTAL	\$	5,625	\$ <u></u>	4,800

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CONSOLIDATED INDIVIDUAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS $\underline{\text{JUNE 30, 2010}}$

	PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"	EXPENSE FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS:	ILIII II	I Bi II (B	10112	101112
Cash	\$ 7,084,913	\$ 3,530,671	\$ 361,836	\$_10,977,420_
Receivables:				
Member contributions	951,335	248,988	-	1,200,323
Employer contributions	1,470,140	354,032	-	1,824,172
Accrued alternative investment income	2,973,987	587,091	-	3,561,078
Investment receivable	1,512,747	313,217	-	1,825,964
Miscellenous receivable	358,599	87,859	-	446,458
Due to (from) other funds	61,778	(61,778)	-	-
Accrued interest and dividends	2,604,185	539,205		3,143,390
Total	9,932,771	2,068,614		12,001,385
Investments:				
Cash equivalents	60,619,517	11,715,736	-	72,335,253
Bonds	20,656,429	4,276,985	-	24,933,414
Equities	54,275,893	11,238,013	-	65,513,906
Collateral held under securities lending program	4,784,491	990,646	-	5,775,137
Mutual funds	113,678,959	23,537,624	-	137,216,583
Investments in commingled funds	180,251,509	37,351,391	-	217,602,900
Investments in limited liability companies	4,412,180	893,181	-	5,305,361
Investments in limited partnerships	93,085,034	19,252,077	-	112,337,111
Investments in mitigation credits Investments in notes receivable	48,048,159	9,948,539	-	57,996,698
	13,237,190	2,742,710	-	15,979,900
Investments in line of credit Investment in real estate-mitigation banks and LLC	6,055,241	1,253,820	-	7,309,061
Total	35,551,854 634,656,456	7,361,135 130,561,857		42,912,989 765,218,313
Other Assets:	034,030,430	130,301,837		/03,218,313
Mitigation bank capitalized project costs	1,042,866	215,929		1 258 705
Prepaid expenses	125,525	25,990	-	1,258,795 151,515
Loan fees	22,828	4,727	-	27,555
Total	1,191,219	246,646		1,437,865
Property, plant, and equipment:	1,171,217	240,040		1,437,003
Land	296,248	93,299	_	389,547
Building	591,555	192,775	_	784,330
Office furnishings and equipment	83,196	32,344	246,043	361,583
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Less: Accumulated depreciation	(272,063)	(84,116)	(208,795)	(564,974)
r	698,936	234,302	37,248	970,486
Total assets	653,564,295	136,642,090	399,084	790,605,469
LIABILITIES:				
Bank overdraft	980,289	203,020	-	1,183,309
Accounts payable	198,506	38,205	57,817	294,528
Refunds payable	218,190	60,468	-	278,658
Due to related parties	127,121	26,321	-	153,442
Mitigation bank unearned revenue	312,238	64,650	-	376,888
Accrued real estate taxes payable	19,397	4,016	-	23,413
Notes payable	5,132,049	1,062,609	-	6,194,658
Investment payable	480,053	99,392	-	579,445
Obligation under securities lending program	4,784,491	990,646	-	5,775,137
Long-term mitigation liability	100,880	20,888		121,768
Total liabilities	12,353,214	2,570,215	57,817	14,981,246
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST				
FOR PENSION BENEFITS	624 427 505	130,596,777	2/1 267	755 265 540
	624,427,505		341,267	755,365,549
NON CONTROLLING INTERESTS	16,783,576	3,475,098		20,258,674
NET ASSETS	\$ 641,211,081	\$ 134,071,875	\$ 341,267	\$ 775,624,223

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CONSOLIDATED INDIVIDUAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS $\underline{\text{JUNE 30, 2009}}$

	PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"	EXPENSE <u>FUND</u>	TOTAL
ASSETS:				
Cash	\$ 6,540,522	\$ 2,613,936	\$ 516,768	\$ 9,671,226
Receivables:				
Member contributions	979,309	269,608	-	1,248,917
Employer contributions	1,504,035	364,255	-	1,868,290
Accrued alternative investment income	2,652,698	520,567	-	3,173,265
Investment receivable	148,275	30,335	-	178,610
Miscelleneous receivable	21,796	15,932	-	37,728
Due to (from) other funds	17,613	(17,613)	-	-
Accrued interest and dividends	857,798	175,323		1,033,121
Total	6,181,524	1,358,407		7,539,931
Investments:				
Cash equivalents	53,255,038	10,469,615	-	63,724,653
Bonds	21,356,648	4,369,318	-	25,725,966
Equities	42,177,989	8,629,121	-	50,807,110
Collateral held under securities lending program	24,418,749	4,995,789	-	29,414,538
Mutual funds	108,659,366	22,230,426	-	130,889,792
Investments in commingled funds	162,839,250	33,342,319	-	196,181,569
Investments in limited liability companies	21,465,883	4,389,629	-	25,855,512
Investments in limited partnerships	84,207,511	17,204,665	-	101,412,176
Investments in mitigation credits	38,104,696	7,795,773	-	45,900,469
Investments in notes receivable	10,596,244	2,167,867	-	12,764,111
Investments in line of credit	3,245,148	663,914	-	3,909,062
Investment in real estate-mitigation banks and LLC	26,980,724	5,519,939	_	32,500,663
Total	597,307,246	121,778,375		719,085,621
Other Assets:				, , .
Mitigation bank capitalized project costs	687,306	140,615	_	827,921
Loan fees	22,875	4,680	_	27,555
Total	710,181	145,295		855,476
Property, plant, and equipment:				
Land	296,248	93,299	_	389,547
Building	582,026	188,845	_	770,871
Office furnishings and equipment	74,382	28,708	245,716	348,806
0	952,656	310,852	245,716	1,509,224
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(244,712)	(74,558)	(191,165)	(510,435)
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Total assets	611,447,417	126,132,307	571,319	738,151,043
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LIABILITIES:				
Refunds payable	360,668	96,060	-	456,728
Accounts payable	167,382	31,370	88,451	287,203
Due to related parties	305,832	62,570	-	368,402
Mitigation bank unearned revenue	146,340	29,940	-	176,280
Investment payable	217,750	44,549	-	262,299
Note payable	5,142,552	1,052,106	-	6,194,658
Obligation under securities lending program	24,418,749	4,995,789	-	29,414,538
Long-term mitigation liability	68,005	13,913	-	81,918
Total liabilities	30,827,278	6,326,297	88,451	37,242,026
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST				
FOR PENSION BENEFITS	568,167,813	117,258,410	482,868	685,909,091
NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	12,452,326	2,547,600	-	14,999,926
NET ASSETS	\$ 580,620,139	\$ 119,806,010	\$ 482,868	\$ 700,909,017

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CONSOLIDATED INDIVIDUAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

ADDITIONS: Contributions:		PLAN "A"		PLAN "B"		EXPENSE FUND		<u>TOTAL</u>
Members'	\$	14,387,827	\$	3,148,272	\$		\$	17,536,099
Employers'	Ф	22,451,338	Ф	4,447,857	Ф	-	Ф	26,899,195
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Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds	-	4,685,471	-	1,932,419			-	6,617,890
Total contributions	-	41,524,636	-	9,528,548			-	51,053,184
Investment income:								
Interest income		6,572,962		1,360,987		1,091		7,935,040
Dividend income		1,393,851		288,226		-		1,682,077
Securities lending income		70,094		14,455		-		84,549
Alternative investment income		1,353,329		277,987		-		1,631,316
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		62,529,432		12,882,769		_		75,412,201
11	_	71,919,668	_	14,824,424	•	1,091	-	86,745,183
Less investment expense:	_		_		•		-	
Investment advisory fees		5,364,376		1,110,411		_		6,474,787
Securities lending expense		28,343		5,842		_		34,185
Custodian bank fees		49,710		10,290		_		60,000
	_	5,442,429	-	1,126,543	•	_	-	6,568,972
Net investment income	-	66,477,239	-	13,697,881	•	1,091	-	80,176,211
Less: Net appreciation in fair value attributable		, ,		, ,		,		, ,
to noncontrolling interest		(4,408,950)		(912,888)		_		(5,321,838)
Net investment income (loss) attributable	-	(1,100,500)	-	(312,000)	•		-	(0,021,000)
to the Pension Fund		62,068,289		12,784,993		1,091		74,854,373
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Other additions:								
Interest-other		12,487		7,654		-		20,141
Transfers from other retirement systems		486,594		54,038		_	_	540,632
Total other additions	_	499,081	_	61,692				560,773
TOTAL ADDITIONS (DEDUCTIONS)	_	104,092,006	_	22,375,233	-	1,091	-	126,468,330
DEDUCTIONS:								
Benefits		44,169,747		7,936,163		_		52,105,910
Refund of contributions		2,188,212		737,449		_		2,925,661
Administrative expenses		_,100,_12		-		999,153		999,153
Depreciation		27,351		9,557		17,629		54,537
Transfers to other retirement systems		870,202		56,409				926,611
Transfers to/from Plans		(45,554)		45,554		_		-
Transfers to expense fund from pension funds		622,356		251,734		(874,090)		_
Transfers to expense rune from pension runes	-	022,330	-	231,731	•	(071,070)	-	-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	_	47,832,314	-	9,036,866		142,692		57,011,872
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		56,259,692		13,338,367		(141,601)		69,456,458
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS -		560 167 012		117 050 410		492 969		605 000 001
BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	568,167,813	-	117,258,410		482,868	-	685,909,091
END OF YEAR	\$	624,427,505	\$	130,596,777	\$	341,267	\$	755,365,549

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA OF LOUISIANA

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CONSOLIDATED INDIVIDUAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

ADDITIONS:	PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"	EXPENSE FUND	TOTAL
Contributions:	ILAN A	ILAN D	TOND	TOTAL
Members'	13,823,329	\$ 3,138,356	\$ -	\$ 16,961,685
Employers'	21,445,601	4,421,982	Ψ -	25,867,583
Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds	4,495,733	1,791,998	_	6,287,731
Total contributions	39,764,663	9,352,336		49,116,999
Total contributions	37,704,003	7,332,330		47,110,777
Investment income:				
Interest income	4,015,022	822,775	-	4,837,797
Dividend income	1,285,248	261,473	-	1,546,721
Securities lending income	384,822	78,312	-	463,134
Alternative investment income	3,407,586	691,966	-	4,099,552
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(102,153,750)	(20,672,822)	-	(122,826,572)
1	(93,061,072)	(18,818,296)	-	(111,879,368)
Less investment expense:				
Investment advisory fees	2,424,583	495,132	_	2,919,715
Securities lending expense	134,499	27,349	_	161,848
Custodian bank fees	49,810	10,190	_	60,000
	2,608,892	532,671		3,141,563
Net investment income (loss)	(95,669,964)	(19,350,967)		(115,020,931)
Less: Net appreciation in fair value attributable	(>=,==,==,	(->,,		(===,===,,==)
to noncontrolling interest	(1,710,191)	(349,959)	_	(2,060,150)
Net investment income (loss) attributable to the Pension Fund	(97,380,155)	(19,700,926)		(117,081,081)
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Other additions:				
Interest-other	24,438	9,606	4,220	38,264
Transfers from other retirement systems	507,341	220,036		727,377
Total other additions	531,779	229,642	4,220	765,641
TOTAL ADDITIONS (DEDUCTIONS)	(57,083,713)	(10,118,948)	4,220	(67,198,441)
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DEDUCTIONS:	41.700.161	7.202.200		40.021.260
Benefits	41,729,161	7,292,208	-	49,021,369
Refund of contributions	3,093,707	837,817	-	3,931,524
Administrative expenses	-	-	991,542	991,542
Depreciation	19,272	6,275	26,365	51,912
Transfers to other retirement systems	1,532,324	158,515	-	1,690,839
Transfers to/from Plans	(20,216)	20,216	-	-
Transfers to expense fund from pension funds	884,891	343,922	(1,228,813)	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	47,239,139	8,658,953	(210,906)	55,687,186
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	(104,322,852)	(18,777,901)	215,126	(122,885,627)
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	672,490,665	136,036,311	267,742	808,794,718
END OF YEAR \$	568,167,813	\$ <u>117,258,410</u>	\$ 482,868	\$ 685,909,091

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - EMPLOYER AND OTHER SOURCES JUNE 30, 2005 THROUGH 2010

	PLAN A						
	Actuarial	Actuarial		Percent			
	Required	Required	Percent	Contributed			
	Contributions	Contributions	Contributed	Other			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Employer</u>	Other Sources	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Sources</u>			
2005	22,172,649	3,326,836	95.52 %	100.69 %			
2006	25,397,814	3,339,890	91.36	107.61			
2007	19,945,082	3,673,051	120.95	100.45			
2008	16,244,037	3,807,874	126.42	105.21			
2009	15,549,446	4,276,524	132.06	93.68			
2010	22,162,542	4,936,292	101.30	94.92			
		PLAN					
	Actuarial	Actuarial		Percent			
	Required	Required	Percent	Contributed			
	Contributions	Contributions	Contributed	Other			
<u>Year</u>	Employer	Other Sources	Employer	<u>Sources</u>			
2005	4,776,412	1,166,910	98.42 %	103.96 %			
2006	4,918,376	1,178,793	101.46	98.56			
2007	3,711,669	1,332,285	140.49	100.41			
2008	2,863,722	1,471,382	148.17	105.20			
2009	2,722,215	1,704,162	155.87	90.83			
2010	3,964,345	2,036,859	112.20	94.87			

For Plan A for the years ending June 30, 2007 - 2009 and for Plan B for the years ending June 30, 2007 - 2010 the actuarially required contribution differs from actual contributions made due to the System's ability to elect to maintain the net direct employer contribution rate at the higher current contribution rate and allocate additional funds collected to reduce the System's frozen unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

For Plan A for the year ending June 30, 2010 and for Plans A and B for the years ending June 30, 2005 - 2006, the actuarially required contribution differs from actual contributions due to state statute requires the contribution rate to be calculated and set two years prior to the year effective.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS JUNE 30, 2005 THROUGH 2010

		ACTUARIAL				UAAL AS A
ACTUARIAL	ACTUARIAL	ACCRUED	UNFUNDED			PERCENTAGE
VALUATION	VALUE OF	LIABILITY	AAL	FUNDED	COVERED	OF COVERED
<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	(AAL)	(UAAL)	<u>RATIO</u>	PAYROLL	PAYROLL
June 30, 2005	496,521,782	567,799,654	71,277,872	87.45%	140,020,164	50.91%
June 30, 2006	565,604,518	637,909,978	72,305,460	88.67%	140,773,796	51.36%
June 30, 2007	624,442,059	697,658,641	73,216,582	89.51%	141,232,448	51.84%
June 30, 2008	671,721,084	745,714,562	73,993,478	90.08%	148,644,512	49.78%
June 30, 2009	670,910,030	745,526,637	74,616,607	89.99%	157,082,727	47.50%
June 30, 2010	704,735,602	779,800,094	75,064,492	90.37%	162,546,523	46.18%
			PLAN B			_
		ACTUARIAL				UAAL AS A
ACTUARIAL	ACTUARIAL	ACCRUED	UNFUNDED			PERCENTAGE
VALUATION	VALUE OF	LIABILITY	AAL	FUNDED	COVERED	OF COVERED
<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	(AAL)	(UAAL)	<u>RATIO</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
June 30, 2005	96,417,685	102,373,290	5,955,605	94.18%	48,690,316	12.23%
June 30, 2006	111,404,638	117,108,583	5,703,945	95.13%	51,055,201	11.17%
June 30, 2007	124,483,332	129,930,047	5,446,715	95.81%	54,572,935	10.00%
June 30, 2008	136,207,119	141,390,296	5,183,177	96.33%	59,233,705	8.75%
June 30, 2009	138,441,127	143,353,668	4,912,541	96.57%	64,816,945	7.58%
June 30, 2010	147,046,143	151,680,103	4,633,960	96.94%	65,241,810	7.10%

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA OF LOUISIANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S OPEB PLAN JUNE 30, 2010

				Actuarial						
				Accrued						
				Liability						UAAL as a
	I	Actuarial		(AAL)	1	Unfunded				Percentage
Actuarial		Value		Projected		AAL	Fund	led	Covered	Of Covered
Valuation	(of Assets]	Unit Cost		(UAAL)	Rati	0	Payroll	Payroll
<u>Date</u>		<u>(a)</u>		<u>(b)</u>		<u>(b-a)</u>	<u>(a/b</u>	<u>)</u>	<u>(c)</u>	[(b-a/c)]
June 30, 2009	\$	_	\$	489,571	\$	489,571	_	%	\$ 298,673	163.92%
June 30, 2010	\$	-	\$	489,571	\$	489,571	-	0/	\$ 313,605	156.11%



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 10, 2010

Board of Trustees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 10, 2010. 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 Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana'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 significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompany schedule of findings, we identified findings 10-01 to 10-02 as deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana '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*.

This report is intended for the use of the Board of Trustees, Office of the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

1. The opinion issued on the financial statements of Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was unqualified.

2. <u>Internal Control</u>:

Significant Deficiency

- (10-01) During testing of investments, we found several mispostings of investment transactions by the custodial bank. For example, cash received was recorded by the custodial bank as income and should have been recorded as a return of capital for several investment transactions. In addition, there were instances in which capital calls or distributions were recorded to incorrect investments. These types of mispostings could result in a misstatement to investment assets. We recommend that the System obtain monthly or quarterly statements from the investment money managers and compare to the custodial bank statements to ensure that activity for individual investments are being posted correctly by the custodial bank.
- (10-02) During the audit, it was noted that the System overfunded their investment commitment in two of the mitigation banks in the amount of \$727,338 and \$1,105,889. The System should invest funds as dictated by the board approved contract. Funding in excess of the approved contract could result in a loss of funds and is in non-compliance with the contract. The investment contributions should be monitored at least quarterly to evaluate adherence to the investment commitments as decided by the System's board. This practice will greatly assist the board in maintaining control over the investment commitments throughout the year.

3. Compliance and Other Matters:

None.

4. Status of Prior Year Comments:

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MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

(09-02) It was noted during the audit that many adjustments are being proposed by the auditor. These entries include general accruals and market value adjustments to investments. The System should record all adjustments to generate financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Failure to record these entries could result in a misstatement of the System's financial statements. We recommended that the System record these entries in future years. This finding has been resolved.