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LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
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September 10, 2009

Independent Auditor's Report

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA
ASSET MANAGEMENT POOL, INCORPORATED
STATE OF LOUISIANA
New Orleans, Louisiana**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Incorporated. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in its net assets for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

During August and September of 2005, the State of Louisiana suffered considerable damage from two major hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, resulting in the President of the United States declaring Louisiana a major disaster area. Because of the severity of these two separate events and the resulting losses sustained, it is unknown exactly what economic impact recovery will have on state and local governmental operations in Louisiana. While the Louisiana Asset Management Pool did not directly suffer any major effects of these two hurricanes, the long-term effects of these events cannot be determined at this time.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 10, 2009, on our consideration of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 9 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Louisiana Asset Management Pool's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information Schedule of Investments is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve J. Theriot, CPA
Legislative Auditor

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As management of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP Pool), we offer readers of LAMP's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of LAMP for the year ended December 31, 2008. LAMP is administered by Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP, Inc.) and its activity is included in LAMP's combined financial statements. The two entities are collectively referred to as "LAMP."

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of LAMP exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent calendar year by \$1,852,379,203 (*net assets*).
- LAMP's total net assets increased by \$183,450,786 in 2008.
- The number of participants increased by 14 from 598 to 612 at December 31, 2008.
- Interest and investment income decreased by \$28,974,665 in 2008 because of the decreases in interest rates.
- Administrative expenses increased by \$716,992 in 2008. The primary reason for this increase is due to increases in investment advisor fees and custodial fees which are based on the level of LAMP Pool assets. However, this net increase was held to a relatively low level with LAMP, Inc.'s rebate totaling \$1,627,186 of its management fee back to the LAMP Pool. LAMP, Inc. has rebated \$3.3 million since the rebate program began in October 2006.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to LAMP's basic financial statements. LAMP's basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) Statement of Net Assets, (2) Statement of Changes in Net Assets, and (3) Notes to the Financial Statements. These financial statements include the activities of LAMP Pool and LAMP, Inc., that administers LAMP Pool. This report also contains a Schedule of Investments that is presented as supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of LAMP's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of LAMP is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Changes in Net Assets presents information showing how LAMP's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., accrued interest receivable, accrued expenses, and compensated absences payable).

Notes to the Financial Statements. The accompanying notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents supplementary information that lists and categorizes the investments held by LAMP at the end of year. The Schedule of Investments can be found on Schedule 1 of this report.

BASIC FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of LAMP, assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,852,379,203 at the close of December 31, 2008. The largest portion of LAMP's net assets (99%) reflects its investments at fair market value. The following is a comparison of LAMP's net assets to the prior year.

LAMP's Net Assets

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Cash	\$6,279,117	\$6,168,574
Investments at fair market value	1,844,575,700	1,662,122,305
Accrued interest receivable	1,751,837	716,599
Prepaid expenses	5,514	68,666
Furniture, fixtures, automobile, and office equipment	36,385	41,131
Total Assets	1,852,648,553	1,669,117,275
Accrued expenses	235,470	157,490
Compensated absences payable	33,880	31,368
Total Liabilities	269,350	188,858
Net Assets	\$1,852,379,203	\$1,668,928,417

- Total assets increased by \$183,531,278.
- Most of the increase in net assets is attributable to an increase in investments of \$182,453,395.
- Investments increased primarily because of participants' deposits exceeding withdrawals from the LAMP Pool.

Changes in Net Assets. Investment activities and participants' transactions increased LAMP's net assets by \$183,450,786. Key elements of the increases are as follows:

LAMP's Changes in Net Assets

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Additions:		
Participant deposits	\$2,204,490,643	\$1,745,021,673
From investment activities:		
Interest income	33,710,389	59,162,312
Investment income (amortization/accretion of income, increase or decrease in fair value of investments, and gain or loss on sales)	21,772,164	22,637,615
Total additions	<u>2,259,973,196</u>	<u>1,826,821,600</u>
Deductions:		
Participant withdrawals	(2,074,025,480)	(1,390,622,192)
Administrative expense	(2,496,930)	(1,779,938)
Total deductions	<u>(2,076,522,410)</u>	<u>(1,392,402,130)</u>
Increase in net assets	183,450,786	434,419,470
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>1,668,928,417</u>	<u>1,234,508,947</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$1,852,379,203</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,668,928,417</u></u>

- Interest and investment income decreased because of decreases in interest rates.
- The majority of the increase in net assets of \$183,450,786 is due to an increase of participants' net deposits of \$130,465,163.

ENTITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LAMP does not use fund accounting. However, separate accounting records are maintained for each of the entities, LAMP Pool and LAMP, Inc. To gain a further understanding of the activities of each entity, the following analyses are presented.

By far the largest portion of LAMP Pool's assets (99%) reflects its investments at fair market value. The largest portion (87%) of LAMP, Inc.'s assets after the elimination of \$254,815 fees receivable from the LAMP Pool is its cash.

The following is an analysis of the net assets at December 31, 2008, attributable to LAMP Pool and to LAMP, Inc.:

LAMP's Net Assets (by Entity)

	<u>LAMP</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>LAMP Pool</u>	<u>LAMP, Inc.</u>
Cash	\$6,279,117		\$6,000,000	\$279,117
Investments at fair market value	1,844,575,700		1,844,575,700	
Accrued interest receivable	1,751,837		1,751,837	
Furniture, fixtures, automobile, and office equipment	36,385			36,385
Prepaid expenses	5,514			5,514
Fees receivable from LAMP Pool		(\$254,815)		254,815
Total Assets	<u>1,852,648,553</u>	<u>(254,815)</u>	<u>1,852,327,537</u>	<u>575,831</u>
Accrued expenses	235,470		49,448	186,022
Compensated absences payable	33,880			33,880
Fees payable to LAMP, Inc.		(254,815)	254,815	
Total Liabilities	<u>269,350</u>	<u>(254,815)</u>	<u>304,263</u>	<u>219,902</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$1,852,379,203</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$1,852,023,274</u>	<u>\$355,929</u>

- In preparing the Statement of Net Assets, monthly fees of \$254,815 payable by LAMP Pool to LAMP, Inc., were eliminated.
- **Changes in Net Assets.** Investment activities and participants' transactions increased LAMP's net assets by \$183,450,786. Key elements of the changes are as follows:

LAMP's Changes in Net Assets (by Entity)

	<u>LAMP</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>LAMP Pool</u>	<u>LAMP, Inc.</u>
Additions:				
Participant deposits	\$2,204,490,643		\$2,204,490,643	
From investment activities:				
Interest income	33,710,389		33,702,572	\$7,817
Investment income (amortization/ accretion of income, increase or decrease in the fair value of investments and gain or loss on sales)	21,772,164		21,772,164	
Administrative income		(\$2,479,895)		2,479,895
Total additions	<u>2,259,973,196</u>	<u>(2,479,895)</u>	<u>2,259,965,379</u>	<u>2,487,712</u>
Deductions:				
Participant withdrawals	(2,074,025,480)		(2,074,025,480)	
Administrative expense	(2,496,930)	2,479,895	(2,479,895)	(2,496,930)
Total deductions	<u>(2,076,522,410)</u>	<u>2,479,895</u>	<u>(2,076,505,375)</u>	<u>(2,496,930)</u>
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	183,450,786	NONE	183,460,004	(9,218)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>1,668,928,417</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>1,668,563,270</u>	<u>365,147</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$1,852,379,203</u></u>	<u><u>NONE</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,852,023,274</u></u>	<u><u>\$355,929</u></u>

- In preparing the Combined Statement of Changes in Net Assets for LAMP, administrative fees of \$2,479,895 paid by LAMP Pool to LAMP, Inc., were eliminated. A management fee rebate from LAMP, Inc., to the LAMP Pool of \$1,627,186 reduced the administrative expenses of LAMP, Inc., and the LAMP Pool.
- Investment advisors' fees of \$1,471,062 and custodial fees of \$104,279 are included in administrative expenses paid.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of LAMP's finances for all those with an interest in LAMP's finances. For questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information, please access the LAMP Web site, www.lamppool.com, or call the LAMP office at (504) 525-LAMP(5267) or toll free at (800) 249-LAMP(5267) and ask for Krissy Orgeron.

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**LOUISIANA ASSET MANAGEMENT POOL
STATE OF LOUISIANA
FIDUCIARY FUND - INVESTMENT TRUST FUND**

Statement of Net Assets, December 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash (note 2)	\$6,279,117
Investments (note 3)	1,844,575,700
Interest receivable	1,751,837
Prepaid expenses	5,514
Furniture, fixtures, automobile, and office equipment, net (note 1-F)	36,385
TOTAL ASSETS	1,852,648,553

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accruals	235,470
Compensated absences payable (note 5)	33,880
TOTAL LIABILITIES	269,350

NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR POOL PARTICIPANTS	\$1,852,379,203

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**LOUISIANA ASSET MANAGEMENT POOL
STATE OF LOUISIANA
FIDUCIARY FUND - INVESTMENT TRUST FUND**

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

ADDITIONS

Participant deposits	\$2,204,490,643
From investments activities:	
Interest income	33,710,389
Amortization/accretion of income	18,940,825
Net increase in the fair value of investments	2,807,184
Gain on sale of investments	24,155
Total additions	<u>2,259,973,196</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Participant withdrawals	2,074,025,480
Administrative expense	2,496,930
Total deductions	<u>2,076,522,410</u>

Total increase in net assets	183,450,786
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NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,668,928,417</u>
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NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$1,852,379,203</u></u>
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INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is an investment pool established as a cooperative endeavor to enable public entities of the State of Louisiana to aggregate funds for investment. The cooperative endeavor was formed, in part, in reliance upon Opinion 92-192 (March 31, 1992) issued by the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, which noted that public entities may pool funds for investment purposes. The investment pool is intended to improve administrative efficiency and increase investment yield of participating public entities. Public entities, as defined by Article XIX of LAMP's Articles of Incorporation, include the instrumentalities and political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana; parishes, municipalities, or other subdivisions of government; any entity created by, subject to the administration of, or otherwise governed by any university, hospital, or retirement system; and any other entity which may be designated as a public entity by the president of LAMP. Section XIX of LAMP's Articles of Incorporation specifically exclude the State of Louisiana and its departments from participation in the investment pool. As of December 31, 2008, there were 612 voluntary participants in the pool.

LAMP is administered by Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Incorporated, (the Corporation), a nonprofit corporation formed under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 12:22, pursuant to Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Corporation was formed to manage and administer or provide for the orderly management and administration of LAMP.

Article VIII of LAMP's Articles of Incorporation provides that the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana is the sole Administrative Member of the Corporation. The Board of Directors of LAMP, Inc., consists of 14 pool participants plus the administrative member, who is President of the Corporation. Board members are elected annually by participants, except the President, who is a standing member of the board. There are currently 14 members of the board of directors. Board members can serve for a maximum of three one-year terms, and all board members serve without compensation. LAMP, Inc., has two compensated officers, a chief executive officer and a chief administrative officer, and one full-time employee and 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 Corporation entered into a contract with a custodial bank (JP Morgan Chase) for a period of three years commencing as of January 1, 2008, with options to extend for two additional one-year terms.

The Corporation entered into a contract with investment advisor American Beacon Advisors commencing October 1, 2006, for a period of three years with options to renew the contract for two additional 12-month periods. American Beacon Advisors manages 70% of the investment portfolio.

The Corporation entered into separate contracts with investment advisors Hancock Bank and Capital One Investment Advisors commencing October 1, 2003, for a period of three years with options to renew the contracts for two additional 12-month periods. The contracts expired on October 1, 2008, and are currently on a month-to-month basis. Hancock Bank and Capital One Investment Advisors each manage 15% of the investment portfolio.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and reporting principles. In order to present fairly the net assets and change in net assets for LAMP, the assets and operations of the investment pool and LAMP, Inc., have been combined. All inter-entity accounts, balances, and transactions have been eliminated.

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

B. REPORTING ENTITY

Using the criteria in GASB Codification Section 2100, the Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy, has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy considers LAMP to be a component unit (investment trust fund) of the State of Louisiana because the state has financial accountability in that the state treasurer, as the administrative member, is a standing member of the board of directors, acts as the chief executive officer of the corporation, supervises and controls the affairs of the corporation, and has the power and authority reasonably necessary to direct the operations and activities of the corporation. The state treasurer serves as president of the corporation and appoints the secretary-treasurer. The accompanying financial statements present information only as to the balances of LAMP, a component unit of the State of Louisiana. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues basic financial statements, which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. The state's basic financial statements are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The financial statements of LAMP are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash represents amounts on deposit with the custodian, fiscal agent banks, and/or the investment advisors. Under state law, LAMP may deposit funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. LAMP's permissible investments are set forth in R.S. 33:2955 and are further limited in accordance with investment guidelines promulgated by the board of directors. LAMP's Statement of Investment Guidelines authorizes investments in various investment products, including U.S. Treasury bills or notes, Federal Home Loan Bank notes, Federal National Mortgage Association notes, Federal Farm Credit Bank notes, Student Loan Marketing Association notes, and other investments as approved by the board of directors.

To provide for the required liquidity for withdrawals from LAMP, all investments shall have, at the time of purchase, a maximum remaining maturity of 397 days and the dollar weighted-average maturity of LAMP shall not generally exceed 90 days. LAMP voluntarily complies with Standard & Poor's requirement for AAAM rated funds to restrict the average-weighted maturity of investments to 60 days or less to maintain its AAAM rating for the LAMP Pool.

LAMP's investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market values. The fair values of investments are determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized costs and fair values.

LAMP has not obtained any legally binding guarantees during the period to support the value of the shares, since all investments are short-term, highly liquid securities.

E. PREPAID EXPENSES

Prepaid expenses primarily consist of prepayments of insurance, rent, and other administrative expenses.

F. FIXED ASSETS

Furniture, fixtures, office equipment, and computer equipment of the corporation are included on the balance sheet at historical cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of all fixed assets is charged as an administrative expense. Depreciation for financial reporting purposes is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of five to seven years for the assets. A summary of changes in furniture, fixtures, office equipment, computer equipment, and the automobile follows:

	Balance December 31, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2008
Furniture and fixtures	\$46,369		(\$1,933)	\$44,436
Office equipment	26,518		(849)	25,669
Computer equipment	20,741	\$7,750	(13,275)	15,216
Automobile	31,720			31,720
Total	125,348	7,750	(16,057)	117,041
Less - accumulated depreciation	(84,217)	(12,424)	15,985	(80,656)
Net furniture and fixtures, office equipment, computer equipment, and automobile	<u>\$41,131</u>	<u>(\$4,674)</u>	<u>(\$72)</u>	<u>\$36,385</u>

2. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

For reporting purposes, deposits with financial institutions consist of demand deposits and funds received from participants for investment in a zero balance bank account. LAMP may also invest in time certificates of deposit in state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having their principal offices in the State of Louisiana.

As reflected on the Statement of Net Assets, LAMP has deposits in bank accounts totaling \$6,279,117 at December 31, 2008. Deposits in bank accounts are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

The deposits (book balances) at December 31, 2008, consist of the following:

	Cash Demand Deposits	Cash Custodial Deposits	Total
Deposits per Statement of Net Assets	<u>\$279,117</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,279,117</u>

The following is a breakdown by banking institution, program or type, and amount of the collected bank balances shown previously:

<u>Bank Institution</u>	<u>Program or Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JP Morgan Chase	Operating Account	\$333,537
JP Morgan Chase	Zero Balance Account	<u>8,841,178</u>
Total		<u>\$9,174,715</u>

LAMP maintains \$6 million in its zero balance account, which is invested in the One Group money market fund, to ensure cash is available if participant withdrawals exceed participant deposits during the day. At December 31, 2008, the interest rate on the zero balance account is 0.30%. The investment earnings from the zero balance account are deposited into the earnings for the investment pool.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure LAMP's deposits may not be recovered. Under state law, LAMP's deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The fair market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in LAMP's name by the pledging bank or by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments of \$1,844,575,700, as presented on Statement A, are reported at fair value. The investments are comprised of several different types of investment securities. The following tables itemize the investments, the range of maturity dates and yields of each category of investment, the fair value of investments, the face amount of the investments, the carrying value at amortized cost at December 31, 2008, and the change in investments during the year.

<u>Investment Securities</u>	<u>Maturity Dates</u>	<u>Yield to Maturity</u>	<u>Face Amount at December 31, 2008</u>	<u>Carrying Value (Amortized Cost) at December 31, 2008</u>	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2008</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank notes	1/9/09 - 10/14/09	0.12 - 3.93%	\$157,635,000	\$157,730,300	\$157,856,522
Federal National Mortgage Association notes	2/17/09 - 10/1/09	0.12 - 2.96%	220,745,000	219,401,566	220,482,007
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association notes	2/10/09 - 6/24/09	1.06 - 2.79%	276,560,000	275,138,746	276,471,789
Commercial paper	1/5/09 - 6/1/09	0.12 - 2.51%	240,000,000	239,502,701	239,770,178
Repurchase agreements	1/2/09	0.02 - 0.10%	523,458,668	523,458,668	523,458,668
Government-only Money Market	1/2/09	0.82 - 1.11%	426,536,536	426,536,536	426,536,536
Total			<u>\$1,844,935,204</u>	<u>\$1,841,768,517</u>	<u>\$1,844,575,700</u>

In addition to the investments shown at year-end, LAMP invested in Federal Farm Credit Bank notes during the year.

	Change in Investments	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Balance, December 31, 2007	<u>\$1,661,957,945</u>	<u>\$1,662,122,305</u>
Add:		
Investment purchases	209,255,275,124	209,255,275,124
Amortization/accretion of income	18,940,825	18,940,825
Gain on sales of investments	24,155	24,155
Market value adjustment		2,807,184
Total	<u>209,274,240,104</u>	<u>209,277,047,288</u>
Less - investment maturities	<u>(209,094,429,532)</u>	<u>(209,094,593,893)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2008	<u>\$1,841,768,517</u>	<u>\$1,844,575,700</u>

Unrealized investment gains exceeded unrealized investment losses by \$2,807,184 at year-end. This net unrealized investment gain is reflected in the year-end investments since they are reported at fair market value.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, LAMP will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The investments are registered in the name of LAMP and are held in the custodial bank's trust account at its custodial agent or at the Federal Reserve. During the year ended December 31, 2008, there were no uninsured and unregistered investments held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, which were not in LAMP's name.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an entity's investment in a single issuer. LAMP's investment policy states that investments in money market funds are limited to no more than 25% of the total assets of LAMP, and no more than 10% may be invested in any single money market fund at any time. Furthermore, investments in commercial paper are limited to no more than 30% of the total assets of LAMP. No more than 3% of assets may be in any one issuer, and no more than 25% of assets may be in any one industry, except banking. No investments at December 31, 2008, exceeded the limitation percentages established in LAMP's investment policy.

LAMP guidelines require that when an A-1 or A-1+ investment is placed on a watch list with negative implications by a rating agency, the advisor is required to sell the investment as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days.

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. R.S. 33:2955 permits investment in A-1 rated commercial paper for political subdivisions of Louisiana. Accordingly, LAMP's investment guidelines permit the investment of LAMP funds in commercial paper of domestic U.S. corporations rated A-1 or A-1+ by Standard & Poor's. Furthermore, LAMP's investment policy minimizes credit risk by allowing

investments only in federal agencies backed by the U.S. government and government-only money market funds rated AAA by Standard & Poor's. At December 31, 2008, LAMP's investments in government securities and government-only money market funds are AAA rated, and its commercial paper investments are either A-1 or A-1+ rated.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. LAMP's investment policy minimizes interest rate risk by limiting the weighted-average maturity of its investments to 60 days or less for all investments.

4. INVESTMENT EARNINGS

Interest income and amortization/accretion of income are recognized when earned using the full accrual method of accounting. Gains or losses on sales of investments are recognized using the specific identification method. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates and any increases or decreases are reported as net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments. The fair value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and fair value.

One or more accounts can be established for each public entity investing in LAMP. Interest is calculated on a daily basis and added to principal of each depositing member's account as of the last day of each month. For purposes of determining participants' shares sold and redeemed, investments are valued at amortized cost. For financial statement purposes, investments are reported at fair value.

At the direction of the public entity, funds are transferred from any such account to a designated local depository bank on any business day. Each depositing public entity owns a proportionate, undivided, fractional interest in each asset comprising LAMP.

The objective of LAMP is to provide safety of principal and daily liquidity with a competitive rate of return to members by pooling monies. The following table shows, by quarter, the average daily yield percentage (annualized on a cumulative basis) of LAMP for the year ended December 31, 2008.

<u>Three-Month Period Ended</u>	<u>Annual Interest Rate</u>
March 31, 2008	3.45%
June 30, 2008	2.34%
September 30, 2008	2.26%
December 31, 2008	1.50%

5. COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE

The Corporation has three full-time employees. These employees are provided vacation and sick leave on a cumulative basis. Hours of vacation and sick leave earned are based on the number of years of service. Vacation leave cannot be used until after the first six months of employment but may be carried forward into the next year at a rate of 2.5 times the employee's annual accrual or a maximum of 300 hours, whichever is less. A maximum of 300 hours of vacation leave is payable upon termination. Sick leave may be carried forward into the next year with no limitation but is not payable upon termination. Compensatory time earned may be carried forward into the next year but is not payable upon termination. A compensated absence liability of \$33,880 as of December 31, 2008, is included in the financial statements. No other postemployment benefits exist.

6. RETIREMENT PLAN

Effective October 1, 2001, a Simplified Employee Pension Retirement Plan was established whereby the employer contributes an amount equal to 8% of the employees' salaries monthly. The employer contributions for 2008, 2007, and 2006, totaled \$23,490; \$17,400; and \$15,660, respectively.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

Under the agreement with American Beacon Advisors, which became effective October 1, 2006, the Corporation pays an annual advisory fee (calculated and remitted monthly) based upon LAMP's average daily net assets as follows:

<u>Asset Value</u>	<u>Basis Point Fee</u>
First \$350 million	6.0
Next \$350 million	4.0
Next \$200 million	2.0
Over \$900 million	1.0

Under the agreements with Hancock Bank and Capital One Investment Advisors, which became effective October 1, 2003, the Corporation pays an annual advisory fee (calculated and remitted monthly) based upon LAMP's average daily net assets as follows:

<u>Asset Value</u>	<u>Basis Point Fee</u>
First \$400 million	6.0
Next \$100 million	5.0
Next \$300 million	3.0
Over \$800 million	2.0

During the year ended December 31, 2008, investment advisor fees of \$1,471,062 and custodial fees of \$104,279 were incurred.

LAMP, Inc., is paid an administrative fee for the administration of LAMP. The Executive Committee of LAMP, Inc., has oversight authority with respect to the amount of administrative fees deemed necessary to properly administer LAMP. The administrative fee is a monthly fee based on LAMP's average daily net assets, which was computed at the annual rate of 13 basis points. The custodial fee of .5 basis points is based on the entire average daily value of net assets. LAMP, Inc., may adjust its administrative fee proportionately so that the total of all three fees does not exceed the maximum approved by the board.

During the year ended December 31, 2008, administrative fees of \$2,479,895 were incurred. These inter-entity fees have been eliminated in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, administrative fees totaling approximately \$1.6 million were returned to LAMP Pool under LAMP's Fee Rebate Program.

8. OFFICE LEASE

LAMP, Inc., has operating leases for office (three-year term expiring March 31, 2009) and storage (month-to-month) space. Rental expense for the operating leases during the year ended December 31, 2008, amounted to \$27,408. The future minimum rental payments applicable to these leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	<u>\$6,882</u>

On January 12, 2009, the lease agreements were extended 36 months and expire on March 31, 2012.

9. LITIGATION

There is no pending litigation against LAMP or LAMP, Inc., at December 31, 2008.

10. FEDERAL INCOME TAX

LAMP, Inc., is a taxable entity for federal income tax purposes. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Corporation had a taxable loss of \$214,552, which was carried forward to 2008. A refund of the prepaid tax for 2007 of \$5,000 was received in 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Corporation had net income of \$105,867, which was offset by the net operating loss carryover of \$105,867, resulting in taxable income of \$0. LAMP, Inc., has a net operating loss carryforward of \$108,685 to offset future taxable income.

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Schedule 1 presents individual investments held by the Pool at December 31, 2008.

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FACE AMOUNT	MATURITY DATE	DESCRIPTION	YIELD	AMORTIZED COST	FAIR VALUE
Federal Home Loan Bank Notes:					
\$50,000,000	1/9/2009		3.93%	\$50,002,127	\$50,017,350
10,000,000	1/23/2009		0.12%	9,999,267	10,000,000
25,000,000	1/28/2009		3.37%	24,999,618	25,034,100
1,000,000	2/6/2009		2.80%	1,000,000	1,002,348
10,000,000	9/23/2009		1.32%	10,098,805	10,155,530
10,000,000	10/2/2009		3.40%	10,000,000	10,000,000
10,000,000	10/2/2009		3.70%	10,000,000	10,000,000
10,000,000	10/2/2009		3.65%	10,000,000	10,000,000
5,000,000	10/2/2009		3.69%	4,998,233	5,000,000
6,635,000	10/2/2009		3.65%	6,635,000	6,635,000
5,000,000	10/6/2009		3.40%	4,997,250	4,998,964
5,000,000	10/7/2009		3.75%	5,000,000	5,002,330
10,000,000	10/14/2009		3.80%	10,000,000	10,010,900
<u>\$157,635,000</u>	Total Federal Home Loan Bank Notes			<u>\$157,730,300</u>	<u>\$157,856,522</u>
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes:					
\$25,000,000	2/17/2009		0.12%	\$24,996,083	\$24,999,675
5,000,000	3/16/2009		2.78%	4,971,597	4,999,290
9,350,000	3/25/2009		2.83%	9,289,310	9,348,513
13,595,000	3/25/2009		2.78%	13,508,334	13,592,838
20,000,000	4/15/2009		2.84%	19,837,413	19,991,420
25,000,000	4/27/2009		2.96%	24,763,435	24,988,025
25,000,000	5/8/2009		2.41%	24,789,233	24,978,125
27,000,000	5/13/2009		1.50%	26,852,190	26,975,430
25,000,000	6/22/2009		1.30%	24,847,043	24,964,375
19,000,000	7/1/2009		0.35%	18,966,565	18,965,800
26,800,000	10/1/2009		1.09%	26,580,363	26,678,516
\$220,745,000	Total Federal National Mortgage Association Notes			\$219,401,566	\$220,482,007

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Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association Notes (Freddie Mac Notes)					
\$25,000,000	2/10/2009		2.57%	\$24,928,814	\$24,999,725
25,000,000	2/24/2009		2.62%	24,901,997	24,999,625
20,000,000	2/26/2009		2.62%	19,918,730	19,999,700
4,060,000	3/2/2009		2.22%	4,045,057	4,059,533
4,500,000	3/2/2009		2.75%	4,479,501	4,499,483
25,000,000	3/2/2009		2.64%	24,890,695	24,997,125
15,000,000	3/3/2009		1.84%	14,954,119	14,998,245
10,000,000	3/16/2009		2.78%	9,943,195	9,998,580
25,000,000	3/23/2009		2.73%	24,847,323	24,996,100
3,000,000	3/30/2009		2.79%	2,979,660	2,999,493
20,000,000	3/30/2009		2.78%	19,864,895	19,996,620
10,000,000	4/2/2009		2.40%	10,000,000	10,000,000
20,000,000	4/8/2009		2.78%	19,851,077	19,992,000
25,000,000	4/9/2009		2.79%	24,811,841	24,989,900
10,000,000	5/4/2009		2.33%	9,921,119	9,991,530
25,000,000	6/2/2009		1.44%	24,851,514	24,968,550
10,000,000	6/24/2009		1.06%	9,949,209	9,985,580
<u>\$276,560,000</u>	Total Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association Notes			<u>\$275,138,746</u>	<u>\$276,471,789</u>

Commercial Paper:

\$8,000,000	1/5/2009	General Electric Capital TLGP	0.30%	\$7,999,733	\$7,999,744
8,500,000	1/5/2009	HSBC Finance	2.21%	8,497,915	8,499,660
8,000,000	1/6/2009	American Express Credit Corp.	1.35%	7,998,499	7,999,576
8,000,000	1/14/2009	Abbott Laboratories	0.12%	7,999,653	7,999,376
8,500,000	1/20/2009	American Honda Finance Corp.	2.51%	8,488,746	8,497,637
35,000,000	1/22/2009	Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	0.85%	34,982,643	34,993,210
35,000,000	2/17/2009	Danske	1.49%	34,931,873	34,963,985
35,000,000	2/17/2009	National Australia FDG	0.59%	34,973,036	34,963,985
8,000,000	2/17/2009	General Electric Capital TLGP	0.15%	7,998,433	7,992,423
8,000,000	2/20/2009	Societe Generale North America	0.58%	7,993,666	7,990,552

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Commercial Paper: (Cont.)					
\$35,000,000	2/27/2009	CBA (Delaware) Finance	1.09%	\$34,939,568	\$34,944,805
8,000,000	4/28/2009	Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	1.41%	7,963,596	7,963,200
<u>35,000,000</u>	6/1/2009	General Electric Capital TLGP	1.82%	<u>34,735,340</u>	<u>34,962,025</u>
<u>\$240,000,000</u>	Total Commercial Paper			<u>\$239,502,701</u>	<u>\$239,770,178</u>
Repurchase Agreements:					
\$60,208,636	1/2/2009		0.04%	\$60,208,636	\$60,208,636
210,000,000	1/2/2009		0.10%	210,000,000	210,000,000
40,000,000	1/2/2009		0.03%	40,000,000	40,000,000
101,331,944	1/2/2009		0.05%	101,331,944	101,331,944
48,000,000	1/2/2009		0.02%	48,000,000	48,000,000
<u>63,918,088</u>	1/2/2009		0.03%	<u>63,918,088</u>	<u>63,918,088</u>
<u>\$523,458,668</u>	Total Repurchase Agreements			<u>\$523,458,668</u>	<u>\$523,458,668</u>
Government-Only Money Market Accounts:					
\$60,000,000	1/2/2009	Dreyfus Govt. Cash Management	0.82%	\$60,000,000	\$60,000,000
39,246	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	39,246	39,246
47,173	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	47,173	47,173
47,327	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	47,327	47,327
54,576	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	54,576	54,576
55,971	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	55,971	55,971
56,431	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	56,431	56,431
56,543	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	56,543	56,543
56,580	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	56,580	56,580
30,000,000	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	30,000,000	30,000,000
36,293	1/2/2009	Fidelity Investment Funds	0.96%	36,293	36,293
4,000,000	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	4,000,000	4,000,000
52,000,000	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	52,000,000	52,000,000

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FACE AMOUNT	MATURITY DATE	DESCRIPTION	YIELD	AMORTIZED COST	FAIR VALUE
Government-Only Money Market Accounts: (Cont.)					
\$70,000,000	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	\$70,000,000	\$70,000,000
5,738	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	5,738	5,738
38,662	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	38,662	38,662
48,255	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	48,255	48,255
55,537	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	55,537	55,537
27,000,000	1/2/2009	Goldman Sachs Financial Square	1.11%	27,000,000	27,000,000
4,000,000	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	4,000,000	4,000,000
38,000,000	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	38,000,000	38,000,000
84,042,227	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	84,042,227	84,042,227
5,577	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	5,577	5,577
39,416	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	39,416	39,416
49,206	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	49,206	49,206
54,496	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	54,496	54,496
56,333	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	56,333	56,333
56,408	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	56,408	56,408
56,911	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	56,911	56,911
57,617	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	57,617	57,617
62,172	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	62,172	62,172
76,398	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	76,398	76,398
8,976,113	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	8,976,113	8,976,113
21,025,000	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	21,025,000	21,025,000
491	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	491	491
612	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	612	612
21,677	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	21,677	21,677
357,550	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	357,550	357,550
26,000,000	1/2/2009	JPMorgan US Government	0.97%	26,000,000	26,000,000
<u>\$426,536,536</u>	Total Government-Only Money Market Accounts			<u>\$426,536,536</u>	<u>\$426,536,536</u>
<u>\$1,844,935,204</u>	Totals			<u>\$1,841,768,517</u>	<u>\$1,844,575,700</u>

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OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The following pages contain our report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with laws, regulations, and other matters as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report is based on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control or compliance matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.



LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STEVE J. THERIOT, CPA

September 10, 2009

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an
Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA
ASSET MANAGEMENT POOL, INCORPORATED
STATE OF LOUISIANA**
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated September 10, 2009. Our report was modified to include an emphasis of a matter regarding the impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. 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 LAMP'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 LAMP's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of LAMP's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether LAMP's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, 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 solely for the information and use of LAMP's management, LAMP's board of directors, others within the entity, and the Louisiana Legislature and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve J. Theriot, CPA
Legislative Auditor

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