

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES
BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION**

Financial Statements

**For The Years Ended
December 31, 2005 and 2004**



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Statements of Plan Net Assets
December 31, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 35,712,862	\$ 32,436,735
 Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	13,896	18,535
 <u>Net Assets Held in Trust</u> <u>for Healthcare Benefits</u>	\$ 35,698,966	\$ 32,418,200

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

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Statements of Changes in Plan Net Assets
For the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Additions to net assets		
Employer contributions	\$ 6,039,693	\$ 4,788,478
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	856,790	709,298
Appreciation in fair value of investments	1,866,911	2,683,828
Total investment income	2,723,701	3,393,126
Investment management fees	(211,145)	(182,336)
Net investment income	2,512,556	3,210,790
Total additions to net assets	8,552,249	7,999,268
Deductions from net assets		
Participant benefits	5,161,271	3,128,312
Administrative expenses	110,212	87,798
Total deductions from net assets	5,271,483	3,216,110
Increase in net assets	3,280,766	4,783,158
Net assets held in trust for healthcare benefits, beginning of year	32,418,200	27,635,042
Net assets held in trust for healthcare benefits, end of year	\$ 35,698,966	\$ 32,418,200

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Notes To Financial Statements

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Washtenaw County Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association (VEBA; the "Association") is a single-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan established and administered by Washtenaw County (the "County") to provide medical and healthcare benefits for retirees and their beneficiaries. Eligible participants include any retirees who receive pension benefits under one of the County's pension plans. Association provisions are established and may be amended by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, subject to the County's various collective bargaining agreements.

The Association is funded by a trust agreement established pursuant to Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code which allows for the formation of such a plan, and is included as a pension and other employee benefits trust fund in the County's financial statements.

Subject to certain age and length of service requirements, eligible participants receive the same or comparable medical insurance coverage under the Association as was in effect at the time of their employment. At such time that participants become Medicare eligible, the benefits under the Association change to Medicare Supplemental coverage.

Employer contributions to fund the Association are currently on a pay-as-you-go basis with additional contributions intended to build the fund for purposes of paying future benefits. Although an actuarial valuation of the Association was completed during 2005, the County has determined that it will establish an annual employer contribution rate using the actuarial valuation as a reference, but not as a definitive requirement. VEBA members are not required to contribute to the Association.

Association membership consisted of the following at December 31, 2005:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	572
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	26
Vested active participants	1,370

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The VEBA statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period that the contributions are due.

Method Used to Value Investments. Association investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

Administration – Administrative costs are financed through the Association’s investment earnings.

3. INVESTMENTS

The Michigan Public Employees Retirement Systems’ Investment Act, Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended, authorizes the Association to invest in stocks, government and corporate securities, mortgages, real estate, and various other investment instruments, subject to certain limitations.

The Association’s investments are held by an independent investment management company. Following is a summary of the Association’s investments as of December 31:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Investments at fair value, as determined		
by quoted market prices:		
Equities	\$ 24,882,042	\$ 22,217,894
United States treasuries	335,621	584,206
United States treasury strips	418,041	392,506
United States agencies	610,570	1,308,264
Corporate securities	425,243	163,620
Bond mutual fund	6,469,724	5,601,460
Money market funds	<u>2,571,621</u>	<u>2,168,785</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 35,712,862</u>	<u>\$ 32,436,735</u>

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Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Association's investment policy provides that all of its investments in fixed income securities be rated A1 or better by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, except for United States treasury securities which are explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and not considered to have credit risk.

As of December 31, 2005, the Association's investments in securities of U.S. agencies are rated AAA by Standard & Poor's. The Association's investments in the bond mutual fund and corporate securities are rated by Standard & Poor's as follows:

AAA	\$	6,469,724
B+		161,550
CCC+		132,073
Not Rated		131,620
	\$	<u>6,894,967</u>

The Association's investments in money market funds are not rated.

Custodial Credit Risk. For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Association will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Association's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk. Although uninsured and unregistered, the Association's investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk since the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department in the Association's name.

Short-term investments in money market funds and open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book form.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Association's investment in a single issuer. The Association's investment policy requires that no more than ten percent of its assets be invested in money market funds or short-term U.S. treasuries, no more than five percent in any one issuer and no more than twenty percent in any one industry.

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At December 31, 2005, the Association's investment portfolio was not exposed to concentration credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Association's investment policy provides that the weighted average maturity of its fixed income portfolio may not exceed 10 years.

As of December 31, 2005, maturities of the Association's debt securities were as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities (fair value by years)</u>			<u>More Than 10</u>
		<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	
U.S. treasuries	\$ 335,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176,826	\$ 158,795
U.S. treasury strips	418,041	-	-	133,166	284,875
U.S. agencies	610,570	-	67,273	-	543,297
Corporate securities	425,243	-	257,705	-	167,538
	<u>\$ 1,789,475</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 324,978</u>	<u>\$ 309,992</u>	<u>\$ 1,154,505</u>

The bond mutual fund has a weighted average maturity of 14.01 years as of December 31, 2005. Of the above balances, \$176,826 of the U.S. treasuries and all of the corporate securities are callable.

The Association's portfolio of U.S. agencies securities includes two inverse variable-rate notes; one with a par value of \$50,000 that matures November 2008 and the other with a par value of \$100,000 that matures November 2023. The fair value of these notes as of December 31, 2005 was \$8,174 and \$19,716, respectively. For the \$50,000 note, the amount of the monthly coupon is calculated at negative 2.592 times the Eleventh District Monthly Weighted Average Cost of Funds Index (San Francisco) plus 18.144%, with a cap of 18.144%; thus, as interest rates increase, the coupon rate paid declines. For the \$100,000 note, the amount of the monthly coupon is calculated at negative 2.167 times one-month LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus 17.333%, with a cap of 17.333%; similarly, as interest rates increase, the coupon rate paid declines. For both notes, the frequency of the coupon's reset date is monthly.

