

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES
BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION**

Financial Statements

**For the Years Ended
December 31, 2009 and 2008**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

March 24, 2010

To the Board of Trustees of the Washtenaw County
Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association
Ann Arbor, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying statements of plan net assets of the *Washtenaw County Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association* (the "Association") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of changes in plan net assets for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. 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. 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.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association healthcare benefits trust fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Washtenaw County as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the Association's net assets held in trust for healthcare benefits at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and changes therein for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION
Statements of Plan Net Assets
December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Equities	\$ 23,907,847	\$ 20,430,270
United States treasuries	-	159,423
United States agencies	115,413	145,718
Corporate securities	364,142	214,099
Multi-strategy limited partnership	4,262,128	3,759,783
Real estate limited partnership	539,779	341,100
Bond mutual fund	16,582,332	11,600,986
Money market funds	2,603,976	1,091,249
Total investments	48,375,617	37,742,628
Contributions receivable	2,758,670	6,988,649
Accounts receivable	82,715	93,883
Total assets	51,217,002	44,825,160
Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	47,583	2,561,011
Net assets held in trust for healthcare benefits	\$ 51,169,419	\$ 42,264,149

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, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Additions to net assets		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 9,955,115	\$ 10,658,749
On behalf - federal Medicare Part D subsidy	312,747	304,606
Total contributions	10,267,862	10,963,355
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	1,128,417	1,296,715
Appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	5,787,110	(12,673,025)
Total investment income (loss)	6,915,527	(11,376,310)
Investment management fees	(177,955)	(237,627)
Net investment income (loss)	6,737,572	(11,613,937)
Total additions (net investment loss in excess of contributions)	17,005,434	(650,582)
Deductions from net assets		
Participant benefits	7,926,905	7,264,816
Administrative expenses	173,259	180,562
Total deductions from net assets	8,100,164	7,445,378
Increase (decrease) in net assets	8,905,270	(8,095,960)
Net assets held in trust for healthcare benefits, beginning of year	42,264,149	50,360,109
Net assets held in trust for healthcare benefits, end of year	\$ 51,169,419	\$ 42,264,149

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Notes To Financial Statements

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

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 and employee contribution requirements are established by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. For 2009 and 2008, employee contributions were not required. Employer contributions for 2009 and 2008 were intended to be at a level that exceeds the current cost of benefits and, therefore, build the trust for purposes of paying future benefits, but not at the actuarially determined rate. The actual contribution rates for 2009 and 2008 were 12.50% and 13.25%, respectfully, whereas the actuarial contribution rates were 13.57% and 16.57%, respectfully. In the event that trust assets are not sufficient to pay for benefits, the employer is required to contribute the additional amounts necessary to provide the benefits. For 2009 and 2008, no additional contributions were required nor were any benefits paid directly by the employer on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Association membership consisted of the following at December 31:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	697	661
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	26	24
Vested active participants	<u>1,311</u>	<u>1,397</u>
Total membership	<u>2,034</u>	<u>2,082</u>

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The Association's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period that the contributions are due and, for employer contributions, when the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the trust agreement.

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.

Subsequent Events - In preparing these financial statements, we have evaluated, for potential recognition or disclosure, significant events or transactions that occurred during the period subsequent to December 31, 2009, the most recent statement of net assets presented herein, through the auditors' report date, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. No significant such events or transactions were identified.

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.

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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>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Investments at fair value, as determined by quoted market prices:		
Equities	\$ 23,907,847	\$ 20,430,270
United States treasuries	-	159,423
United States agencies	115,413	145,718
Corporate securities	364,142	214,099
Multi-strategy limited partnership	4,262,128	3,759,783
Real estate limited partnership	539,779	341,100
Bond mutual fund	16,582,332	11,600,986
Money market funds	<u>2,603,976</u>	<u>1,091,249</u>
 Total investments	 <u>\$ 48,375,617</u>	 <u>\$ 37,742,628</u>

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 "A+" 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, 2009 and 2008, the Association's investments in securities of U.S. agencies were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's. The Association's investments in corporate securities were rated by Standard & Poor's as follows at December 31:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
B+	\$ 41,501	\$ 28,624
B-	115,930	8,850
BBB-	-	44,750
CCC-	54,714	-
Not rated	<u>151,997</u>	<u>131,875</u>
	<u>\$ 364,142</u>	<u>\$ 214,099</u>

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The Association's investments in money market funds were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's at December 31, 2009 and 2008. The bond mutual fund is 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. At December 31, 2009, 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, 2009, 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. agencies	\$ 115,413	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,413
Corporate securities	364,142	-	149,455	-	214,687
	<u>\$ 479,555</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 149,455</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 330,100</u>

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As of December 31, 2008, 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	\$ 159,423	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,423
U.S. agencies	145,718	-	-	-	145,718
Corporate securities	214,099	-	33,875	22,326	157,898
	<u>\$ 519,240</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,875</u>	<u>\$ 22,326</u>	<u>\$ 463,039</u>

Money market funds have a rolling maturity date of less than sixty days as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. The bond mutual fund has a weighted average maturity of 4.98 years as of December 31, 2009 and 4.77 years as of December 31, 2008. Of the above balances, \$44,190 of the U.S. agencies and \$214,688 of the corporate securities are callable as of December 31, 2009. Of the above balances, \$56,752 of the U.S. agencies and \$155,898 of the corporate securities are callable as of December 31, 2008.

4. FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS

The funded status of the Association as of December 31, 2008, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, is as follows:

Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	(1)	\$ 194,580,255	
Actuarial value of assets	(2)	<u>48,980,535</u>	
Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	(3)	<u><u>\$ 145,599,720</u></u>	(1) - (2)
 Funded ratio	 (4)	 <u><u>25.2%</u></u>	 (2) / (1)
 Covered payroll	 (5)	 <u><u>\$ 79,802,651</u></u>	
 UAAL as % of covered payroll	 (6)	 <u><u>182.4%</u></u>	 (3) / (5)

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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. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedules of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, present multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial values of trust assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

The accompanying schedule of employer contributions present trend information about the amounts contributed to the Association by the employer in comparison to the ARC (annual required contribution), an amount that is actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 43. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost for each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation include:

Valuation date	12/31/08
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of pay, closed
Remaining amortization period	29 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.5%
Projected salary increases	5.0%
Healthcare cost trend rate	10% initial; 5% ultimate

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Actuarial Valuation Date	(1) Actuarial Value of Assets	(2) Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age	(3) Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (2-1)	(4) Funded Ratio (1/2)	(5) Covered Payroll	(6) UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll (3/5)
12/31/04	\$ 30,159,739	\$ 150,053,560	\$ 119,893,821	20.1%	\$ 69,804,470	171.8%
12/31/05	31,646,289	149,890,222	118,243,933	21.1%	71,477,954	165.4%
12/31/06	37,653,565	183,743,134	146,089,569	20.5%	75,492,444	193.5%
12/31/07	44,747,254	164,107,793	119,360,539	27.3%	76,546,962	155.9%
12/31/08	48,980,535	194,580,255	145,599,720	25.2%	79,802,651	182.4%

**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE
EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITY**

Year Ended	Annual Required Contribution	Annual Actual Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2006	\$ 12,013,367	\$ 8,035,887	66.9%
2007	11,952,578	9,640,671	80.7%
2008	13,329,469	10,963,355	82.2%
2009	10,807,274	10,267,862	95.0%