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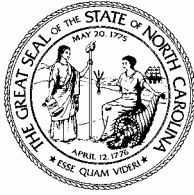
RESULTS OF STATEWIDE FINANCIAL AUDIT PROCEDURES AT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

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The Honorable Michael F. Easley, Governor
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Mr. Robert L. Powell, State Controller
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We have completed certain audit procedures at the Office of the State Controller related to the State of North Carolina reporting entity as presented in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)* and *Single Audit Report* for the year ended June 30, 2005. Our audit was performed by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

In the *CAFR*, the State Auditor expresses an opinion on the State's financial statements. In the *Single Audit Report*, the State Auditor presents the results of tests of internal control and compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to the State's financial statements and to its federal financial assistance programs. Our audit procedures were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Single Audit Act as applicable. Our audit scope at the Office of the State Controller included the following:

State of North Carolina's Financial Statements

General Fund Revenues Financial Reporting Unit
Higher Education and Public Improvement Bond Funds
Internal Control Over Statewide Financial Reporting
Preparation of the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*

State of North Carolina's Administration of Federal Financial Assistance Programs

Compliance with the Federal Cash Management Improvement Act
Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Our audit procedures at the Office of the State Controller were less in scope than would be necessary to report on the financial statements that relate solely to the Office of the State Controller or its administration of federal programs. Therefore, we do not express such conclusions.

The results of our audit procedures disclosed no matters involving internal control, instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* or the Single Audit Act.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie W. Merritt, Jr." in a cursive script.

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP
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