



**Washington State Auditor  
Brian Sonntag**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

December 18, 2006

The Honorable Christine Gregoire  
Governor, State of Washington

Dear Governor Gregoire:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component units and remaining fund information of the State of Washington as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2006. Our report was modified to include a reference to other auditors.

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. Other auditors audited the financial statements of the Workers' Compensation Fund of the Department of Labor and Industries, Washington's Lottery, Department of Retirement Systems, Local Government Investment Pool, University of Washington, Western Washington University and the funds managed by the State Investment Board, as described in our report on the State of Washington's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. The financial statements of the Workers' Compensation Fund of the Department of Labor and Industries, Washington's Lottery, Department of Retirement Systems, Local Government Investment Pool, University of Washington, and Western Washington University were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the State's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted certain matters that we have reported to the management of the State of Washington in separate letters issued at the state agency level.

## COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the State's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the State's 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, the objective of our audit of the financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with these provisions. 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*. However, we noted certain matters that we have reported to the management of the State of Washington in separate letters issued at the state agency level.

This report is intended for the information and use of management of the State and federal awarding agencies. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Sonntag". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Sonntag" clearly distinguishable.

**BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM**

STATE AUDITOR