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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance (the Alliance).

The Alliance had total receipts of \$126,102 for the year ended June 30, 2011, a 41.5% increase from 2010. Receipts included interest on investments of \$23,254 and revenue sharing receipts of \$79,884.

Disbursements for the year totaled \$115,178, a 174% increase from the prior year, and included \$33,916 of professional service fees for treasury management, \$59,057 for website networking and \$9,064 of publication and meeting expenses.

The increase in receipts is primarily due to a significant increase in the volume of transactions processed through the Alliance website. The significant increase in disbursements is primarily due to costs incurred to enhance the Alliance's website during the year.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Iowa State County Treasurers Association website at www.iowatreasurers.org, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1114-3280-B00F.pdf>.

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IOWA COUNTY TREASURERS EGOVERNMENT ALLIANCE

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

JUNE 30, 2011

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Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
(Before July 2011)		
Barb Vance	Chairperson	July 2011
Jeff Garrett	Vice Chairperson	July 2011
Eric Stierman	Treasurer	July 2011
Larry Framke	Secretary	July 2011
Lori Hesse	Board Liaison	July 2011
(After July 2011)		
Jeff Garrett	Chairperson	July 2012
Eric Stierman	Vice Chairperson	July 2012
Larry Framke	Treasurer	July 2012
Mary Kay Williams	Secretary	July 2012
Doug Bishop	Board Liaison	July 2012

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Iowa County
Treasurers Egovernment Alliance:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance (the Alliance) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Alliance's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

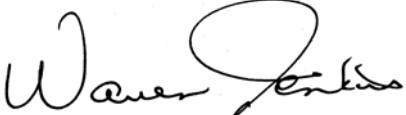
As described in Note 1, this financial statement is prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash basis financial position of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance as of June 30, 2011, and the changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2012 on our consideration of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements 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 6 through 8 is not a required part of the financial statement, 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. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.


DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State


WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

June 13, 2012

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance (the Alliance) provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statement. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Alliance is for the year ended June 30, 2011. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Alliance's financial statement, which follows.

2011 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Receipts of the Alliance increased 41.5%, or approximately \$37,000, from fiscal year 2010 to fiscal year 2011. The increase in receipts is mainly due to a significant increase in the volume of transactions processed through the website.
- Disbursements of the Alliance increased 174%, or approximately \$73,000, in fiscal year 2011 from fiscal year 2010. The main reason for the increase was due to incurring approximately \$59,000 in website development costs during fiscal year 2011 versus approximately \$2,700 in fiscal year 2010.
- The Alliance's cash basis net assets increased 17.4%, or approximately \$11,000, from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Alliance has elected to present its financial statement on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting refers to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses and the related assets and liabilities. Under the cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and the related assets and liabilities are recorded only when they result from cash transactions.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues and liabilities and their related expenses are not recorded in this financial statement. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the cash basis of accounting.

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's financial statement and other information, as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statement and provides an analytical overview of the Alliance's financial activities.
- The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets presents information on the Alliance's receipts and disbursements and whether the Alliance's cash basis financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities.
- The Notes to Financial Statement provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statement.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ALLIANCE

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

The purpose of the statement is to present the receipts received by the Alliance and the disbursements paid by the Alliance. The statement also presents a fiscal snapshot of the Alliance's cash balance at year end. Over time, readers of the financial statement are able to determine the Alliance's cash basis financial position by analyzing the increase and decrease in cash basis net assets.

The Alliance earns interest on the temporary investment of the online property tax and motor vehicle renewal payments made through a special website. Eighty-eight counties participate in the Alliance. The Alliance also shares in revenue generated through online payments. The Alliance receives a percentage of the service delivery fee collected by the internet provider for certain internet payment transactions. The Alliance pays claims related to the internet account, distributions to participating counties, internet portal development costs, attorney fees, professional services fees for treasury management for balancing the internet clearing account daily and publication and meeting expenses. A summary of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis net assets for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 is presented below:

	Year ended June 30,	
	2011	2010
Operating receipts:		
Interest on investments	\$ 23,254	\$ 20,032
Revenue sharing	79,884	69,077
Website maintenance fee	7,872	-
Miscellaneous	15,092	-
Total operating receipts	<u>126,102</u>	<u>89,109</u>
Operating disbursements:		
Website networking	59,057	2,662
Attorney fees	4,251	5,000
Professional services fees for treasury management	33,916	32,936
Other professional services	6,940	1,434
Insurance	1,500	-
Publications and meeting expense	9,064	48
Miscellaneous	450	-
Total operating disbursements	<u>115,178</u>	<u>42,080</u>
Change in cash basis net assets	10,924	47,029
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	<u>62,789</u>	<u>15,760</u>
Cash basis net assets end of year	<u>\$ 73,713</u>	<u>\$ 62,789</u>
Cash Basis Net Assets		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 73,713</u>	<u>\$ 62,789</u>

Receipts consisted of interest on investments, shared revenue and a website maintenance fee. Disbursements totaled \$115,178 and included \$59,057 for website networking fees and \$33,916 of professional services fees for treasury management.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2011, the Alliance had no long-term debt outstanding.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's financial position increased during the current fiscal year due to an excess of receipts over disbursements. Interest on investments increased as a result of a significant increase in the volume of transactions processed through the Alliance's website. For fiscal year 2012, the Alliance budgeted for receipts and disbursements of approximately \$1,476,975 and \$1,398,434, respectively.

As a result of a change in moving from a revenue sharing agreement with the Web Host provider to a fixed fee contract, the Alliance anticipates a significant increase in both receipts and disbursements during fiscal year 2012.

CONTACTING THE ALLIANCE'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Alliance's finances and to show the Alliance's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Jeff Garrett, Chair of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance, 222 West Main Street P. O Box 889, Washington, Iowa 52353.

Financial Statement

Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and
Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2011

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See notes to financial statement.

Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Notes to Financial Statement

June 30, 2011

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance (Alliance) was formed in 2006 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The purpose of the Alliance is to provide joint ownership of the internet clearing account and provide for a self-sustaining website by using service delivery fee receipts generated from the online payments of property tax and motor vehicle renewal fees and interest on investments to pay the costs associated with operation of the internet payment system.

Previously, the governing body of the Alliance was composed of the Executive Board of the Iowa State County Treasurers Association. Alliance members are composed of other counties who are participants in the agreement.

Effective July 1, 2010, the nominations for the Alliance's Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee composed of four members (appointed by the Chair of the Alliance) and the Iowa State County Treasurers Association Past President position as chair of the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting in March of each year.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Alliance has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Alliance are such that exclusion would cause the Alliance's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Alliance to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Alliance. The Alliance has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Alliance are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds are utilized to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

Enterprise Funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise Fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Alliance maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statement of the Alliance is prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statement does not present the financial position and results of operations of the Alliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) Cash and Investments

The Alliance's deposits in banks at June 30, 2011 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Alliance is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Alliance; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Alliance had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, as amended by Statement No. 40.

(3) Risk Management

The Alliance is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, and errors and omissions. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Alliance assumes liability for any claims in excess of coverage limitation. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(4) Treasury Management Contract

The Alliance has entered into a contract with Miles Capital Inc. for audit services of the internet clearing bank account. According to the terms of the contract, Miles Capital Inc. reconciles the internet activity to the bank activity on a daily basis, performs testing of service delivery fee calculations and provides monthly reports of the results of such reconciliations and testing. Miles Capital Inc. was paid professional services fees of \$33,916 for the year ended June 30, 2011.

(5) Website Hosting Contract

In June 2011, the Alliance signed a new contract with GOVTech Services, Inc (GTS) to provide Website hosting and computer software development services. The contract begins in July 2011. GTS will be paid a set amount for services provided as opposed to a revenue sharing agreement the Alliance had with its previous website hosting provider, ABC Virtual.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of a Financial Statement Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards

To the Members of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance (the Alliance) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2012. Our report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statement which was prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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

Management of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the Alliance's financial statement will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the Schedule of Findings as item (A) to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-

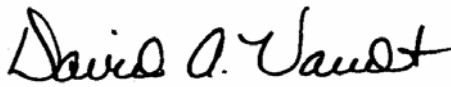
compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Alliance's operations for the year ended June 30, 2011 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statement of the Alliance. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

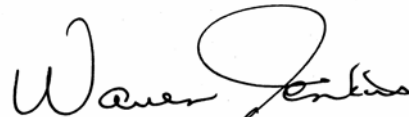
The Alliance's written response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusion on the Alliance's response, we did not audit the Alliance's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the members and customers of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance and other parties to whom the Alliance may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State



WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

June 13, 2012

Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2011

Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

(A) Segregation of Duties – During our review of internal control, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same person. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from personnel error or dishonesty and, therefore, maximizes the accuracy of the Alliance’s financial statement. Generally, one or more individuals of the Alliance may have control over the following areas for which no compensating controls exist:

(1) Bank reconciliations are not prepared by someone who doesn’t sign checks, handle or record cash.

(2) Bank reconciliations are not reviewed periodically by an independent person for propriety.

Recommendation – We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of personnel. However, the Alliance should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances and should utilize current personnel, including Alliance officials, to provide additional control through review of financial transactions, reconciliations and reports. Such reviews should be performed by independent persons to the extent possible and should be evidenced by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

Response – We will have the Treasurer prepare the reconciliation and have the Vice Chairperson review and approve the reconciliation by signing off on it.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2011

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- (1) Questionable Disbursements – No disbursements we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- (2) Travel Expense – No disbursements of Alliance money for travel expenses of spouses of Alliance officials or employees were noted.
- (3) Alliance Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the minutes but were not.
- (4) Deposits and Investments – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Alliance's investment policy were noted.

Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance

Staff

This audit was performed by:

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA, Manager
Steven O. Fuqua, CPA, Senior Auditor II

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew E. Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'N'.

Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State