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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency, Des Moines, for the year ended June 30, 2005.

The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency is an intergovernmental agency established to provide and to promote public transportation in the counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story and Warren.

The Agency had revenues of \$2,368,866 for the year ended June 30, 2005, a 17 percent increase from the prior year. Revenues included \$868,711 from federal sources, \$491,851 from state sources, \$441,579 from local sources and miscellaneous revenues totaling \$566,725. Expenses for the year totaled \$2,081,001, a 13 percent increase from the prior year. Expenses included \$498,553 for state transit assistance, \$871,247 for federal transit assistance and \$711,201 for other expenditures.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm>.

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HEART OF IOWA REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
JUNE 30, 2005

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Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Board of Directors		
Wayne Clinton	Chairperson	Story County
Max Worthington	Vice Chairperson	Jasper County
Marvin Grace	Secretary/Treasurer	Warren County
Cy McDonald	Member	Madison County
David Reed	Member	Boone County
Kim Chapman	Member	Dallas County
Howard Pothoven	Member	Marion County

Agency

Marilyn Heikes	Interim Executive Director
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Iowa Department of Transportation

Samil Semet	Transit Program Administrator
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board Members of the Heart of
Iowa Regional Transit Agency:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements 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 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency at June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

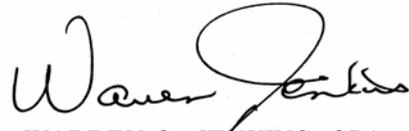
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 12, 2006 on our consideration of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts 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 and budgetary comparison information on pages 7 through 10 and 22 through 23 are not required parts of the financial statements, but are 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements taken as a whole. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the aforementioned financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State



WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

January 12, 2006

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (Agency) provides an overview of the Agency's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 and is provided for consideration in conjunction with the Agency's financial statements, which follow.

2005 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Agency received \$1,360,562 during the fiscal year from a combination of federal and state grants, an increase of 23%, or approximately \$257,000, compared to the previous fiscal year. The increase is due primarily to receiving federal funds for the replacement of buses and/or vans for the Agency's fleet.
- Expenses increased by 13%, or approximately \$241,000, over the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 due to an increase in financial assistance to local transit subcontractors.
- The Agency's net assets increased by 22%, or approximately \$288,000, from June 30, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Agency's financial activities.

The Entity-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of the Agency as a whole and present an overall view of the Agency's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes and required and other supplementary information that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

REPORTING THE AGENCY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Entity-wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the Agency's finances is, "Is the Agency as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Agency as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Assets presents all of the Agency's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net assets". Over time, increases or decreases in the Agency's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Agency is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Agency's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the event or change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods.

The Agency's governmental activities are displayed in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Governmental activities include state transit assistance, federal transit assistance (capital and operating) and other.

ENTITY-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in the net assets for governmental activities.

Net Assets of Governmental Activities		
	June 30,	
	2005	2004
Current and other assets	\$ 564,209	395,716
Capital assets	1,243,479	970,293
Total assets	1,807,688	1,366,009
Current liabilities	203,080	49,266
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets	1,243,479	970,293
Unrestricted	361,129	346,450
Total net assets	\$ 1,604,608	1,316,743

Net assets of the Agency increased 22% (from \$1,316,743 to \$1,604,608). This increase was primarily due to purchases of replacement buses and/or vans for the Agency's fleet during the year ended June 30, 2005.

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities		
	Year ended June 30,	
	2005	2004
Program revenues:		
Federal sources	\$ 868,711	700,238
State sources	491,851	403,287
Local sources	441,579	375,500
Miscellaneous	566,725	541,835
Total revenues	<u>2,368,866</u>	<u>2,020,860</u>
Program expenses:		
State transit assistance	498,553	460,610
Federal transit assistance - capital	184,665	193,353
Federal transit assistance - operating	686,582	627,061
Other	711,201	559,199
Total expenses	<u>2,081,001</u>	<u>1,840,223</u>
Increase in net assets	287,865	180,637
Net assets beginning of year	1,316,743	1,136,106
Net assets end of year	<u>\$ 1,604,608</u>	<u>1,316,743</u>

In fiscal 2005, the Agency's total revenues increased \$348,006, or 17%, over fiscal 2004. The increase was primarily the result of receiving federal and local funds for the replacement of buses and/or vans for the Agency's fleet and an increase in reimbursements from local transit subcontractors.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Agency did not amend its budget during the year ended June 30, 2005.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2005, the Agency had \$1,243,479 invested in vehicles and equipment. More detailed information about the Agency's capital assets is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2005, the Agency had no long-term debt outstanding.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The budgeted receipts and disbursements for fiscal year 2006 increased approximately 42%. The increase is due to an increase in state and federal funding for vehicle and equipment purchases.

CONTACTING THE AGENCY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our local governments, local transit subcontractors and the citizens of Iowa with a general overview of the Agency's finances to demonstrate the Agency's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency at Des Moines International Airport, 5800 Fleur Drive, Room 215, Des Moines, Iowa 50321-2800.

Financial Statements

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2005

Assets	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Assets
Cash and investments	\$ 235,264	-	235,264
Accounts receivable	325,002	-	325,002
Prepaid expenditures	3,943	-	3,943
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,034,277	-	1,243,479	1,243,479
Total assets	<u>\$ 564,209</u>	<u>1,243,479</u>	<u>1,807,688</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 202,945	-	202,945
Compensated absences	-	135	135
Total liabilities	<u>202,945</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>203,080</u>
Fund balance/Net assets			
Unreserved fund balance	<u>361,264</u>	<u>(361,264)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 564,209</u>		
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets		1,243,479	1,243,479
Unrestricted		<u>361,129</u>	<u>361,129</u>
Total net assets		<u>\$ 1,604,608</u>	<u>1,604,608</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Exhibit B

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2005

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Revenues			
Program revenues:			
Federal sources	\$ 868,711	-	868,711
State sources	491,851	-	491,851
Local sources	441,579	-	441,579
Miscellaneous	566,725	-	566,725
Total revenues	<u>2,368,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,368,866</u>
Expenditures/Expenses			
Operating:			
State transit assistance	501,696	(3,143)	498,553
Federal transit assistance - capital	464,534	(279,869)	184,665
Federal transit assistance - operating	686,582	-	686,582
Other	711,201	-	711,201
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>2,364,013</u>	<u>(283,012)</u>	<u>2,081,001</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures/expenses	4,853	283,012	287,865
Other financing source:			
Sale of capital assets	6,683	(6,683)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures/expenses	11,536	(11,536)	-
Change in net assets	-	287,865	287,865
Fund balance /net assets beginning of year	349,728	967,015	1,316,743
Fund balance /net assets end of year	<u>\$ 361,264</u>	<u>1,243,344</u>	<u>1,604,608</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2005

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) is an intergovernmental agency established in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The area of jurisdiction is Region 11, which includes the counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story and Warren. The Agency's powers and duties are those authorized by Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa.

The purpose of the Agency is to permit the local governments in the Central Iowa area to make efficient use of their transit operation powers by enabling them to provide joint services and facilities. It also provides planning advisory services and assistance in preparing special planning documents and applications for its members. In performing its duties, the Agency may contract with and expend funds from federal, state and local agencies, public or semi-public agencies or private individuals or corporations as long as the expenditures are for authorized purposes.

The financial statements of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The more significant of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency has included all funds. The Agency 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 Agency are such that exclusion would cause the Agency's financial statements 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 Agency 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 Agency. The Agency has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Entity-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements on pages 13 and 14 combine both an entity-wide perspective and a governmental fund perspective.

The General Fund comprises the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's governmental fund. This fund is the general operating fund of the Agency and the difference between assets and liabilities of the fund are referred to as "fund balance."

The entity-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the Agency. Governmental activities are those which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The entity-wide financial statements are reported using the “economic resources measurement focus” and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the “current financial resources measurement focus” and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Agency considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

D. Budgets

The Executive Director of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency prepares an annual budget for the Agency’s general operations. This budget is approved and monitored by the Board.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include equipment and vehicles, are reported in the Statement of Net Assets column on Exhibit A. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the Agency as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

Asset Class	Amount
Equipment and vehicles	\$ 5,000

Capital assets of the Agency are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)
Equipment	5
Vehicles	5-10

F. Compensated Absences

Agency employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded in the Statement of Net Assets column on Exhibit A. This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2005.

(2) Deposits

The Agency's deposits in banks at June 30, 2005 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 Agency 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 Board of Directors; 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.

(3) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year as restated	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Vehicles	\$ 2,877,582	442,704	(313,529)	3,006,757
Equipment	18,477	-	-	18,477
Total	<u>2,896,059</u>	<u>442,704</u>	<u>(313,529)</u>	<u>3,025,234</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Vehicles	2,170,923	142,467	(266,500)	2,046,890
Equipment	5,940	2,111	-	8,051
Total	<u>2,176,863</u>	<u>144,578</u>	<u>(266,500)</u>	<u>2,054,941</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 719,196</u>	<u>298,126</u>	<u>(47,029)</u>	<u>970,293</u>

(4) Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2005 is as follows:

	<u>Compensated Absences</u>
Balance beginning of year	\$ 4,905
Increases	1,392
Decreases	<u>(3,019)</u>
Balance end of year	<u>\$ 3,278</u>

(5) Operating Lease

The Agency leased its office facility for a three year period ending June 30, 2006 under an agreement requiring minimum monthly rental payments of \$1,047. The lease is classified as an operating lease and, accordingly, all rents are charged to expenditures as incurred. The lease also requires the payment of normal maintenance and insurance on the property.

The total rental expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2005 for the operating lease were \$12,565.

(6) Contributed Support and Matching Services

Contributed support and matching services of \$351,755 were donated to the Agency by local transit subcontractors during the year ended June 30, 2005. These amounts are included in revenues and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements.

(7) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The Agency contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the Agency is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Agency's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$1,997, \$4,236 and \$4,031, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(8) Risk Management

The Agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Agency assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(9) Explanation of the Differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Assets

Total fund balance – General Fund	\$ 361,264
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of assets is \$3,277,756 and the accumulated depreciation is \$2,034,277.	1,243,479
Long-term liabilities applicable to the Agency's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as fund liabilities.	<u>(135)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$1,604,608</u>

(10) Explanation of the Differences between the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities

Net change in fund balance – General Fund \$ 11,536

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital outlay expenditures exceeded depreciation expense in the current year, as follows:

Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 475,608	
Depreciation expense	<u>(168,959)</u>	306,649

In the Statement of Activities, the loss on the sale of capital assets is reported, whereas the governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale as an increase in financial resources. (27,177)

Compensated absences reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund. (3,143)

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$287,865

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Required Supplementary Information

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance – Actual and Budget - General Fund

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2005

	Actual	Less Funds Not Required to be Budgeted	Net	Original and Final Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 868,711	-	868,711	1,883,890	(1,015,179)
State sources	491,851	-	491,851	478,856	12,995
Local sources	441,579	351,755	89,824	306,960	(217,136)
Miscellaneous	566,725	-	566,725	683,150	(116,425)
Total revenues	<u>2,368,866</u>	<u>351,755</u>	<u>2,017,111</u>	<u>3,352,856</u>	<u>(1,335,745)</u>
Expenditures:					
State transit assistance	501,696	-	501,696	489,365	(12,331)
Federal transit assistance-capital	464,534	-	464,534	1,914,800	1,450,266
Federal transit assistance-operating	686,582	351,755	334,827	335,200	373
Other	711,201	-	711,201	599,500	(111,701)
Total expenditures	<u>2,364,013</u>	<u>351,755</u>	<u>2,012,258</u>	<u>3,338,865</u>	<u>1,326,607</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	4,853	-	4,853	13,991	(9,138)
Other financing sources, net	6,683	-	6,683	8,500	(1,817)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures	11,536	-	11,536	22,491	(10,955)
Fund balance beginning of year	349,728	-	349,728	344,701	5,027
Fund balance end of year	<u>\$ 361,264</u>	-	<u>361,264</u>	<u>367,192</u>	<u>(5,928)</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2005

The Executive Director of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency prepares an annual budget for the Agency's general operations. This budget is approved and monitored by the Board. Budgetary control is based on total expenditures.

There were no budget amendments during the year ended June 30, 2005.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Other Supplementary Information

Schedule 1

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balance by Object

General Fund

Year ended June 30, 2005

	State	Federal		Other	Total
	Transit Assistance	Transit Assistance Capital	Transit Assistance Operating		
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ -	389,970	334,827	143,914	868,711
State sources	491,851	-	-	-	491,851
Local sources	-	89,824	351,755	-	441,579
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	566,725	566,725
Total revenues	491,851	479,794	686,582	710,639	2,368,866
Expenditures:					
Financial assistance to local transit subcontractors					
	310,939	464,534	334,827	706,655	1,816,955
Local matching services					
	-	-	351,755	-	351,755
Administration:					
Salaries and benefits	46,078	-	-	-	46,078
Professional services	61,223	-	-	-	61,223
Telephone	4,366	-	-	-	4,366
Rent and insurance	19,371	-	-	-	19,371
Office supplies	4,125	-	-	-	4,125
Travel and meetings	1,812	-	-	4,546	6,358
Equipment	28,776	-	-	-	28,776
Advertising	14,709	-	-	-	14,709
Repair	345	-	-	-	345
Other	5,415	-	-	-	5,415
Dues	4,537	-	-	-	4,537
Total expenditures	501,696	464,534	686,582	711,201	2,364,013
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures					
	(9,845)	15,260	-	(562)	4,853
Other financing sources:					
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	6,683	6,683
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures					
	(9,845)	15,260	-	6,121	11,536
Fund balance beginning of the year	169,456	(6,367)	-	186,639	349,728
Fund balance end of year	\$ 159,611	8,893	-	192,760	361,264

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 Year ended June 30, 2005

Grantor/ Program	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-through Number	Program Expenditures
Indirect:			
U.S. Department of Transportation:			
Iowa Department of Transportation:			
Federal Transit - Capital Investment Grants	20.500	03-0095-110-03	\$ 62,753
Federal Transit - Capital Investment Grants	20.500	03-0098-110-03	128,136
Federal Transit - Capital Investment Grants	20.500	03-0103-110-04	52,442
			<u>243,331</u>
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	18-0023-110-03	45,795
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	18-0025-110-04	107,086
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	ITS-110	36,065
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-099-50%	74
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-064-50%	18
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-166-50%	211
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-098-50%	37
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-153-50%	842
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-154-50%	577
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-100-50%	605
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	TF-2005-067-50%	375
			<u>191,685</u>
Capital Assistance Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities	20.513	16-0029-110-05	<u>334,827</u>
State Planning and Research	20.515	ITS-110	<u>70,937</u>
Total indirect			<u>\$ 840,780</u>

Basis of Presentation – The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information on this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

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

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To the Board Members of the Heart of
Iowa Regional Transit Agency:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 2006. 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

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency'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 the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

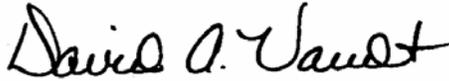
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters, 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 Agency's operations for the year ended June 30, 2005 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Agency. 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.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency and other parties to whom the Agency may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. 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 Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency 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.



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January 12, 2006



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance
in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

To the Board Members of the Heart of
Iowa Regional Transit Agency:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005. The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's major federal programs are identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

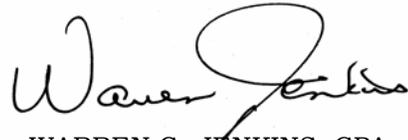
We noted a matter involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency's ability to administer a major federal program in accordance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements. The reportable condition is described as item III-A-05 in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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 non-compliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe item III-A-05 is a material weakness.

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January 12, 2006

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year ended June 30, 2005

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

- (a) Unqualified opinions were issued on the financial statements.
- (b) No material weaknesses in internal control over financing reporting were noted.
- (c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.
- (d) A material weakness in internal control over a major program was disclosed.
- (e) An unqualified opinion was issued on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program.
- (f) The audit disclosed an audit finding which is required to be reported in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Section .510(a).
- (g) Major programs were as follows:
 - CFDA Number 20.500 – Federal Transit – Capital Investment Grants
 - CFDA Number 20.513 – Capital Assistance Program for Elderly Persons and Persons With Disabilities
- (h) The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.
- (i) Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
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Year ended June 30, 2005

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

No matters were noted.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
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Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs For Federal Awards:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

REPORTABLE CONDITION:

CFDA Number: 20.513 – Capital Assistance Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities

Agency Number: 16-0029-110-05

Federal Award Year: 2005

U.S. Department of Transportation

Passed through the Iowa Department of Transportation

III-A-05 Cash Management – Effective cash management procedures provide for minimizing the amount of time between the drawdown/request for federal funds and the disbursement of those funds. They also minimize the amount of non-federal funds used to operate the programs until federal funds are received.

The Agency submitted one request for reimbursement for the entire federal grant awarded under the Capital Assistance Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities program. The request was made approximately six months into the fiscal year. However, the funds were evenly disbursed to their subcontractors over a 12 month period. As a result, the Agency carried both deficit and excessive cash balances during the fiscal year.

Recommendation – The Agency should develop and implement procedures to ensure federal funds are drawn in amounts sufficient to cover current needs and are disbursed in a timely manner without carrying excessive positive or negative daily cash balances.

Response and Corrective Action Planned – The Agency now requests Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds through the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) on a quarterly basis. We request only the amount of funding needed by our transit contractors and we promptly distribute the funds within three business days of receipt. Therefore, the Agency's corrective action is already in place and began with the first quarter (Fiscal Year 2006) FTA reimbursement request to the Iowa DOT made on December 15, 2005.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
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Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

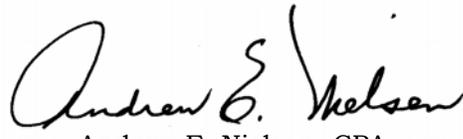
- (1) Official Depositories – A resolution naming official depositories has been approved by the Board. The maximum deposit amounts stated in the resolution were not exceeded during the year ended June 30, 2005.
- (2) Questionable Expenditures – No expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- (3) Travel Expense – No expenditures of money for travel expenses of spouses of Agency officials or employees were noted.
- (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 Agency's investment policy were noted.

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Staff

This audit was performed by:

Cynthia L. Weber, CPA, Manager
Jedd D. Moore, Staff Auditor
Andrew J. Muff, Assistant Auditor

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

Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State