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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Commissioners I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Providence, Rhode Island

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, a component unit of the State of Rhode Island, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in its financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 6 to the financial statements, the Commission is dependent upon annual appropriations by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and transfers from the State to fund its operating expenses and debt service on its outstanding bonds. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information on pages 19 through 25 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Matter

In accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statements of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission were audited by other auditors who have issued their report thereon dated September 21, 2015, which contained an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission is dependent upon annual appropriations by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and transfers from the State to fund its operating expenses and debt service on its outstanding bonds. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2016 on our consideration of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Blum, Shapino + Company, P.C.

Cranston, Rhode Island November 4, 2016

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission (the Commission), a component unit of the State of Rhode Island (the State), we offer readers of the Commission's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Commission for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. The Commission's financial statements, accompanying notes, and supplementary information should be read in conjunction with the following discussion.

Introduction

The Commission was created on July 9, 2011 by the Rhode Island General Assembly under Chapter 64 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. The Commission was established to oversee, plan, implement, and administer the areas within the I-195 Redevelopment District (District), including redeveloping the land reclaimed from the I-195 relocation and Washington Bridge projects. Significant improvements to the land associated with the former I-195 highway are being funded by the State to complete redevelopment of the land for sale. To the extent such costs do not meet the requirements for capitalization under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these costs will not be reflected in the carrying value of the land as reported in the Commission's financial statements. In April 2013, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (Commerce RI), a component unit of the State, issued conduit debt obligations on behalf of the Commission totaling \$38,400,000.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Commission's financial statements.

The Commission engages only in business-type activities, that is, activities that are financed in whole or in part by charges to external parties for services, and economic development supported by revenue from land sales. As a result, the Commission's basic financial statements include the statement of net position; the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; the statement of cash flows; and the notes to the financial statements. These basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Commission's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents detail on the Commission's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Changes in the Commission's net position serve as a useful indicator of whether the Commission's net position is improving or deteriorating. Readers should also consider other non-financial factors when evaluating the Commission's net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information on how the Commission's net position changed during the year.

All assets, liabilities, and changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event affecting the asset or liability or deferred outflow or inflow, and resulting change in net position occurs, regardless of the timing of when the cash is received or paid (accrual basis of accounting for governmental entities). Consequently, certain revenues and expenses reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position will result in cash flows in future periods.

2016 Financial Highlights

Total liabilities exceeded total assets by \$13,066,020 (net deficit position) at June 30, 2016, of which \$25,000,000 is restricted for the I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund and \$38,066,020 is the unrestricted net deficit of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Operating Fund.

Operating loss for 2016 was \$1,121,480, an increase of \$213,713 when compared to the operating loss for 2015.

Non-operating State appropriations revenue totaled \$26,104,325 in 2016, an increase of \$25,063,969 when compared to 2015. The increase is primarily the result of \$25,000,000 that was appropriated under RIGL 42-64.24 for the I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund which will provide funding for capital investment requirements or filling project financing gaps for real estate projects for development in the I-195 Redevelopment District.

Net non-operating revenue for 2016 totaled \$25,619,307 compared to net non-operating revenue of approximately \$638,447 for 2015. This change results principally from increased State appropriations relating to the I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund, as described above.

Transfers from the State for interest due on the Commission's bonds in 2016 were \$482,763, an increase of \$36,849 when compared to 2015.

Net position increased by \$24,980,590, principally due to the appropriations in the I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund.

2015 Financial Highlights

Total liabilities exceeded total assets by \$38,046,610 (net deficit position) at June 30, 2015, which is unrestricted.

Operating loss for 2015 was \$907,767, an increase of \$156,410 when compared to the operating loss for 2014.

Non-operating State appropriations revenue totaled \$1,040,356 in 2015, an increase of \$199,766 when compared to 2014.

Net non-operating revenue for 2015 totaled \$638,447, compared to net non-operating expense of \$447,541 for 2014. In addition to the increase in State appropriations, this change results principally from interest expense in 2014 relating to financing fees incurred on bond obligations and an increase in net grant income.

Transfers from the State for interest due on the Commission's bonds in 2015 were \$445,914, an increase of \$21,381 when compared to 2014.

Net position increased by \$176,594 in 2015, principally due to the amount by which State appropriations exceed operating expenses.

Condensed Comparative Information

The following table reflects a summary of changes in certain balances in the statements of net position, and revenues, expenses and changes in net position (in thousands):

						Increase (decrease)			
		2016		2015		2014	2016 v 2015	_	2015 v 2014
Net position:									
Current assets	\$	25,364	\$	492	\$	215 \$	24,872	\$	277
Noncurrent assets		287		262		214	25		48
Total assets		25,651		754	_	429	24,897	-	325
Current liabilities		317		400		252	(83)		148
Noncurrent liabilities		38,400		38,400		38,400	-		-
Total liabilities	_	38,717		38,800		38,652	(83)	-	148
Net deficit position	\$	(13,066)	\$	(38,046)	\$	(38,223) \$	24,980	\$_	177
Changes in net deficit position:									
Operating revenues	\$	83	\$	23	\$	13 \$	60	\$	10
Operating expenses	·	1,205	·	931	·	765	274	-	166
Operating loss		(1,122)		(908)		(752)	(214)		(156)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		25,619		639		448	24,980		191
Contributions and transfers		483		446		425	37	_	21
Change in net deficit position	\$	24,980	\$	177	\$	121 \$	24,803	\$_	56

2016 Financial Analysis

Total assets of the Commission increased \$24,897,455 during 2016, due principally to an increase in "Due from State-restricted" for economic development incentives (I-195 Development fund).

Total liabilities increased \$24,916,865 due to increase in unearned revenue, restricted for the abovementioned economic development incentives.

2016 Operating Activity

The Commission had operating revenues of approximately \$83,268 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Total operating expenses increased approximately \$274,185 during 2016, due principally to increased legal fees related to pending purchase and sale agreements.

The operating loss of the Commission was approximately \$1,121,480 in 2016 compared to \$907,767 in 2015.

In December 2013, additional limited design investigation activities were conducted at select parcels within the District to further refine the technical designs for the pending remediation of the District parcels. The results of the work were presented to Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) in June 2014. Additionally, a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) was prepared and submitted to RIDEM on July 1, 2014, as requested by RIDEM. The RAWP included the detailed designs which will be implemented to remediate all parcels within the District, except for Parcel 30, which has a separate plan, in accordance with the previously approved remedial strategy summarized above. The Commission received a Remedial Approval Letter for the District-wide RAWP from RIDEM on October 9, 2014.

In August 2014, the Commission was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for further assessment and remediation activities of all parcels (the Assessment Grant). The award period for the USEPA Assessment Grant is October 2014 through September 2017. Additional limited design investigation, remedial planning, and clean-up activities are currently underway for Parcel 30 of the District, for which the Commission was awarded another \$200,000 grant from the USEPA in August 2015 (the Parcel 30 Clean-Up Grant). The award period for the USEPA Parcel 30 Clean-Up Grant is October 2015 through September 2018.

2015 Financial Analysis

Total assets of the Commission increased approximately \$325,000 during 2015, due principally to increases in cash, including cash restricted for due diligence activities under terms of pending purchase and sale agreements for two parcels, grants receivable and costs capitalized related to land held for sale.

Total liabilities increased approximately \$148,000 due to increases in unearned revenue for the above mentioned due diligence activities and increases in accounts payable.

2015 Operating Activity

The Commission had operating revenues of approximately \$23,000 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Total operating expenses increased approximately \$166,000 during 2015, due principally to increased legal fees related to pending purchase and sale agreements and increased property maintenance costs for snow removal.

The operating loss to the Commission was approximately \$908,000 in 2015 compared to approximately \$752,000 in 2014.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed as a general overview of the Commission's financial picture for external and internal stakeholders. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or public requests for information should be addressed to the Executive Director, I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, 315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

				2016						2015
ASSETS		I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Operating Fund		I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund	_		Total	-		Total
Current Assets:										
Cash	\$	186,922	\$		\$		186,922	9	\$	160,999
Cash, restricted	Ψ	56,349	Ψ		4		56,349		Ψ	128,144
Grants receivable		18,345					18,345			47,059
Prepaid expenses		46,040					46,040			44,937
Due from State		56,062					56,062			110,510
Due from State, restricted		,		25,000,000			25,000,000			-,
Total current assets	_	363,718		25,000,000	-		25,363,718	-		491,649
Noncurrent Assets:										
Land held for sale	_	287,351			-		287,351	-		261,965
Total assets	_	651,069		25,000,000	_		25,651,069	-		753,614
LIABILITIES										
Current Liabilities:										
Accounts payable		109,580					109,580			130,621
Accrued expenses		151,160					151,160			141,459
Unearned revenue,										
restricted		56,349			_		56,349	-		128,144
Total current liabilities	_	317,089			-		317,089	-	_	400,224
Noncurrent liabilities:										
Bonds payable	_	38,400,000			_		38,400,000	-		38,400,000
Total liabilities	_	38,717,089			_		38,717,089	-		38,800,224
Net Position:							05 000 000			
Restricted for other programs Unrestricted (deficit)	_	(38,066,020)		25,000,000			25,000,000 (38,066,020)			(38,046,610)
Net Position	\$	(38,066,020)	\$	25,000,000	\$;	(13,066,020)		\$	(38,046,610)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

		2016		2015
	I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Operating Fund	I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund	Total	Total
Operating Revenues	\$83,268	\$	\$83,268	\$22,796
Operating Expenses:				
Contractual services	714,614		714,614	585,418
Personnel services	420,817		420,817	273,857
Insurance	50,846		50,846	50,919
Other	18,471		18,471	20,369
Total operating expenses	1,204,748		1,204,748	930,563
Operating Loss	(1,121,480)		(1,121,480)	(907,767)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):				
State appropriations	1,104,325	25,000,000	26,104,325	1,040,356
Grant income	121,704		121,704	73,926
Grant expenses	(98,524)		(98,524)	(26,877)
Interest expense	(508,198)		(508,198)	(448,958)
Total nonoperating				
revenues, net	619,307	25,000,000	25,619,307	638,447
Income (Loss) before Transfers	(502,173)	25,000,000	24,497,827	(269,320)
Transfer from State	482,763		482,763	445,914
Change in Net Position	(19,410)	25,000,000	24,980,590	176,594
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year	(38,046,610)		(38,046,610)	(38,223,204)
Total Net Position, End of Year	\$(38,066,020)	\$25,000,000	\$(13,066,020)	\$(38,046,610)

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I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

	_			2016				2015
	-	I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Operating Fund		I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund		Total		Total
Cash Flows from Operating								
Activities:	\$	11,473	¢		\$	11,473	¢	145,940
Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers	φ	(797,035)			φ	(797,035)	φ	(608,565)
Payments to employees		(436,551)				(436,551)		(282,950)
Net cash used in	•	(400,001)	• •		· —	(400,001)		(202,000)
operating activities	-	(1,222,113)				(1,222,113)		(745,575)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:								
State appropriations		1,104,325				1,104,325		1,024,231
Grants received		150,418				150,418		31,867
Grant expenditures		(44,076)				(44,076)		(40,622)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	-	1,210,667				1,210,667		1,015,476
	•	1,210,007	• •		· —	1,210,007		1,010,470
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:								
Payments for land held for sale	-	(34,426)				(34,426)		(57,294)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash		(45,872)				(45,872)		212,607
Cash, Beginning of Year	-	289,143				289,143		76,536
Cash, End of Year	\$	243,271	\$	-	\$	243,271	\$	289,143
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:								
Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	\$	(1,121,480)	\$		\$	(1,121,480)	\$	(899,022)
Prepaid expenses Accounts payable		(1,103)				(1,103)		(823)
and accrued expenses		(27,735)				(27,735)		26,126
Unearned revenue, restricted		(71,795)				(71,795)		128,144
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	\$	(1,222,113)	\$	-	\$	(1,222,113)	\$	(745,575)
Supplemental Disclosure: Noncash capital and related financing activities: Interest payments transferred								
from State	\$	482,763	\$	-	\$	482,763	\$_	445,914
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Business

The I-195 Redevelopment District Commission (the Commission) was created by the Rhode Island General Assembly under Chapter 64 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. The Commission constitutes a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State of Rhode Island (the State) having a distinct legal existence from the State. It is a component unit of the State for financial reporting purposes. As such, the financial statements of the Commission will be included in the State's comprehensive annual financial report.

The Commission was established in 2011 to oversee, plan, implement and administer the areas within the I-195 Redevelopment District, including redeveloping the land reclaimed from the I-195 relocation and Washington Bridge projects.

The Commission is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

Financial Statement Presentation, Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Commission engages only in business-type activities. Business-type activities are activities that are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external users, and economic development supported by revenue from land sales.

The Commission uses the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

The Commission distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the Commission's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses include the costs resulting from services provided and administrative expenses. All other revenues and expenses are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The Commission reports the following major business-type funds:

The I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Operating Fund is the primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Commission, except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund accounts for financing activities funded from a \$25,000,000 State of Rhode Island appropriation for capital investment and project financing gaps for projects to be located within the I-195 Redevelopment District.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain items relating to the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year's financial statement presentation.

Cash Equivalents

The Commission considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Commission had no cash equivalents at June 30, 2016 and 2015.

Restricted Cash, Unearned Revenue, and Third-party Expense Reimbursement

Restricted cash and unearned revenue represent advances paid to the Commission by potential purchasers under the terms of executed purchase and sales agreements for land parcels for which the related due diligence activities are in progress. As part of these agreements, potential purchasers are required to pay the Commission specified amounts to reimburse the Commission for the cost of due diligence activities. Amounts incurred related to due diligence activities are reported as operating expenses when incurred since the Commission is the primary obligor under arrangements with vendors providing due diligence services. Amounts previously advanced to the Commission are recognized as operating revenue when the related expenses are incurred.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent the consumption of net assets that is applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred inflows of resources represent the acquisition of net assets that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Commission had no deferred inflows or outflows of resources at June 30, 2016 and 2015.

2. CASH

Bank balances of the Commission's cash, including restricted amounts, consist of the following:

	 2016	 2015
Checking account	\$ 243,271	\$ 301,749
Insured by federal depository insurance	 243,271	 250,000
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ -	\$ 51,749

The Commission assumes levels of custodial credit risk for its cash. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Commission's deposits may not be recovered. The Commission is authorized to invest excess funds by the provisions of the General Laws of the State, Chapter 37, Section 45-37.1-6, in obligations of the State and of the United States Government or certain agencies thereof, and in certificates of deposit. The Commission also is authorized to enter into repurchase agreements.

In accordance with State of Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 35-10.1, depository institutions holding deposits of the State, its agencies or governmental subdivisions of the State, are required, at a minimum, to insure or pledge eligible collateral equal to one-hundred percent of time deposits with maturities greater than sixty days. Any of these institutions which do not meet minimum capital standards prescribed by federal regulators are required to insure or pledge eligible collateral equal to one-hundred percent of deposits, regardless of maturity. The Commission does not have a separate deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

3. LAND HELD FOR SALE

During the year ended June 30, 2013, the State transferred the land associated with the former I-195 highway in Providence, Rhode Island to the Commission. The value of the land, which the Commission intends to develop, was reported as a capital contribution at the State's historical cost of \$343 per acre.

In accordance with GAAP, during the year ended June 30, 2016, the Commission capitalized costs incurred for site-specific environmental expenses related to the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP).

Changes in land held for sale were as follows:

Balance, July 1, 2014 Additions, capitalized costs	\$	213,710 48,255
Balance, June 30, 2015 Additions, capitalized costs	_	261,965 25,386
Balance, June 30, 2016	\$	287,351

4. BONDS PAYABLE

The Commission's bond indebtedness is as follows:

Economic Development Revenue Bonds:		
2013 Series A	\$	37,440,000
2013 Series B		960,000
	_	
	\$	38,400,000

In April 2013, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (Commerce RI) issued Economic Development Revenue Bonds, 2013 Series A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$37,440,000, for which the Commission is the obligor. The 2013 Series A Bonds mature in April 2033 and bear interest at the lesser of the 30-Day London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) (0.46655% at June 30, 2016) plus applicable margin, or 7.75%. Applicable margin is the rate that corresponds to the lesser of the two long-term general obligation bond ratings of the State from Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) and Standard & Poor's (S&P) in the following table:

State bond rating- S&P / Moody's	Applicable Margin
AA/Aa2, or higher	
AA-/Aa3	1.00%
۸/٨1	1.17%
,,	1.37%
A/A2	1.57%
A-/A3	1.82%
A+/A1 A/A2	1.37% 1.57%

At June 30, 2016, the State's general obligation bonds were rated AA and Aa2 by S&P and Moody's, respectively. As such, at June 30, 2016, the 2013 Series A Bonds bore interest at 1.46655%.

Concurrent with the issuance of the 2013 Series A Bonds, Commerce RI issued Economic Development Bonds, 2013 Series B (federally taxable), in the aggregate principal amount of \$960,000, for which the Commission is the obligor. The 2013 Series B Bonds mature in April 2019 and bear interest at the lesser of the 30-Day LIBOR (0.46655% at June 30, 2016) plus applicable taxable margin, or 7.75%. Applicable taxable margin is the rate that corresponds to the lesser of the two long-term bond ratings of the State from Moody's and S&P in the following table:

State bond rating- S&P / Moody's	Applicable Taxable Margin
AA/Aa2, or higher	
AA-/Aa3	1.15%
A+/A1	1.32%
A/A2	1.52%
A-/A3	1.72%
	1.97%

Based on the State's most recent bond ratings, the 2013 Series B bonds bore interest at 1.61655% at June 30, 2016.

Proceeds from the 2013 Series A and B Bonds were transferred by the Commission to the State.

Simultaneous with the issuance of the 2013 Series A and B Bonds, the Commission, Commerce RI, and Santander Bank (the Bank) entered into a bond purchase agreement under the terms of which the 2013 Series A and B Bonds were purchased by the Bank. The Bank holds a mandatory tender option to sell the bonds to Commerce RI on either April 1, 2023 or April 1, 2028.

Concurrent with the issuance of the 2013 Series A and B Bonds, the State entered into separate rate cap transaction agreements with the Bank for each bond series (the 2013 Series A and B Rate Cap Agreements). Under the terms of the 2013 Series A Rate Cap Agreement, the State paid the Bank \$658,500. In exchange, the Bank agreed to pay the State interest on a monthly basis at 30-Day LIBOR, to the extent 30-Day LIBOR exceeds the interest rate cap, on the notional amount, which mirrors the scheduled principal balance of the 2013 Series A Bonds, through April 1, 2023. The interest rate under the 2013 Series A Rate Cap Agreement is capped at 6.75%. Under the terms of the 2013 Series B Rate Cap Agreement, the Bank agreed to pay the State interest on a monthly basis at 30-Day LIBOR (0.46655% at June 30, 2016), to the extent 30-Day LIBOR exceeds the interest rate cap, on the notional amount, which mirrors the scheduled principal balance of the 2013 Series B Bonds, through April 1, 2019. The State made no payment to the Bank under the terms of that agreement. The interest rate under the 2013 Series B Rate Cap Agreement is capped at 6.85%. At June 30, 2016 and 2015, the fair value of the 2013 Series A and B Rate Cap Agreements was \$57,075 and \$158,984, respectively, and is estimated as the amount the Bank would receive to terminate the Rate Cap Agreements at the reporting dates, taking into account current interest rates and the current credit worthiness of the counterparties.

Repayment of the 2013 Series A and B Bonds shall be solely from i) appropriated funds, if any, made available and appropriated by the General Assembly of the State for bond payments, but not for payment of administrative expenses and ii) pledged receipts, which are the net proceeds derived from the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition of any interest in all or any portion of the I-195 land owned by the Commission.

The Commission has pledged and granted to Commerce RI a security interest, which has been assigned to the bond trustee, in all pledged receipts and all deposits in the bond, project, expense and credit facility funds established with the bond trustee.

To the extent that the Commission has insufficient funds to meet its payment obligations under the bonds, it shall seek appropriations from the State; however, there are no assurances that the State will appropriate amounts to fund the Commission's payment obligations.

At June 30, 2016, aggregate scheduled principal and interest payments due on the Commission's bonds, based on rates in effect as of June 30, 2016 and as if the Bank waives its mandatory tender options, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal		Interest
2017	\$	\$	564,595
2018			564,595
2019	1,420,000)	558,978
2020	1,540,000		536,794
2021	1,660,000)	513,769
2022-2026	10,485,000)	2,154,949
2027-2031	15,335,000)	1,237,328
2032-2033	7,960,000)	148,672
	\$ 38,400,000)\$	6,279,680

There were no additions to or reductions of bonds payable during the years ended June 30, 2016 or 2015.

5. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Contractual services by category for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, are as follows:

	_	2016	 2015
Consulting Professional Maintenance Interim use	\$	192,810 376,919 109,098 35,787	\$ 201,766 255,119 114,788 13,745
	\$	714,614	\$ 585,418

6. STATE APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS FROM STATE

During the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, the Commission received \$1,104,325 and \$1,040,356, respectively, in appropriations by the General Assembly of the State to fund operating expenses. These appropriations are made in connection with the State's annual budgetary process and are therefore dependent upon the State's general financial resources and factors affecting such resources. The Commission is dependent upon such annual appropriations to fund its operating expenses.

During the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, the Commission received \$482,763 and \$445,914, respectively, in transfers from the State to fund debt service for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. The Commission is dependent upon such transfers to fund its debt service on its outstanding bonds.

The I-195 Redevelopment Project Fund was established through legislative action under the jurisdiction of and to be administered by the Commission in order to further the goals set forth in Chapter 42-64.14 of the Rhode Island General Laws to promote, among other purposes, the development and attraction of advanced industries and innovation on and near the I-195 land in order to enhance Rhode Island's economic vitality. The Commission has recognized the appropriation of \$25,000,000 into revenue and has reflected it as restricted net position as of June 30, 2016.

7. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Environmental Remediation and Subsequent Event

Since 2012, several environmental studies have been performed on the land within and adjacent to the I-195 Redevelopment District (the District) on behalf of the Commission. These studies, conducted by multiple parties during different stages of the highway relocation and redevelopment, have resulted in an understanding of the environmental conditions and the associated regulatory and financial implications. The data generated from the most recent studies was compiled with the historical data available from previous studies in a comprehensive Site Investigation Report which was submitted to, and approved by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) in a Remedial Decision Letter, dated October 8, 2013. This formal regulatory approval confirms that site investigation activities have been completed in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements and to the satisfaction of RIDEM, appropriate public notices have been completed, and that RIDEM has concurred with the development of individual parcels within the District, will consist of capping existing soil with clean fill or structures, and the implementation of a vapor barrier below habitable structures to be constructed at specific parcels.

In December 2013, additional limited design investigation activities were conducted at select parcels within the District to further refine the technical designs for the pending remediation of the District parcels. The results of the work were presented to RIDEM in June 2014. Additionally, a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) was prepared and submitted to RIDEM on July 1, 2014, as requested by RIDEM. The RAWP included the detailed designs which will be implemented to remediate all parcels within the District, except for Parcel 30, which has a separate plan, in accordance with the previously approved remedial strategy summarized above. The Commission received a Remedial Approval Letter for the District-wide RAWP from RIDEM on October 9, 2014. In August 2014, the Commission was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for further assessment and remediation activities of all parcels (the Assessment Grant). The award period for the USEPA Assessment Grant is October 2014 through September 2017. The accompanying 2016 financial statements include \$121,704 in grant income based on expending approximately \$121,704 of the USEPA Assessment Grant award, \$98,524 as grant expenses and \$23,180 in costs related to land held for sale.

Additional limited design investigation, remedial planning, and clean-up activities are currently underway for Parcel 30 of the District, for which the Commission was awarded another \$240,000 grant from the USEPA in August 2015 (the Parcel 30 Clean-Up Grant). The award period for the USEPA Parcel 30 Clean-Up Grant is October 2015 through September 2018.

Excluding Parcel 30, the measures described above will be implemented concurrent with the development of individual parcels within the District. The obligation to complete these environmental remediation measures will be borne by the purchasers of the individual parcels within the District. Accordingly, no environmental remediation liability is reported in the accompanying statements of net position.

Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors and omissions, property casualty and liability, and workers' compensation claims for which the Commission carries commercial insurance. Management believes the Commission has access to sufficient funds for potential claims, if any, that are subject to deductibles or are in excess of stated coverage maximums. The Commission is not aware of any potential claims. Accordingly, the Commission has not recorded a reserve for potential claims.

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) COMBINED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/Program Title Pass-Through Grantor		<u>_</u>	Federal Expenditures			
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818	\$_	98,524			
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		\$	98,524			

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATE OF RHODE ISLAND REQUIRED FORMAT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2016

	Attachment B			
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 186,922			
Investments	÷ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Receivables (net)				
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	56,349			
Investments				
Receivables (net)				
Other assets				
Due from primary government	25,056,062			
Due from other component units	20,000,002			
Due from other governments	18,345			
Inventories				
Other assets	46,040			
Total current assets	25,363,718			
Noncurrent assets:				
Investments				
Receivables (net)				
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Investments				
Receivables (net)				
Other assets				
Due from other component units				
Land held for sale	287,351			
Capital assets - depreciable (net)	,			
Other assets, net of amortization				
Total noncurrent assets	287,351			
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Total assets	25,651,069			
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Deferred outflows of resources:				
Accumulated decrease in fair value of hedging derivatives				

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I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATE OF RHODE ISLAND REQUIRED FORMAT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2016

	Attachment B			
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Cash overdraft				
Accounts payable	\$ 109,580			
Due to primary government	÷,			
Due to other component units				
Due to other governments				
Unearned revenue, restricted	56,349			
Other liabilities	151,160			
Current portion of long-term debt				
Total current liabilities	317,089			
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Due to primary government				
Due to other governments				
Due to other component units				
Unearned revenue				
Notes payable				
Loans payable				
Obligations under capital leases				
Other liabilities				
Compensated absences	28,400,000			
Bonds payable	38,400,000			
Total noncurrent liabilities	38,400,000			
Total liabilities	38,717,089			
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Accumulated increase in fair value of hedging derivatives				
Deferred service concession agreement receipts				
Total deferred inflows of resources				
Net (deficit) position:				
Investment in capital assets				
Restricted for:				
Debt				
Other	25,000,000			
Other nonexpendable				
Unrestricted	(38,066,020)			
Net (deficit) position	\$ (13,066,020)			

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATE OF RHODE ISLAND REQUIRED FORMAT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2016

	Attachment C		
Expenses	\$1,811,470		
Program revenues: Charges for services Operating grants and contributions Capital grants and contributions Total program revenues	83,268 26,708,792 26,792,060		
Net (expenses) revenues	24,980,590		
General revenues: Interest and investment earnings Miscellaneous revenue Total general revenues			
Income before contributions, transfers, and special and extraordinary items	24,980,590		
Transfers to State, bond proceeds Special items Extraordinary items Total contributions and transfers			
Change in net deficit position	24,980,590		
Total net position - beginning	(38,046,610)		
Total net position - ending	\$(13,066,020)		

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATE OF RHODE ISLAND REQUIRED FORMAT SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE JUNE 30, 2016

Bonds Payable		 Attachment D		
Fiscal Year Ending June 30	 Principal	 Interest		
2017		\$ 564,595		
2018		564,595		
2019	\$ 1,420,000	558,978		
2020	1,540,000	536,794		
2021	1,660,000	513,769		
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2031-2033	 7,960,000	 148,672		
	\$ 38,400,000	\$ 6,279,680		

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) STATE OF RHODE ISLAND REQUIRED FORMAT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT JUNE 30, 2016

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	-	Beginning Balance	 Additions	_	Reductions		Ending Balance		Amounts Due Within One Year		Amounts Due Thereafter	
Bonds payable Net unamortized premium/discount Deferred amount on refunding	\$	38,400,000	\$	\$		\$	38,400,000	\$		\$	38,400,000	
Bonds payable		38,400,000					38,400,000				38,400,000	
Obligations under capital leases Net OPEB obligation Compensated absences Loans payable Notes payable Due to primary government Due to other governments and agencies Unearned revenue Due to other State component units												
Other liabilities	-											
	\$_	38,400,000	\$ -	\$	_	\$	38,400,000	\$	_	\$	38,400,000	



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Independent Auditors' 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*

Board of Commissioners I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Providence, Rhode Island

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, a component unit of the State of Rhode Island, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 4, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a 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 that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its 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, 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 noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Blum, Shapino + Company, P.C.

Cranston, Rhode Island November 4, 2016