
DREYFUS MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET FUND

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION APRIL 1, 2008

This Statement of Additional Information, which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus of Dreyfus Massachusetts Municipal Money Market Fund (the “Fund”), dated April 1, 2008, as the Prospectus may be revised from time to time. To obtain a copy of the Fund’s Prospectus, please call your financial adviser, or write to the Fund at 144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11556-0144, visit www.dreyfus.com, or call one of the following numbers:

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The Fund’s most recent Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders are separate documents supplied with this Statement of Additional Information, and the financial statements, accompanying notes and report of the independent registered public accounting firm appearing in the Annual Report are incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND

The Fund is a Massachusetts business trust that commenced operations on March 1, 1991. The Fund is an open-end, management investment company, known as a municipal money market mutual fund. As a municipal money market fund, the Fund invests in debt obligations issued by states, territories and possessions of the United States and the District of Columbia and their political sub-divisions, agencies and instrumentalities, or multistate agencies or authorities, and certain other specified securities, the interest from which is, in the opinion of bond counsel to the issuer, exempt from Federal income tax (“Municipal Obligations”).

The Dreyfus Corporation (the “Manager” or “Dreyfus”) serves as the Fund’s investment adviser.

MBSC Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”) is the distributor of the Fund’s shares.

Certain Portfolio Securities

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s Prospectus.

Municipal Obligations. As a fundamental policy, the Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in the Municipal Obligations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its political subdivisions, authorities and corporations, and certain other specified securities, that provide income exempt from Federal and Commonwealth of Massachusetts personal income taxes (collectively, “Massachusetts Municipal Obligations”). To the extent acceptable Massachusetts Municipal Obligations are at any time unavailable for investment by the Fund, the Fund will invest temporarily in other Municipal Obligations, the interest from which is, in the opinion of bond counsel to the issuer, exempt from Federal, but not Commonwealth of Massachusetts, income tax. Municipal Obligations generally include debt obligations issued to obtain funds for various public purposes as well as certain industrial development bonds issued by or on behalf of public authorities. Municipal Obligations are classified as general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and notes. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer’s pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. Revenue bonds are payable from the revenue derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source, but not from the general taxing power. Tax exempt industrial development bonds, in most cases, are revenue bonds that do not carry the pledge of the credit of the issuing municipality, but generally are guaranteed by the corporate entity on whose behalf they are issued. Notes are short-term instruments which are obligations of the issuing municipalities or agencies and are sold in anticipation of a bond sale, collection of taxes or receipt of other revenues. Municipal Obligations include municipal lease/purchase agreements, which are similar to installment purchase contracts for property or equipment issued by municipalities. Municipal Obligations bear fixed, floating or variable rates of interest.

The yields on Municipal Obligations are dependent on a variety of factors, including general economic and monetary conditions, money market factors, conditions in the Municipal Obligations market, size of a particular offering, maturity of the obligation, and rating of the issue.

Municipal Obligations include certain private activity bonds (a type of revenue bond), the income from which is subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). The Fund may invest without limitation in such Municipal Obligations if the Manager determines that their purchase is consistent with the Fund’s investment objective.

Certain Tax Exempt Obligations. The Fund may purchase floating and variable rate demand notes and bonds, which are tax exempt obligations ordinarily having stated maturities in excess of 13 months, but which permit the holder to demand payment of principal at any time or at specified intervals not exceeding 13 months, in each case upon not more than 30 days' notice. Variable rate demand notes include master demand notes which are obligations that permit the Fund to invest fluctuating amounts, at varying rates of interest, pursuant to direct arrangements between the Fund, as lender, and the borrower. These obligations permit daily changes in the amount borrowed. Because these obligations are direct lending arrangements between the lender and borrower, it is not contemplated that such instruments generally will be traded, and there generally is no established secondary market for these obligations, although they are redeemable at face value, plus accrued interest. Accordingly, where these obligations are not secured by letters of credit or other credit support arrangements, the Fund's right to redeem is dependent on the ability of the borrower to pay principal and interest on demand. Each obligation purchased by the Fund will meet the quality criteria established for the purchase of Municipal Obligations.

Derivative Products. The Fund may purchase various derivative products whose value is tied to underlying Municipal Obligations. The Fund will purchase only those derivative products that are consistent with its investment objective and policies and comply with the quality, maturity and diversification standards of Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The principal types of derivative products are described below.

1. Tax Exempt Participation Interests. Tax exempt participation interests (such as industrial development bonds and municipal lease/purchase agreements) give the Fund an undivided interest in a Municipal Obligation in the proportion that the Fund's participation interest bears to the total principal amount of the Municipal Obligation. Participation interests may have fixed, floating or variable rates of interest, and are frequently backed by an irrevocable letter of credit or guarantee of a bank.

2. Tender Option Bonds. Tender option bonds grant the holder an option to tender an underlying Municipal Obligation at par plus accrued interest at specified intervals to a financial institute that acts as a liquidity provider. The holder of a tender option bond effectively holds a demand obligation that bears interest at the prevailing short-term tax exempt rate.

3. Custodial Receipts. In a typical custodial receipt arrangement, an issuer of a Municipal Obligation deposits it with a custodian in exchange for two classes of custodial receipts. One class has the characteristics of a typical auction rate security, where at specified intervals its interest rate is adjusted and ownership changes. The other class's interest rate also is adjusted, but inversely to changes in the interest rate of the first class.

4. Structured Notes. Structured notes typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions, and, therefore, may not have an active trading market. When the Fund purchases a structured note, it will make a payment of principal to the counterparty. Some structured notes have a guaranteed repayment of principal while others place a portion (or all) of the principal at risk. The possibility of default by the counterparty or its credit provider may be greater for structured notes than for other types of money market instruments.

Ratings of Municipal Obligations. The Fund may invest only in those Municipal Obligations which are rated in one of the two highest rating categories for debt obligations by at least two rating organizations (or one rating organization if the instrument was rated by only one such organization) or, if unrated, are of comparable quality as determined in accordance with procedures established by the Fund's Board.

The average distribution of investments (at value) in Municipal Obligations (including notes) by ratings for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2007, computed on a monthly basis, was as follows:

Fitch Ratings (“Fitch”)	or	Moody’s Investors Service Inc. (“Moody’s”)	or	Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“S&P”)	Percentage of Value
F-1+/F-1		VMIG 1/MIG 1,P-1		SP-1+/SP-1,A-1+/A-1	89.5%
AA		Aa		AA	4.2%
Not Rated		Not Rated		Not Rated	6.3% ¹
					<u>100.0%</u>

If, subsequent to its purchase by the Fund, (a) an issue of rated Municipal Obligations ceases to be rated in the highest rating category by at least two rating organizations (or one rating organization if the instrument was rated by only one such organization) or the Fund’s Board determines that it is no longer of comparable quality or (b) the Manager becomes aware that any portfolio security not so highly rated or any unrated security has been given a rating by any rating organization below the rating organization’s second highest rating category, the Fund’s Board will reassess promptly whether such security presents minimal credit risk and will cause the Fund to take such action as it determines is in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders; provided that the reassessment required by clause (b) is not required if the portfolio security is disposed of or matures within five business days of the Manager becoming aware of the new rating and the Fund’s Board is subsequently notified of the Manager’s actions.

To the extent the ratings given by Moody’s, S&P or Fitch (collectively, the “Rating Agencies”) for Municipal Obligations may change as a result of changes in such organization or their rating systems, the Fund will attempt to use comparable ratings as standards for its investments in accordance with the investment policies described in the Fund’s Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information. The ratings of the Rating Agencies represent their opinions as to the quality of the Municipal Obligations which they undertake to rate. It should be emphasized, however, that ratings are relative and subjective and are not absolute standards of quality. Although these ratings may be an initial criterion for selection of portfolio investments, the Manager also will evaluate these securities and the creditworthiness of the issuers of such securities.

Taxable Investments. From time to time, on a temporary basis other than for temporary defensive purposes (but not to exceed 20% of the value of the Fund’s net assets) or for temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest in taxable short-term investments (“Taxable Investments”) consisting of: notes of issuers having, at the time of purchase, a quality rating within the two highest grades of a Rating Agency; obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; commercial paper rated not lower than P-2 by Moody’s, A-2 by S&P or F-2 by Fitch; certificates of deposit of U.S. domestic banks, including foreign branches of domestic banks, with assets of \$1 billion or more; time deposits; bankers’ acceptances and other short-term bank obligations; and repurchase agreements in respect of any of the foregoing. Dividends paid by the Fund that are attributable to income earned by the Fund from Taxable Investments will be taxable to investors. See “Dividends, Distributions and Taxes.” Except for temporary defensive purposes, at no time will more than 20% of the value of the Fund’s net assets be invested in Taxable Investments. If the Fund purchases Taxable Investments, it will value them using the amortized cost method and comply with the provisions of Rule 2a-7 relating to purchases of taxable instruments. When the Fund has adopted a temporary defensive position, including when acceptable Massachusetts

¹ Included in the not rated category are securities which, while not rated, all have been determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality to securities in the MIG1/SP-1/F-1 rating category.

Municipal Obligations are unavailable for investment by the Fund, in excess of 20% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in securities that are not exempt from Commonwealth of Massachusetts income tax. Under normal market conditions, the Fund anticipates that not more than 5% of the value of its total assets will be invested in any one category of Taxable Investments.

Illiquid Securities. The Fund may invest up to 10% of the value of its net assets in securities as to which a liquid trading market does not exist, provided such investments are consistent with the Fund's investment objective. Such securities may include securities that are not readily marketable, such as securities subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, and repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice. As to these securities, the Fund is subject to a risk that should the Fund desire to sell them when a ready buyer is not available at a price the Fund deems representative of their value, the value of the Fund's net assets could be adversely affected.

Investment Techniques

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's Prospectus.

Borrowing Money. The Fund may borrow money from banks, but only for temporary or emergency (not leveraging) purposes, in an amount up to 15% of the value of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) valued at the lesser of cost or market, less liabilities (not including the amount borrowed) at the time the borrowing is made. While such borrowings exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets, the Fund will not make any additional investments.

Stand-By Commitments. The Fund may acquire "stand-by commitments" with respect to Municipal Obligations held in its portfolio. Under a stand-by commitment, the Fund obligates a broker, dealer or bank to repurchase, at the Fund's option, specified securities at a specified price and, in this respect, stand-by commitments are comparable to put options. The exercise of a stand-by commitment, therefore, is subject to the ability of the seller to make payment on demand. The Fund will acquire stand-by commitments solely to facilitate portfolio liquidity and does not intend to exercise its rights thereunder for trading purposes. The Fund may pay for stand-by commitments if such action is deemed necessary, thus increasing to a degree the cost of the underlying Municipal Obligation and similarly decreasing such security's yield to investors. Gains realized in connection with stand-by commitments will be taxable.

Forward Commitments. The Fund may purchase Municipal Obligations and other securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery basis which means that delivery and payment take place in the future after the date of the commitment to purchase. The payment obligation and the interest rate receivable on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery security are fixed when the Fund enters into the commitment, but the Fund does not make payment until it receives delivery from the counterparty. The Fund will commit to purchase such securities only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but the Fund may sell these securities before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal at all times to the amount of the Fund's purchase commitments.

Municipal Obligations and other securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery basis are subject to changes in value (generally changing in the same way, i.e., appreciating when interest rates decline and depreciating when interest rates rise) based upon the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery basis may expose the Fund to risks because they may experience such fluctuations prior to their actual delivery. Purchasing

securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery basis can involve the additional risk that the yield available in the market when the delivery takes place actually may be higher than that obtained in the transaction itself. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery basis when the Fund is fully or almost fully invested may result in greater potential fluctuation in the value of the Fund's net assets and its net asset value per share.

Certain Investment Considerations and Risks

General. The Fund attempts to increase yields by trading to take advantage of short-term market variations. This policy is expected to result in high portfolio turnover but should not adversely affect the Fund since the Fund usually does not pay brokerage commissions when purchasing short-term obligations. The value of the portfolio securities held by the Fund will vary inversely to changes in prevailing interest rates. Thus, if interest rates have increased from the time a security was purchased, such security, if sold, might be sold at a price less than its cost. Similarly, if interest rates have declined from the time a security was purchased, such security, if sold, might be sold at a price greater than its purchase cost. In either instance, if the security was purchased at face value and held to maturity, no gain or loss would be realized.

Investing in Municipal Obligations. The Fund may invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in Municipal Obligations which are related in such a way that an economic, business or political development or change affecting one such security also would affect the other securities; for example, securities the interest upon which is paid from revenues of similar types of projects. As a result, the Fund may be subject to greater risk as compared to a municipal money market fund that does not follow this practice.

Certain municipal lease/purchase obligations in which the Fund may invest may contain "non-appropriation" clauses which provide that the municipality has no obligation to make lease payments in future years unless money is appropriated for such purpose on a yearly basis. Although "non-appropriation" lease/purchase obligations are secured by the leased property, disposition of the leased property in the event of foreclosure might prove difficult. In evaluating the credit quality of a municipal lease/purchase obligation that is unrated, the Manager will consider, on an ongoing basis, a number of factors including the likelihood that the issuing municipality will discontinue appropriating funds for the leased property.

Certain provisions in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), relating to the issuance of Municipal Obligations may reduce the volume of Municipal Obligations qualifying for Federal tax exemption. One effect of these provisions could be to increase the cost of the Municipal Obligations available for purchase by the Fund and thus reduce available yield. Shareholders should consult their tax advisers concerning the effect of these provisions on an investment in the Fund. Proposals that may restrict or eliminate the income tax exemption for interest on Municipal Obligations may be introduced in the future. If any such proposal were enacted that would reduce the availability of Municipal Obligations for investment by the Fund so as to adversely affect Fund shareholders, the Fund would reevaluate its investment objective and policies and submit possible changes in the Fund's structure to shareholders for their consideration. If legislation were enacted that would treat a type of Municipal Obligation as taxable, the Fund would treat such security as a permissible Taxable Investment within the applicable limits set forth herein.

Investing in Massachusetts Municipal Obligations. Since the Fund is concentrated in securities issued by Massachusetts or entities within Massachusetts, an investment in the Fund may involve greater risk than investments in certain other types of municipal money market funds. You should consider

carefully the special risks inherent in the Fund's investment in Massachusetts Municipal Obligations. You should review the information in "Appendix A" which provides a brief summary of special investment considerations and risk factors relating to investing in Massachusetts Municipal Obligations.

Investment Restrictions

The Fund's investment objective, and its policy to invest normally at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in Massachusetts Municipal Obligations (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics), are fundamental policies, which cannot be changed without approval by the holders of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting shares. In addition, the Fund has adopted investment restrictions numbered 1 through 10 as fundamental policies. Investment restriction number 11 is not a fundamental policy and may be changed by a vote of a majority of the Fund's Board members at any time. The Fund may not:

1. Purchase securities other than Municipal Obligations and Taxable Investments as those terms are defined above and in the Prospectus.
2. Borrow money, except from banks for temporary or emergency (not leveraging) purposes in an amount up to 15% of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the amount borrowed) based on the lesser of cost or market, less liabilities (not including the amount borrowed) at the time the borrowing is made. While borrowings exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets, the Fund will not make any additional investments.
3. Pledge, hypothecate, mortgage or otherwise encumber its assets, except to secure borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes.
4. Sell securities short or purchase securities on margin.
5. Underwrite the securities of other issuers, except that the Fund may bid separately or as part of a group for the purchase of Municipal Obligations directly from an issuer for its own portfolio to take advantage of the lower purchase price available.
6. Purchase or sell real estate, real estate investment trust securities, commodities or commodity contracts, or oil and gas interests, but this shall not prevent the Fund from investing in Municipal Obligations secured by real estate or interests therein.
7. Make loans to others, except through the purchase of qualified debt obligations and the entry into repurchase agreements referred to above and in the Fund's Prospectus.
8. Invest more than 25% of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry; provided that there shall be no such limitation on the purchase of Municipal Obligations and, for temporary defensive purposes, obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.
9. Invest in companies for the purpose of exercising control.
10. Invest in securities of other investment companies, except as they may be acquired as part of a merger, consolidation or acquisition of assets.

11. Enter into repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice or purchase securities which are illiquid, if, in the aggregate, more than 10% of its net assets would be so invested.

For purposes of Investment Restriction No. 8, industrial development bonds, where the payment of principal and interest is the ultimate responsibility of companies within the same industry, are grouped together as an “industry.”

If a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from a change in values or assets will not constitute a violation of such restriction.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Fund’s Board is responsible for the management and supervision of the Fund and approves all significant agreements with those companies that furnish services to the Fund. These companies are as follows:

The Dreyfus Corporation	Investment Adviser
MBSC Securities Corporation.	Distributor
Dreyfus Transfer, Inc.	Transfer Agent
The Bank of New York.....	Custodian

Board Members of the Fund¹

Board members of the Fund, together with information as to their positions with the Fund, principal occupations and other board memberships and affiliations, are shown below.

Name (Age) Position with Fund (Since)	Principal Occupation <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino (64) Chairman of the Board (1995)	Corporate Director and Trustee	The Muscular Dystrophy Association, <i>Director</i> Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, <i>Director</i> The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, <i>Director</i> Sunair Services Corporation, a provider of certain outdoor-related services to homes and businesses, <i>Director</i>
David W. Burke (71) Board Member (1994)	Corporate Director and Trustee	John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, <i>Director</i>

Name (Age) Position with Fund (Since)	Principal Occupation <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</u>
William Hodding Carter III (72) Board Member (2006)	Professor of Leadership & Public Policy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (January 1, 2006 – present) President and Chief Executive Officer of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (February 1, 1998 – February 1, 2006)	The Century Foundation, <i>Emeritus Director</i> The Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, <i>Director</i>
Gordon J. Davis (66) Board Member (1995)	Partner in the law firm of Dewey and LeBoeuf LLP President, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. (2001)	Consolidated Edison, Inc., a utility company, <i>Director</i> Phoenix Companies, Inc., a life insurance company, <i>Director</i> Board Member/Trustee for several not-for- profit groups
Joni Evans (65) Board Member (1991)	Principal, Joni Evans Ltd. Senior Vice President of the William Morris Agency (2005)	None
Ehud Houminer (67) Board Member (2006)	Executive-in-Residence at the Columbia Business School, Columbia University	Avnet Inc., an electronics distributor, <i>Director</i> International Advisory Board to the MBA Program School of Management, Ben Gurion University, <i>Chairman</i>
Richard C. Leone (67) Board Member (2006)	President of The Century Foundation (formerly, The Twentieth Century Fund, Inc.), a tax exempt research foundation engaged in the study of economic, foreign policy and domestic issues	The American Prospect, <i>Director</i> Center for American Progress, <i>Director</i>
Hans C. Mautner (70) Board Member (2006)	President – International Division and an Advisory Director of Simon Property Group, a real estate investment company (1998-present) Director and Vice Chairman of Simon Property Group (1998-2003) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Simon Global Limited (1999-present)	Capital and Regional PLC, a British co- investing real estate asset manager, <i>Director</i> Member – Board of Managers of: Mezzacappa Long/Short Fund LLC Mezzacappa Partners LLC
Robin A. Melvin (44) Board Member (2006)	Director, Boisi Family Foundation, a private family foundation that supports youth-serving organizations that promote the self sufficiency of youth from disadvantaged circumstances	None
Burton N. Wallack (57) Board Member (1991)	President and Co-owner of Wallack Management Company, a real estate management company	None

<u>Name (Age)</u> <u>Position with Fund (Since)</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u> <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</u>
John E. Zuccotti (70) Board Member (2006)	Chairman of Brookfield Financial Properties, Inc. Senior Counsel of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP Chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York	Emigrant Savings Bank, <i>Director</i> Wellpoint, Inc., <i>Director</i> Visiting Nurse Service of New York, <i>Director</i> Columbia University, <i>Trustee</i> Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, <i>Trustee</i>

¹ None of the Board members are “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act.

Board members are elected to serve for an indefinite term. The Fund has standing audit, nominating and compensation committees, each comprised of its Board members who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act. The function of the audit committee is (i) to oversee the Fund’s accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Fund’s financial statements and (ii) to assist in the Board’s oversight of the integrity of the Fund’s financial statements, the Fund’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the independent registered public accounting firm’s qualifications, independence and performance. The Fund’s nominating committee, among other things, is responsible for selecting and nominating persons as members of the Board for election or appointment by the Board and for election by shareholders. In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by shareholders, the committee takes into consideration various factors listed in the nominating committee charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the committee believes the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of the Fund and its shareholders. The nominating committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Fund, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor East, New York, New York 10166, which includes information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the nominating committee charter. The function of the compensation committee is to establish the appropriate compensation for serving on the Board. The Fund also has a standing evaluation committee comprised of any one Board member. The function of the evaluation committee is to assist in valuing the Fund’s investments. The Fund’s audit committee met four times and the compensation and nominating committees each met once during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2007. The evaluation committee did not meet during the last fiscal year.

The table below indicates the dollar range of each Board member’s ownership of Fund shares and shares of other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which he or she is a Board member, in each case as of December 31, 2007.

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>The Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Holding of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which Responsible as a Board Member</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	None	Over \$100,000
David W. Burke	None	Over \$100,000
William Hodding Carter III	None	None
Gordon J. Davis	None	\$50,001 - \$100,000

Joni Evans	None	None
Ehud Houminer	None	\$1 - \$10,000
Richard C. Leone	None	Over \$100,000
Hans C. Mautner	None	Over \$100,000
Robin A. Melvin	None	Over \$100,000
Burton N. Wallack	None	None
John E. Zuccotti	None	Over \$100,000

As of December 31, 2007, none of the Board members or their immediate family members owned securities of the Manager, the Distributor or any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Manager or the Distributor.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Fund pays its Board members its allocated portion of an annual retainer of \$50,000 and a fee of \$6,500 per meeting (with a minimum of \$500 per meeting and per telephone meeting) attended for the Fund and 17 other funds (comprised of 30 portfolios) in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and reimburses them for their expenses. (Prior to January 1, 2007, the annual retainer and per meeting attended fee were \$30,000 and \$4,000, respectively.) The Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation. Emeritus Board members receive an annual retainer and a per meeting fee of one-half the amount payable to them as Board members. The aggregate amount of compensation paid to each Board member by the Fund for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2007, and by all funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which such person was a Board member (the number of portfolios of such funds is set forth in parenthesis next to each Board member's total compensation) during the year ended December 31, 2007, was as follows:

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Fund *</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Board Member (**)</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	\$1,455	\$819,865 (196)
David W. Burke	\$1,165	\$347,479 (83)
William Hodding Carter III	\$1,100	\$ 84,729 (30)
Gordon J. Davis	\$1,165	\$137,942 (39)
Joni Evans	\$ 968	\$ 78,229 (30)
Arnold S. Hiatt ⁺	\$ 581	\$ 43,346 (30)
Ehud Houminer	\$1,100	\$233,500 (79)
Richard C. Leone	\$1,021	\$ 78,000 (30)
Hans C. Mautner	\$1,021	\$ 77,729 (30)

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Fund *</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Board Member (**)</u>
Robin A. Melvin	\$1,021	\$ 78,729 (30)
Burton N. Wallack	\$1,165	\$ 85,229 (30)
John E. Zuccotti	\$1,100	\$ 84,729 (30)

* Amount does not include the cost of office space, secretarial services and health benefits for the Chairman and expenses reimbursed to Board members for attending Board meetings, which in the aggregate amounted to \$1,772.

** Represents the number of separate portfolios comprising the investment companies in the Fund Complex, including the Fund, for which the Board member serves.

+ Emeritus Board member since May 26, 2007.

Officers of the Fund

J. DAVID OFFICER, President since December 2006. Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chairman and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 59 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1998.

PHILLIP N. MAISANO, Executive Vice President since July 2007. Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Maisano also is an officer and/or board member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 2006. Prior to joining the Manager, Mr. Maisano served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EACM Advisors, an affiliate of the Manager, since August 2004, and served as Chief Executive Officer of Evaluation Associates, a leading institutional investment consulting firm, from 1988 until 2004.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001. Director-Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Vice President and Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

JAMES BITETTO, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel and Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 41 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since December 1996.

JONI LACKS CHARATAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate

General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 52 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

JOSEPH M. CHIOFFI, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 2000.

JANETTE E. FARRAGHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1984.

JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 56 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 42 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since January 2008. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since 1982.

GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005. Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 39 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1991.

ROBERT S. ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since August 2003. Senior Accounting Manager – Fixed Income Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since August 2003. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1989.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since August 2005. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios)

managed by the Manager. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 1990.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since October 2002. Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 75 investment companies (comprised of 176 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 37 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since September 2004. Chief Compliance Officer of the Manager and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (79 investment companies, comprised of 180 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was first Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third-party mutual fund clients. He is 50 years old and has served in various capacities with the Manager since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.

The address of each Board member and officer of the Fund is 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

The Fund's Board members and officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of the Fund's shares outstanding on March 10, 2008.

The following shareholders owned of record 5% or more of the Fund's shares outstanding on March 10, 2008: Saturn & Co., c/o Investors Bank & Trust Company, PO Box 9130, Boston, MA 02117-9130 (32.56%); SEI Private Trust Company, c/o HDCM, Attn. Mutual Funds, One Freedom Valley Dr., Oaks, PA 19456 (17.38%); Banc of America Securities LLC, 200 N. College Street, Fl. 3, Charlotte, NC 28255-0001 (5.26%); and Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, 1801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7628 (5.17%).

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Investment Adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon"), a global financial holding company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 37 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations, and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team.

The Manager provides management services pursuant to a Management Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Fund and the Manager. The Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Fund's Board or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, provided that in either event the continuance also is approved by a majority of the Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or the Manager by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Agreement is terminable without penalty, on 60 days' notice, by the Fund's Board or by vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund's shares, or, on not less than 90 days' notice, by the Manager. The Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The following persons are officers and/or directors of the Manager: Jonathan Little, Chair of the Board; Jonathan Baum, Chief Executive Officer and a director; J. Charles Cardona, Vice President and a director; Diane P. Durnin, Vice Chair and a director; Phillip N. Maisano, Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director; J. David Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director; Patrice M. Kozlowski, Senior Vice President – Corporate Communications; Jill Gill, Vice President – Human Resources; Anthony Mayo, Vice President – Information Systems; Theodore A. Schachar, Vice President – Tax; John E. Lane, Vice President; Jeanne M. Login, Vice President; Gary Pierce, Controller; Joseph W. Connolly, Chief Compliance Officer; James Bitetto, Secretary; and Mitchell E. Harris, Ronald P. O’Hanley III, and Scott Wennerholm, directors.

The Fund, the Manager and the Distributor each have adopted a Code of Ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such Code of Ethics, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Manager’s Code of Ethics subjects its employees’ personal securities transactions to various restrictions to ensure that such trading does not disadvantage any fund advised by the Manager. In that regard, portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Manager must preclear and report their personal securities transactions and holdings, which are reviewed for compliance with the Code of Ethics, and are also subject to the oversight of BNY Mellon’s Investment Ethics Committee (the “Committee”). Portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Manager who comply with the preclearance and disclosure procedures of the Code of Ethics and the requirements of the Committee, may be permitted to purchase, sell or hold securities which also may be or are held in fund(s) they manage or for which they otherwise provide investment advice.

The Manager maintains office facilities on behalf of the Fund, and furnishes statistical and research data, clerical help, accounting, data processing, bookkeeping and internal auditing and certain other required services to the Fund. The Manager may pay the Distributor for shareholder services from the Manager’s own assets, including past profits but not including the management fee paid by the Fund. The Distributor may use part or all of such payments to pay certain financial institutions (which may include banks), securities dealers and other industry professionals (collectively, “Service Agents”) in respect of these services. The Manager also may make such advertising and promotional expenditures using its own resources, as it from time to time deems appropriate.

The Manager provides day-to-day management of the Fund’s portfolio of investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Fund’s Board. The Manager is responsible for investment decisions and provides the Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Fund’s Board to execute purchases and sales of securities. The Fund’s portfolio managers are Joseph P. Darcy, A. Paul Disdier, Douglas J. Gaylor, Joseph Irace, Colleen Meehan, W. Michael Petty, Bill Vasiliou, James Welch and Monica S. Wieboldt. The Manager also maintains a research department with a professional staff of portfolio managers and securities analysts who provide research services for each Fund and for other funds advised by the Manager.

Expenses. All expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund are borne by the Fund, except to the extent specifically assumed by the Manager. The expenses borne by the Fund include, without limitation, the following: taxes, interest, loan commitment fees, interest and distributions paid on securities sold short, brokerage fees and commissions, if any, fees of Board members who are not officers, directors, employees or holders of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Manager, Securities and Exchange Commission fees, state Blue Sky qualification fees, advisory fees, charges of custodians, transfer and dividend disbursing agents’ fees, certain insurance premiums, industry association fees, outside auditing and legal expenses, costs of maintaining the Fund’s existence, costs of independent pricing services, costs attributable to investor services (including, without limitation, telephone and personnel expenses), costs of shareholders’ reports and meetings, costs of preparing and

printing prospectuses and statements of additional information for regulatory purposes and for distribution to existing shareholders, and any extraordinary expenses.

As compensation for the Manager's services, the Fund has agreed to pay the Manager a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.50% of the value of the Fund's average daily net assets. All fees and expenses are accrued daily and deducted before the declaration of dividends to shareholders. For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2005 (the Fund's former fiscal year end), for the fiscal period from February 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005, and for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2006 and 2007 the management fees paid by the Fund amounted to \$796,007, \$639,366, \$781,369 and \$815,079, respectively.

The Manager has agreed that if in any fiscal year the aggregate expenses of the Fund, exclusive of taxes, brokerage, interest on borrowings and (with the prior written consent of the necessary state securities commissions) extraordinary expenses, but including the management fee, exceed the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the Fund, the Fund may deduct from the payment to be made to the Manager under the Agreement, or the Manager will bear, such excess expense to the extent required by state law. Such deduction or payment, if any, will be estimated daily, and reconciled and effected or paid, as the case may be, on a monthly basis.

The aggregate of the fees payable to the Manager is not subject to reduction as the value of the Fund's net assets increases.

Distributor. MBSC Securities Corporation (the "Distributor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, located at 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, serves as the Fund's distributor on a best efforts basis pursuant to an agreement with the Fund which is renewable annually. The Distributor also acts as distributor for the other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, BNY Mellon Funds Trust and Mellon Institutional Funds. Before June 30, 2007, the Distributor was known as "Dreyfus Service Corporation."

The Manager or the Distributor may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the Fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any shareholder services fees or other expenses paid by the Fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the Fund, the Fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to certain Service Agents, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the Service Agent. Cash compensation also may be paid from the Manager's or the Distributor's own resources to Service Agents for inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing". From time to time, the Manager or the Distributor also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to Service Agents in the form of: occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of the Fund to you. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Fund.

Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent and Custodian. Dreyfus Transfer, Inc. (the "Transfer Agent"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, is the Fund's transfer and dividend disbursing agent. Under a transfer agency agreement with the Fund, the

Transfer Agent arranges for the maintenance of shareholder account records for the Fund, the handling of certain communications between shareholders and the Fund and the payment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund. For these services, the Transfer Agent receives a monthly fee computed on the basis of the number of shareholder accounts it maintains for the Fund during the month, and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

The Bank of New York (the “Custodian”), an affiliate of the Manager, One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286, is the Fund’s custodian. The Custodian has no part in determining the investment policies of the Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Fund. Under a custody agreement with the Fund, the Custodian holds the Fund’s securities and keeps all necessary accounts and records. For its custody services, the Custodian receives a monthly fee based on the market value of the Fund’s assets held in custody and receives certain securities transactions charges.

HOW TO BUY SHARES

General. Fund shares may be purchased through the Distributor or Service Agents that have entered into service agreements with the Distributor. Fund shares are sold without a sales charge. You may be charged a fee if you effect transactions in Fund shares through a Service Agent. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable. Share certificates are issued only upon your written request. No certificates are issued for fractional shares. It is not recommended that the Fund be used as a vehicle for Keogh, IRA or other qualified retirement plans.

The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order. The Fund will not establish an account for a “foreign financial institution,” as that term is defined in Department of the Treasury rules implementing section 312 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Foreign financial institutions include: foreign banks (including foreign branches of U.S. depository institutions); foreign offices of U.S. securities broker-dealers, future commission merchants, and mutual funds; non-U.S. entities that, if they were located in the United States, would be securities broker-dealers, future commission merchants or mutual funds; and non-U.S. entities engaged in the business of currency dealer or exchange or money transmitter.

As discussed under “Management Arrangements-Distributor,” Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from the Manager or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of the Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Fund.

The minimum initial investment is \$2,500, or \$1,000 if you are a client of a Service Agent which maintains an omnibus account in the Fund and has made an aggregate minimum initial purchase for its customers of \$2,500. Subsequent investments must be at least \$100. The initial investment must be accompanied by the Account Application. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Fund’s Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing, the minimum initial investment is \$1,000. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment is \$50. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements to Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Fund’s Board, who elect to have all or a portion of their compensation for serving in that capacity

automatically invested in the Fund. The Fund reserves the right to vary the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

Fund shares also are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan pursuant to the Dreyfus Step Program described under “Shareholder Services.” These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect you against loss in a declining market.

Shares are sold on a continuous basis at the net asset value per share next determined after an order in proper form and Federal Funds (monies of member banks within the Federal Reserve System which are held on deposit at a Federal Reserve Bank) are received by the Transfer Agent or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund. If you do not remit Federal Funds, your payment must be converted into Federal Funds. This usually occurs within one business day of receipt of a bank wire or within two business days of receipt of a check drawn on a member bank of the Federal Reserve System. Checks drawn on banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve System may take considerably longer to convert into Federal Funds. Prior to receipt of Federal Funds, your money will not be invested. Net asset value per share is determined as of 12:00 Noon, Eastern time, on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. The Fund also may process purchase and sale orders and calculate its net asset value on days that the Fund’s primary trading markets are open and the Fund’s management determines to do so. Net asset value per share is computed by dividing the value of the Fund’s net assets (i.e., the value of its assets less liabilities) by the total number of shares outstanding. See “Determination of Net Asset Value.”

If your payments are received in or converted into Federal Funds by 12:00 Noon, Eastern time, by the Transfer Agent, you will receive the dividend declared that day. If your payments are received in or converted into Federal Funds after 12:00 Noon, Eastern time, by the Transfer Agent, you will begin to accrue dividends on the following business day.

Qualified institutions may place telephone orders for the purchase of Fund shares. These orders will become effective at the price determined at 12:00 Noon, Eastern time, and the shares purchased will receive the dividend on Fund shares declared on that day, if the telephone order is placed by 12:00 Noon, Eastern time, and Federal Funds are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on that day.

Using Federal Funds. The Transfer Agent or the Fund may attempt to notify you upon receipt of checks drawn on banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System as to the possible delay in conversion into Federal Funds and may attempt to arrange for a better means of transmitting the money. If you are a customer of a Service Agent and your order to purchase Fund shares is paid for other than in Federal Funds, the Service Agent, acting on your behalf, will complete the conversion into, or itself advance, Federal Funds, generally on the business day following receipt of your order. The order is effective only when so converted and received by the Transfer Agent. If you have sufficient Federal Funds or a cash balance in your brokerage account with a Service Agent, your order to purchase Fund shares will become effective on the day that the order, including Federal Funds, is received by the Transfer Agent.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. You may purchase shares by telephone or online if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. The proceeds will be transferred between the bank account designated in one of these documents and your Fund account. Only a bank account

maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) member may be so designated.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase orders may be made at any time. If purchase orders are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, Fund shares will be purchased at the share price determined on that day. If purchase orders are made after 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, or made on Saturday, Sunday or any Fund holiday (e.g., when the New York Stock Exchange is not open for business), Fund shares will be purchased at the share price determined on the next business day following such purchase order. To qualify to use Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, the initial payment for purchase of Fund shares must be drawn on, and redemption proceeds paid to, the same bank and account as are designated on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form on file. If the proceeds of a particular redemption are to be sent to an account at any other bank, the request must be in writing and signature-guaranteed. See “How to Redeem Shares--Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege.”

Transactions Through Service Agents. Fund shares may be purchased and redeemed through Service Agents which may charge a fee for such services. Some Service Agents will place Fund shares in an account with their firm. Service Agents also may require that the customer not take physical delivery of share certificates; the customer not request redemption checks to be issued in the customer’s name; fractional shares not be purchased; monthly income distributions be taken in cash; or other conditions.

There is no sales charge by the Fund or the Distributor, although securities dealers, banks and other institutions may make reasonable charges to investors for their services. The services provided and the applicable fees are established by each dealer or other institution acting independently of the Fund. The Fund understands that these fees may be charged for customer services, including, but not limited to, same-day investment of client funds; same-day access to client funds; advice to customers about the status of their accounts, yield currently being paid or income earned to date; provision of periodic account statements showing security and money market positions; other services available from the dealer, bank or other institution; and assistance with inquiries related to their investment. Any such fees will be deducted monthly from the investor’s account, which on smaller accounts could constitute a substantial portion of distributions. Small, inactive, long-term accounts involving monthly service charges may not be in the best interest of investors. You should be aware that you may purchase Fund shares directly from the Fund without imposition of any maintenance or service charges, other than those already described herein.

Reopening an Account. You may reopen an account with a minimum investment of \$100 without filing a new Account Application during the calendar year the account is closed or during the following calendar year, provided the information on the old Account Application is still applicable.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES PLAN

The Fund has adopted a Shareholder Services Plan (the “Plan”) pursuant to which the Fund reimburses the Distributor an amount not to exceed an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the Fund’s average daily net assets for certain allocated expenses of providing certain services to the Fund’s shareholders. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the Fund and providing reports and other information, and services related to the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under the Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Fund's Board for its review. In addition, the Plan provides that material amendments of the Plan must be approved by the Fund's Board, and by the Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. The Plan is subject to annual approval by such vote of the Board members cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Plan. The Plan is terminable at any time by vote of a majority of the Board members who are not "interested persons" and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan.

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2007, the Fund reimbursed the Distributor \$74,462 under the Plan.

HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

General. The Fund ordinarily will make payment for all shares redeemed within seven days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of a redemption request in proper form, except as provided by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, if you have purchased Fund shares by check, by Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege or through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder® and subsequently submit a written redemption request to the Transfer Agent, the Fund may delay the redemption of such shares for up to eight business days after the purchase of such shares. In addition, the Fund will not honor checks under the Checkwriting Privilege, and will reject requests to redeem shares by wire or telephone, online or pursuant to the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, for a period of up to eight business days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the purchase check, the Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase or the Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder order against which such redemption is requested. These procedures will not apply if your shares were purchased by wire payment, or if you otherwise have sufficient collected balance in your account to cover the redemption request. Prior to the time any redemption is effective, dividends on such shares will accrue and be payable, and you will be entitled to exercise all other rights of beneficial ownership. Fund shares may not be redeemed until the Transfer Agent has received your Account Application.

Checkwriting Privilege. The Fund provides redemption checks ("Checks") automatically upon opening an account, unless you specifically refuse the Checkwriting Privilege by checking the applicable "No" box on the Account Application. Checks will be sent only to the registered owner(s) of the account and only to the address of record. The Checkwriting Privilege may be established for an existing account by a separate signed Shareholder Services Form. The Account Application or Shareholder Services Form must be manually signed by the registered owner(s). Checks are drawn on your Fund account and may be made payable to the order of any person in an amount of \$500 or more. When a Check is presented to the Transfer Agent for payment, the Transfer Agent, as your agent, will cause the Fund to redeem a sufficient number of shares in your account to cover the amount of the Check. Dividends are earned until the Check clears. After clearance, a copy of the Check will be returned to you. You generally will be subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to checking accounts, although election of this Privilege creates only a shareholder-transfer agent relationship with the Transfer Agent.

You should date your Checks with the current date when you write them. Please do not postdate your Checks. If you do, the Transfer Agent will honor, upon presentment, even if presented before the date of the Check, all postdated Checks which are dated within six months of presentment for payment, if they are otherwise in good order.

Checks are free, but the Transfer Agent will impose a fee for stopping payment of a Check upon your request or if the Transfer Agent cannot honor a Check due to insufficient funds or other valid reason. If the amount of the Check is greater than the value of the shares in your account, the Check will be returned marked insufficient funds. Checks should not be used to close an account.

Wire Redemption Privilege. By using this Privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephone, letter or online redemption instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you, and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Ordinarily, the Fund will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the same business day if the Transfer Agent receives the redemption request in proper form prior to 12:00 Noon, Eastern time, on such day; otherwise, the Fund will initiate payment on the next business day. Redemption proceeds (\$1,000 minimum) will be transferred by Federal Reserve wire only to the commercial bank account specified by you on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form, or to a correspondent bank if your bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System. Fees ordinarily are imposed by such bank and borne by the investor. Immediate notification by the correspondent bank to your bank is necessary to avoid a delay in crediting the funds to your bank account.

To change the commercial bank or account designated to receive wire redemption proceeds, a written request must be sent to the Transfer Agent. This request must be signed by each shareholder, with each signature guaranteed as described below under “Share Certificates; Signatures.”

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. You may request by telephone or online that redemption proceeds be transferred between your Fund account and your bank account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be designated. You should be aware that if you have selected the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, any request for a Dreyfus TeleTransfer transaction will be effected through the ACH system unless more prompt transmittal specifically is requested. Redemption proceeds will be on deposit in your account at an ACH member bank ordinarily two business days after receipt of the redemption request. See “How to Buy Shares--Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege.”

Share Certificates; Signatures. Any certificates representing Fund shares to be redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. A fee may be charged to replace lost or stolen certificates, or certificates that were never received. Written redemption requests must be signed by each shareholder, including each holder of a joint account, and each signature must be guaranteed. Signatures on endorsed certificates submitted for redemption also must be guaranteed. The Transfer Agent has adopted standards and procedures pursuant to which signature-guarantees in proper form generally will be accepted from domestic banks, brokers, dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations, as well as from participants in the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program, the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (“STAMP”) and the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program. Guarantees must be signed by an authorized signatory of the guarantor and “Signature-Guaranteed” must appear with the signature. The Transfer Agent may request additional documentation from corporations, executors, administrators, trustees or guardians, and may accept other suitable verification arrangements from foreign investors, such as consular verification. For more information with respect to signature-guarantees, please call one of the telephone numbers listed on the cover.

Redemption Commitment. The Fund has committed itself to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record, limited in amount during any 90-day period to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the value of the Fund’s net assets at the beginning of such period. Such commitment is irrevocable without the prior approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the case of requests for

redemption in excess of such amount, the Fund's Board reserves the right to make payments in whole or in part in securities or other assets of the Fund in case of an emergency or any time a cash distribution would impair the liquidity of the Fund to the detriment of the existing shareholders. In such event, the securities would be valued in the same manner as the Fund's portfolio is valued. If the recipient sells such securities, brokerage charges might be incurred.

Suspension of Redemptions. The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed (a) during any period when the New York Stock Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings), (b) when trading in the markets the Fund ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission so that disposal of the Fund's investments or determination of its net asset value is not reasonably practicable, or (c) for such other periods as the Securities and Exchange Commission by order may permit to protect the Fund's shareholders.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

Fund Exchanges. You may purchase, in exchange for shares of the Fund, shares of certain other funds managed or administered by the Manager, or shares of certain funds advised by Founders Asset Management LLC ("Founders"), an indirect subsidiary of the Manager, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in your state of residence. Shares of other funds purchased by exchange will be purchased on the basis of relative net asset value per share as follows:

- A. Exchanges for shares of funds offered without a sales load will be made without a sales load.
- B. Shares of funds purchased without a sales load may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load may be exchanged without a sales load for shares of other funds sold without a sales load.
- D. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load, shares of funds acquired by a previous exchange from shares purchased with a sales load and additional shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends or distributions of any such funds (collectively referred to herein as "Purchased Shares") may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load that could have been imposed in connection with the Purchased Shares (at the time the Purchased Shares were acquired), without giving effect to any reduced loads, the difference may be deducted.

To accomplish an exchange under item D above, you must notify the Transfer Agent of your prior ownership of fund shares and your account number.

To request an exchange, you or your Service Agent acting on your behalf must give exchange instructions to the Transfer Agent in writing, by telephone or online. The ability to issue exchange instructions by telephone or online is given to all Fund shareholders automatically, unless you check the applicable "No" box on the Account Application, indicating that you specifically refuse this privilege. By using this privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephonic and online instructions (including over the Dreyfus Express[®] voice-response telephone system) from any person representing himself or herself to be you, and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Exchanges

may be subject to limitations as to the amount involved or the number of exchanges permitted. Shares issued in certificate form may not be exchanged by telephone or online. No fees currently are charged shareholders directly in connection with exchanges, although the Fund reserves the right, upon not less than 60 days' written notice, to charge shareholders a nominal administrative fee in accordance with rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

To establish a personal retirement plan by exchange, shares of the fund being exchanged must have a value of at least the minimum initial investment required for the fund into which the exchange is being made.

During times of drastic economic or market conditions, the Fund may suspend Fund Exchanges temporarily without notice and treat exchange requests based on their separate components – redemption orders with a simultaneous request to purchase the other fund's shares. In such a case, the redemption request would be processed at the Fund's next determined net asset value but the purchase order would be effective only at the net asset value next determined after the fund being purchased receives the proceeds of the redemption, which may result in the purchase being delayed.

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege. Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege permits you to purchase (on a semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis), in exchange for shares of the Fund, shares of another fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, or shares of certain funds advised by Founders of which you are a shareholder. This Privilege is available only for existing accounts. Shares will be exchanged on the basis of relative net asset value as described above under "Fund Exchanges." Enrollment in or modification or cancellation of this Privilege is effective three business days following notification by you. You will be notified if your account falls below the amount designated to be exchanged under this Privilege. In this case, your account will fall to zero unless additional investments are made in excess of the designated amount prior to the next Auto-Exchange transaction. Shares held under IRA and other retirement plans are eligible for this Privilege. Exchanges of IRA shares may be made between IRA accounts and from regular accounts to IRA accounts, but not from IRA accounts to regular accounts. With respect to all other retirement accounts, exchanges may be made only among those accounts.

Fund Exchanges and the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege are available to shareholders resident in any state in which shares of the fund being acquired may legally be sold. Shares may be exchanged only between accounts having certain identical identifying designations.

Shareholder Services Forms and prospectuses of the other funds may be obtained by calling 1-800-645-6561, or visiting www.dreyfus.com. The Fund reserves the right to reject any exchange request in whole or in part. The Fund Exchanges service or Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice to shareholders.

Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®. Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder permits you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$150,000 per transaction) at regular intervals selected by you. Fund shares are purchased by transferring funds from the bank account designated by you.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege. Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege enables you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$50,000 per transaction) by having Federal salary, Social Security, or certain veterans', military or other payments from the U.S. Government automatically deposited into your Fund account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan permits you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 per transaction) automatically on a regular basis. Depending upon your

employer's direct deposit program, you may have part or all of your paycheck transferred to your existing Dreyfus account electronically through the ACH system at each pay period. To establish a Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan account, you must file an authorization form with your employer's payroll department. It is the sole responsibility of your employer to arrange for transactions under the Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan.

Dreyfus Step Program. Dreyfus Step Program enables you to purchase Fund shares without regard to the Fund's minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. To establish a Dreyfus Step Program account, you must supply the necessary information on the Account Application and file the required authorization form(s) with the Transfer Agent. For more information concerning this Program, or to request the necessary authorization form(s), please call toll free 1-800-782-6620. You may terminate your participation in this Program at any time by discontinuing your participation in Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder, Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan, as the case may be, as provided under the terms of such Privilege(s). The Fund may modify or terminate this Program at any time.

Dreyfus Dividend Options. Dreyfus Dividend Sweep allows you to invest automatically your dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, paid by the Fund in shares of another fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or shares of certain funds advised by Founders of which you are a shareholder. Shares of other funds purchased pursuant to this privilege will be purchased on the basis of relative net asset value per share as follows:

- A. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested without a sales load in shares of other funds offered without a sales load.
- B. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that does not charge a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that charges a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load charged by the fund from which dividends or distributions are being swept (without giving effect to any reduced loads), the difference may be deducted.
- D. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested in shares of other funds that impose a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") and the applicable CDSC, if any, will be imposed upon redemption of such shares.

Dreyfus Dividend ACH permits you to transfer electronically dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from the Fund to a designated bank account. Only an account maintained at a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be so designated. Banks may charge a fee for this service.

Automatic Withdrawal Plan. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan permits you to request withdrawal of a specified dollar amount (minimum of \$50) on either a monthly or quarterly basis if you have a \$5,000 minimum account. Withdrawal payments are the proceeds from sales of Fund shares, not the yield on the shares. If withdrawal payments exceed reinvested dividends and distributions, your shares will be reduced and eventually may be depleted. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan may be terminated at

any time by you, the Fund or the Transfer Agent. Shares for which share certificates have been issued may not be redeemed through the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Amortized Cost Pricing. The valuation of the Fund's portfolio securities is based upon their amortized cost, which does not take into account unrealized capital gains or losses. This involves valuing an instrument at its cost and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium, regardless of the impact of fluctuating interest rates on the market value of the instrument. While this method provides certainty in valuation, it may result in periods during which value, as determined by amortized cost, is higher or lower than the price the Fund would receive if it sold the instrument.

The Fund's Board has established, as a particular responsibility within the overall duty of care owed to the Fund's shareholders, procedures reasonably designed to stabilize the Fund's price per share as computed for purposes of purchases and redemptions at \$1.00. Such procedures include review of the Fund's portfolio holdings by the Fund's Board, at such intervals as it deems appropriate, to determine whether the Fund's net asset value calculated by using available market quotations or market equivalents deviates from \$1.00 per share based on amortized cost. Market quotations and market equivalents used in such review are obtained from an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Fund's Board. The Service values the Fund's investments based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of Municipal Obligations of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications of values from dealers; and general market conditions. The Service also may employ electronic data processing techniques and/or a matrix system to determine valuations.

The extent of any deviation between the Fund's net asset value based upon available market quotations or market equivalents and \$1.00 per share based on amortized cost will be examined by the Fund's Board. If such deviation exceeds 1/2 of 1%, the Fund's Board will consider what action, if any, will be initiated. In the event the Fund's Board determines that a deviation exists which may result in material dilution or other unfair results to investors or existing shareholders, it has agreed to take such corrective action as it regards as necessary and appropriate, including: selling portfolio instruments prior to maturity to realize capital gains or losses or to shorten average portfolio maturity; withholding dividends or paying distributions from capital or capital gains; redeeming shares in kind; or establishing a net asset value per share by using available market quotations or market equivalents.

New York Stock Exchange Closings. The holidays (as observed) on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed currently are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Management believes that the Fund has qualified for treatment as a "regulated investment company" under the Code for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2007. The Fund intends to continue to so qualify if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders. As a regulated investment company, the Fund will pay no Federal income tax on net investment income and net realized capital gains to the extent that such income and gains are distributed to shareholders in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code. To qualify as a regulated investment company, the Fund must pay out to its shareholders at least 90% of its net income (consisting of net investment income from tax exempt obligations and taxable obligations, if any, and net short-term capital gains), and must meet certain asset

diversification and other requirements. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, it will be treated for tax purposes as an ordinary corporation subject to Federal income tax. The term “regulated investment company” does not imply the supervision of management or investment practices or policies by any government agency.

The Fund ordinarily declares dividends from net investment income on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. The Fund’s earnings for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are declared as dividends on the preceding business day. Dividends usually are paid on the last calendar day of each month and are automatically reinvested in additional Fund shares at net asset value or, at your option, paid in cash. If you redeem all shares in your account at any time during the month, all dividends to which you are entitled will be paid to you along with the proceeds of the redemption. If you are an omnibus accountholder and indicate in a partial redemption request that a portion of any accrued dividends to which such account is entitled belongs to an underlying accountholder who has redeemed all shares in his or her account, such portion of the accrued dividends will be paid to you along with the proceeds of the redemption.

If you elect to receive dividends and distributions in cash, and your dividend or distribution check is returned to the Fund as undeliverable or remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to reinvest such dividend or distribution and all future dividends and distributions payable to you in additional Fund shares at net asset value. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or redemption checks. All expenses are accrued daily and deducted before declaration of dividends to investors.

Ordinarily, gains and losses realized from portfolio transactions will be treated as capital gain or loss. However, all or a portion of any gains realized from the sale or other disposition of certain market discount bonds will be treated as ordinary income.

Dividends paid by the Fund to a Massachusetts resident are not subject to Massachusetts personal income tax to the extent that the dividends are attributable to interest income received by the Fund as interest from Massachusetts Municipal Obligations as well as direct obligations of the United States. The Fund believes that distributions by it to a Massachusetts resident are not subject to the Massachusetts personal income tax to the extent that distributions are attributable to gain from the sale of certain Massachusetts Municipal Obligations, the gain from which is exempt from Massachusetts personal income tax. Dividends and distributions by the Fund to a Massachusetts resident that are attributable to most other sources are subject to Massachusetts personal income tax. Fund shares are not subject to property taxation by Massachusetts or its political subdivisions.

Federal regulations require that you provide a certified taxpayer identification number (“TIN”) upon opening or reopening an account. See the Account Application for further information concerning this requirement. Failure to furnish a certified TIN to the Fund could subject you to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

General. The Manager assumes general supervision over the placement of securities purchase and sale orders on behalf of the funds it manages. In cases where the Manager or fund employs a sub-adviser, the sub-adviser, under the supervision of the Manager, places orders on behalf of the applicable fund(s) for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities.

Certain funds are managed by dual employees of the Manager and an affiliated entity in the Mellon organization. Funds managed by dual employees use the research and trading facilities, and are subject to the internal policies and procedures, of the affiliated entity. In this regard, the Manager places orders on behalf of those funds for the purchase and sale of securities through the trading desk of the affiliated entity, applying the written trade allocation procedures of such affiliate.

The Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) generally has the authority to select brokers (for equity securities) or dealers (for fixed income securities) and the commission rates or spreads to be paid. Allocation of brokerage transactions, including their frequency, is made in the best judgment of the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) and in a manner deemed fair and reasonable to shareholders. The primary consideration in placing portfolio transactions is prompt execution of orders at the most favorable net price. In choosing brokers or dealers, the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) evaluates the ability of the broker or dealer to execute the particular transaction (taking into account the market for the security and the size of the order) at the best combination of price and quality of execution.

In general, brokers or dealers involved in the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of a fund are selected on the basis of their professional capability and the value and quality of their services. The Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) attempts to obtain best execution for the fund by choosing brokers or dealers to execute transactions based on a variety of factors, which may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) price; (ii) liquidity; (iii) the nature and character of the relevant market for the security to be purchased or sold; (iv) the measured quality and efficiency of the broker's or dealer's execution; (v) the broker's or dealer's willingness to commit capital; (vi) the reliability of the broker or dealer in trade settlement and clearance; (vii) the level of counter-party risk (*i.e.*, the broker's or dealer's financial condition); (viii) the commission rate or the spread; (ix) the value of research provided; (x) the availability of electronic trade entry and reporting links; and (xi) the size and type of order (*e.g.*, foreign or domestic security, large block, illiquid security). In selecting brokers or dealers no factor is necessarily determinative; however, at various times and for various reasons, certain factors will be more important than others in determining which broker or dealer to use. Seeking to obtain best execution for all trades takes precedence over all other considerations.

With respect to the receipt of research, the brokers or dealers selected may include those that supplement the Manager's (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) research facilities with statistical data, investment information, economic facts and opinions. Such information may be useful to the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) in serving funds or accounts that it advises and, conversely, supplemental information obtained by the placement of business of other clients may be useful to the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) in carrying out its obligations to the fund. Information so received is in addition to, and not in lieu of, services required to be performed by the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate), and the Manager's (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) fees are not reduced as a consequence of the receipt of such supplemental information. Although the receipt of such research services does not reduce the Manager's (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) normal independent research activities, it enables it to avoid the additional expenses that might otherwise be incurred if it were to attempt to develop comparable information through its own staff.

Under the Manager's (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) procedures, portfolio managers and their corresponding trading desks may seek to aggregate (or "bunch") orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one fund or account. In some cases, this policy may adversely affect the price paid or received by a fund or an account, or the size of the position obtained or liquidated. As noted above, certain brokers or dealers may be selected because of their ability to handle

special executions such as those involving large block trades or broad distributions, provided that the primary consideration of best execution is met. Generally, when trades are aggregated, the Fund or account within the block will receive the same price and commission. However, random allocations of aggregate transactions may be made to minimize custodial transaction costs. In addition, at the close of the trading day, when reasonable and practicable, the completed securities of partially filled orders will generally be allocated to each participating fund and account in the proportion that each order bears to the total of all orders (subject to rounding to “round lot” amounts).

To the extent that a fund invests in foreign securities, certain of such fund’s transactions in those securities may not benefit from the negotiated commission rates available to funds for transactions in securities of domestic issuers. For funds that permit foreign exchange transactions, such transactions are made with banks or institutions in the interbank market at prices reflecting a mark-up or mark-down and/or commission.

The Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) may deem it appropriate for one fund or account it manages to sell a security while another fund or account it manages is purchasing the same security. Under such circumstances, the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) may arrange to have the purchase and sale transactions effected directly between the fund and/or accounts (“cross transactions”). Cross transactions will be effected in accordance with procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

All portfolio transactions of each money market fund are placed on behalf of the fund by the Manager. Debt securities purchased and sold by a fund generally are traded on a net basis (*i.e.*, without a commission) through dealers acting for their own account and not as brokers, or otherwise involve transactions directly with the issuer of the instrument. This means that a dealer makes a market for securities by offering to buy at one price and sell at a slightly higher price. The difference between the prices is known as a “spread.” Other portfolio transactions may be executed through brokers acting as agent. A fund will pay a spread or commission in connection with such transactions. The Manager uses its best efforts to obtain execution of portfolio transactions at prices that are advantageous to a fund and at spreads and commission rates (if any) that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received. The Manager also places transactions for other accounts that it provides with investment advice. For the fiscal year ended, January 31, 2005 (the Fund’s former fiscal year end), for the period from February 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005, and for fiscal years ended November 30, 2006, and 2007, the Fund did not pay any commissions in connection with such transactions.

When more than one fund or account is simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same investment instrument, the prices and amounts are allocated in accordance with a formula considered by the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) to be equitable to the fund or account. In some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or volume of the investment instrument as far as a fund or account is concerned. In other cases, however, the ability of a fund or account to participate in volume transactions will produce better executions for the fund or account.

When transactions are executed in the over-the-counter market (*i.e.*, with dealers), the Manager will typically deal with the primary market makers unless a more favorable price or execution otherwise is obtainable.

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings. It is the policy of the Dreyfus to protect the confidentiality of fund portfolio holdings and prevent the selective disclosure of non-public information about such holdings. Each fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its holdings in

accordance with regulatory requirements, such as periodic portfolio disclosure in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings at month-end, with one month lag, on the Dreyfus website at www.dreyfus.com. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose on the website its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter. Each money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose on the website its complete schedule of holdings twice a month on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month, with a 15-day lag. Portfolio holdings will remain available on the website until the date on which the fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information is current.

If a fund's portfolio holdings are released pursuant to an ongoing arrangement with any party, such Fund must have a legitimate business purpose for doing so, and neither the fund, nor Dreyfus or its affiliates, may receive any compensation in connection with an arrangement to make available information about the fund's portfolio holdings. Funds may distribute portfolio holdings to mutual fund evaluation services such as Standard & Poor's, Morningstar or Lipper Analytical Services; due diligence departments of broker-dealers and wirehouses that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds before their public disclosure; and broker-dealers that may be used by the fund, for the purpose of efficient trading and receipt of relevant research, provided that: (a) the recipient does not distribute the portfolio holdings to persons who are likely to use the information for purposes of purchasing or selling fund shares or fund portfolio holdings before the portfolio holdings become public information; and (b) the recipient signs a written confidentiality agreement.

Funds may also disclose any and all portfolio information to their service providers and others who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities and are subject to duties of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law and/or contract. These service providers include the fund's custodian, auditors, investment adviser, administrator, and each of their respective affiliates and advisers.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings may be authorized only by the fund's Chief Compliance Officer, and any exceptions to this policy are reported quarterly to the Fund's Board.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Each Fund share has one vote and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the offering, is fully paid and non-assessable. Fund shares are of one class and have equal rights as to dividends and in liquidation. Shares have no preemptive, subscription or conversion rights and are freely transferable.

The Fund is organized as an unincorporated business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Under Massachusetts law, shareholders could, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund. However, the Fund's Trust Agreement disclaims shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Fund and requires that notice of such disclaimer be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by the Fund or a Trustee. The Trust Agreement provides for indemnification from the Fund's property for all losses and expenses of any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund. Thus, the risk of a shareholder's incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Fund itself would be unable to meet its obligations, a possibility which management believes is remote. Upon payment of any liability incurred by the Fund, the shareholder paying such liability will be entitled to

reimbursement from the general assets of the Fund. The Fund intends to conduct its operations in such a way so as to avoid, as far as possible, ultimate liability of the shareholders for liabilities of the Fund.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Fund to hold annual meetings of shareholders. As a result, Fund shareholders may not consider each year the election of Board members or the appointment of auditors. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Fund to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of removing a Board member from office. Fund shareholders may remove a Board member by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Fund's outstanding voting shares. In addition, the Board will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Board members if, at any time, less than a majority of the Board members then holding office have been elected by shareholders.

The Fund will send annual and semi-annual financial statements to all its shareholders.

COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982, as counsel for the Fund, has rendered its opinion as to certain legal matters regarding the due authorization and valid issuance of the shares being sold pursuant to the Fund's Prospectus.

Ernst & Young LLP, 5 Times Square, New York, New York 10036, an independent registered public accounting firm, has been selected to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund.

APPENDIX A

RISK FACTORS—INVESTING IN MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS

The following information constitutes only a brief summary, does not purport to be a complete description, and is based on information drawn from official statements relating to securities offerings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") available as of the date of this Statement of Additional Information. While the Fund has not independently verified this information, it has no reason to believe that such information is not correct in all material aspects.

General Information

Massachusetts is a relatively slow growing but densely populated state with a well-educated population, comparatively high-income levels, low rates of unemployment, and a relatively diversified economy. While the total population of Massachusetts has remained fairly stable in the last twenty years, significant changes have occurred in the age distribution of the population. Dramatic growth in residents between the ages of 20 and 44 since 1980 is expected to lead to a population distributed more heavily in the 65 and over age group in 2015 and 2025. Massachusetts also has a comparatively large percentage of its residents living in metropolitan areas. As of July 1, 2006, the population density of Massachusetts was 821.1 persons per square mile, as compared to 84.6 for the United States as a whole, ranking third among the states in percentage of residents living in metropolitan areas (99.6%). The State's population is concentrated in its eastern portion. The City of Boston is the largest city in New England, with a 2006 population of 590,763.

Since 1929, real and nominal per capita income levels have been consistently higher in Massachusetts than in the United States. After growing at an annual rate higher than that for the United States between 1982 and 1988, real income levels in Massachusetts declined between 1989 and 1991. In 2000, Massachusetts had its highest per capita income growth in 16 years, exceeding the national growth rate by 2.4%. From 2000 to 2003 real income in both Massachusetts and the United States declined, with a steeper decline in Massachusetts. However, real income levels in Massachusetts remained well above the national average. From 2004 through 2006, income in the Commonwealth grew faster than in the nation, and for the last fourteen years, only the District of Columbia, Connecticut and New Jersey have had higher levels of per capita personal income.

From 1997 to 2006, gross state product ("GSP") in Massachusetts, New England and the nation has grown approximately 52.2%, 51.9% and 59.6%, respectively. The Massachusetts economy is the largest in New England, contributing approximately 47.2% to New England's total GSP and the thirteenth largest in the nation, contributing 2.6% to the nation's total GSP. Massachusetts had the third highest GSP per capita (\$46,721) in 2006.

The Massachusetts economy is diversified among several industrial and non-industrial sectors. The four largest sectors of the economy (real estate and rental and leasing, manufacturing, finance and insurance, and professional and technical services) contributed 47.2% of the Commonwealth's GSP in 2006. Like many industrial states, Massachusetts has seen a steady decline of its manufacturing jobs base over the last two decades, not only as a share of total employment, but in absolute numbers of jobs as well. Several service sectors have grown to take the place of manufacturing in driving the Massachusetts economy. The combined service sectors now account for more than half of total payroll employment.

The unemployment rate in Massachusetts rose significantly above the national average due to the economic recession of the early 1990s. However, from 1995 through the end of 2005 the unemployment rate in Massachusetts was consistently below that of the United States. Since January 2006, the Commonwealth's rate has been at or above the national rate and the differences between the two have generally been increasing, reaching a peak in February 2007. The unemployment rate in Massachusetts increased from 4.8% to 5.1% between January 2006 and January 2007, while the U.S. unemployment rate dropped from 4.7% to 4.6% over that same period.

Commonwealth Finances

Cash Flow. Fiscal Year 2006 ended with a non-segregated cash balance of \$1.619 billion and a segregated bond balance of \$222.2 million. On May 31, 2007, the Commonwealth released the revised projected cash flow forecast for Fiscal Year 2007, which was based on the (i) Fiscal Year 2007 budget and (ii) State's revised Fiscal Year 2007 tax estimate of \$19.3 billion. The gross tax figure includes \$1.335 billion dedicated to the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2007 pension obligation, \$733 million in sales tax revenues dedicated to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the "MBTA") and \$557.3 million in sales tax revenues dedicated to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"). This forecast also included an inflow of \$239.5 million on April 15, 2007 pursuant to the tobacco master settlement agreement.

Fiscal Year 2007 opened with a starting balance of \$2.072 billion of cash and was projected to have a June 30, 2007 ending balance of \$1.274 billion. These figures did not include balances in the Commonwealth's Stabilization Fund or certain other off-budget reserve funds, but did include monies sequestered to pay for capital projects starting and ending balances totaling \$222.2 million and \$92.7 million, respectively. Excluding these sequestered capital funds, the Commonwealth's operating cash balance opened the year at \$1.85 billion, and was projected to end the year at \$1.182 billion, a \$668 million decrease.

The Commonwealth's cash flow management incorporates the periodic use of commercial paper borrowing to meet cash flow needs for both capital and operating expenditures. In particular, the Commonwealth makes local aid payments of approximately \$1 billion to its cities and towns at the end of each calendar quarter, which in recent years has often resulted in short-term cash flow borrowings. The Commonwealth began Fiscal Year 2007 with \$25.1 million of commercial paper outstanding in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs"), which are no longer outstanding. The Commonwealth's cash position reflects a typical cycle of tightening in the second and third quarters of the fiscal year. The Commonwealth borrowed \$300 million in November 2006 and an additional \$600 million in December 2006 to make the second-quarter local aid payment. In January 2007, \$200 million of revenue anticipation notes ("RANs") were repaid, leaving \$700 million of RANs and \$25.1 million of BANs outstanding. In March 2007, \$400 million of BANs were issued as 90-day notes, which matured in May, 2007 and were retired at that time. All BANs and RANs were retired by June 30, 2007.

On September 5, 2007, the Commonwealth released a revised projected cash flow forecast for Fiscal Year 2008. The report indicates that Fiscal Year 2007 ended with a non-segregated cash balance of \$1.590 billion and a segregated bond balance of \$112.2 million. The cash flow projection for Fiscal Year 2008 is based on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget and a Fiscal Year 2008 tax estimate of \$19.825 billion (\$19.879 billion consensus estimate adjusted for tax law changes). The gross tax figure includes \$1.399 billion dedicated to the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2008 pension obligation, \$756 million in sales tax revenues dedicated to the MBTA and \$634.7 million in sales tax revenues dedicated to the MSBA. This forecast also includes an inflow of \$279 million on April 15, 2008 pursuant to the tobacco master settlement agreement.

The Commonwealth began Fiscal Year 2008 with no commercial paper outstanding. The Commonwealth borrowed \$200 million in October 2007 and an additional \$300 million in November 2007. The Commonwealth currently has \$500 million commercial paper outstanding and expects to issue the full \$1 billion program before April income tax revenues are realized. Commercial paper is expected to be retired in April and May of 2008.

Fiscal Year 2005 Summary. The Commonwealth ended Fiscal Year 2005 with a surplus of \$1.218 billion, and the Governor directed \$691 million of that surplus be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. The total transfer to the Stabilization Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 was \$913.0 million. The Governor also directed that the remainder of the surplus, \$304.8 million, be transferred to a Transitional Escrow Fund, subject to appropriation, for Fiscal Year 2006 expenditures. The Commonwealth reported a year-end balance in the Stabilization Fund of \$1.728 billion. The Transitional Escrow Fund was established and credited with \$304.8 million of surplus Fiscal Year 2005 funds. Fiscal Year 2005 closed with an additional reserved fund balance of \$355.6 million and an undesignated fund balance of \$98.4 million. The total fund balance in the budgeted operating funds was \$2.487 billion. The Transitional Escrow Fund was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006, at which time any remaining balance was to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund.

Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations. Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005 totaled \$23.188 billion. The Fiscal Year 2005 budget provided for \$22.494 billion in spending. Appropriations totaling \$368.1 million in Fiscal Year 2004 were authorized as continuing prior appropriations, which allowed for these funds to be spent in Fiscal Year 2005. Supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005 totaled \$326 million. The Commonwealth also had significant "off-budget" expenditures in dedicated sales taxes transferred to the MBTA and MSBA, which were projected to be \$704.8 million and \$395.7 million, respectively, and \$415.6 million off-budget expenditures in the Medicaid program.

In March, May and August 2005, the Governor filed legislation for supplemental appropriations totaling \$74.5 million, \$40.3 million and \$29.8 million, respectively. In addition, the legislation also called for \$38 million in appropriations to be continued forward into Fiscal Year 2006 to support expenditures originally recommended in the Governor's budget recommendation. Additionally, on July 22, 2005 the Governor filed a \$513.7 million capital supplemental appropriation. This legislation funded an off-budget Capital Investment Fund to support \$413.7 million in capital projects throughout the University of Massachusetts system and other state and community colleges for new science centers and for needed infrastructure restoration. The legislation also provided \$100 million to cities and towns for local road and bridge repairs.

On September 6, 2005, the Governor filed and signed a \$25 million supplemental appropriation to fund the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina. On September 30, 2005, the Governor signed supplemental legislation, which included \$88.6 million in additional appropriations, including \$71.8 million to fund collective bargaining agreements for Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal Year 2006, \$6.3 million to cover workers' compensation and utility costs at the Department of Correction, and \$10.5 million for a variety of other programs and services. These appropriations were authorized for expenditure through Fiscal Year 2006. In addition, \$37.5 million in previous appropriations were extended through Fiscal Year 2006.

During Fiscal Year 2005, legislation authorizing capital spending authorizations also was approved. On February 1, 2005, the Governor filed legislation authorizing the Commonwealth to issue up to \$261 million in general obligation bonds to expand facilities at Hanscom and Natick. On March 3, 2005 the Governor filed legislation authorizing a total of \$300 million in general obligation bonds to

support job creation programs. On May 5, 2005, the Governor filed legislation authorizing the Commonwealth to issue up to \$950.2 million in general obligation bonds. On July 28, 2005 the Governor signed legislation authorizing \$100 million in general obligation bonds for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$100 million in general obligation bonds for the Housing Stabilization Fund.

Fiscal Year 2006 Summary. The Commonwealth ended Fiscal Year 2006 with a surplus of \$261 million, which was deposited into the Stabilization Fund. For Fiscal Year 2006, the Commonwealth reported a year-end balance in the Stabilization Fund of \$2.155 billion, which reflects the aforementioned deposits as well as \$72.3 million of investment earnings and additional taxes deposited into the fund. The fiscal year closed with additional reserved fund balances of \$947.2 million and undesignated fund balances of \$106.2 million. The total fund balance in the budgeted operating funds was \$3.208 billion.

On June 29, 2005, the Governor signed the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, which included \$23.81 billion in spending, reflecting vetoes making \$109.7 million in reductions compared to the conference committee budget as passed. The legislature subsequently overrode \$108.9 million of the Governor's vetoes, which brought the total value of the Fiscal Year 2006 budget to \$23.915 billion. The Fiscal Year 2006 budget (including overrides) budgeted \$6.995 billion for Medicaid, \$3.772 billion for education excluding school building assistance, \$1.873 billion for debt service and \$11.275 billion for all other programs and services.

For the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, the Fiscal Year 2006 tax revenue estimate was \$17.5 billion, 2.4% more than Fiscal Year 2005 receipts. The Fiscal Year 2006 budget provided for \$23.977 billion of appropriations. In addition, the Commonwealth had significant "off-budget" expenditures in the amounts of dedicated sales taxes transferred to the MBTA and MSBA, projected to be in the amounts of \$712.6 million and \$488.7 million, respectively, and \$332.5 million of off-budget expenditures in the Medicaid program. On October 26, 2005, the State increased the tax revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 2006 by \$509 million, to \$17.957 billion. On January 17, 2006, the State further increased the tax revenue estimate by \$201 million, to \$18.158 billion.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations. On June 24, 2006, the Governor signed legislation including a supplemental appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2006 and an Economic Stimulus Act, which ultimately resulted in \$887.3 million in appropriations and General Fund transfers. The Economic Stimulus Act included \$160.5 million in additional appropriations and \$99 million in transfers from the General Fund. The Economic Stimulus Act also included tax provisions that are estimated to reduce Fiscal 2007 tax revenue collections by approximately \$23 million and, when fully implemented, by \$40 million to \$45 million annually. In July and October, 2006, supplemental appropriations totaling approximately \$200 million and \$87.5 million, respectively, were agreed to by the Governor and Legislature.

Fiscal Year 2007 Summary. On January 25, 2006, the Governor filed his Fiscal Year 2007 budget proposal, which totaled \$25.187 billion, including \$7.101 billion in Medicaid, \$4.047 billion in K-12 education, \$2.064 billion for debt service and contact assistance, \$1.355 billion in non-education local aid, and \$10.620 for all other programs and services. The Governor's budget includes a phased decrease in the personal income tax from 5.3% to 5.15% on January 1, 2008. This tax cut reduces projected tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2007 by \$132 million. The Governor's budget also included an increase of 17.1% in non-education local aid by directing that all net proceeds from the state lottery be distributed to the Commonwealth's cities and towns, as had been done prior to Fiscal Year 2003.

On April 10, 2006 the Legislature presented its budget for Fiscal Year 2007, which included spending of \$25.271 billion. It also included a \$200 million reserve to fund healthcare reform efforts in the Commonwealth consistent with the Governor's proposed budget. The Legislature also proposed the

transfer of \$275 million from the Stabilization Fund to the General Fund to fund a portion of Fiscal Year 2007 expenditures. The budget did not include a reduction in the personal income tax.

On July 8, 2006, the Governor signed the Fiscal Year 2007 budget, which included \$25.249 billion in spending, reflecting \$458.6 million in line item reductions, and \$118 million in reductions to transfers from the General Fund. The Legislature has subsequently overridden \$427 million of the Governor's line item vetoes, bringing the Fiscal Year 2007 budget appropriations to \$25.676 billion. The Legislature also overrode all of the vetoes of transfers from the General Fund.

Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations. Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007 totaled \$25.704 billion. Additionally, appropriations totaling \$919.4 million in Fiscal Year 2006 were authorized to be spent in Fiscal Year 2007. In addition to this spending, the Commonwealth has significant "off-budget" expenditures dedicated to the MBTA and MSBA projected to total \$734 million and \$557.4 million, respectively, and \$288.5 million of off-budget expenditures in the Medicaid program. The Fiscal Year 2007 budget assumed total net transfers from the state lottery of \$1.103 billion, including the \$920 million aggregate distribution to cities and towns. The assumed \$1.103 billion figure was \$65 million higher than the State Lottery Commission's projections for Fiscal Year 2007. However, the \$920 million in local aid spending was distributed to municipalities, and a transfer of \$119 million into the State Lottery Fund will be required to resolve this fund imbalance.

On May 17, 2007 the Governor approved \$88.4 million in supplemental appropriations to fund a variety of administration initiatives, and on June 29, 2007 the Governor filed supplemental appropriations totaling \$131.9 million. The legislation proposes to make \$56.9 million of the filed appropriation requests available for expenditure through Fiscal Year 2008. The legislation also proposes to make \$63.6 million of previously authorized Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations available for expenditure through Fiscal Year 2008.

On October 19, 2007, the Governor approved \$212.1 million in supplemental Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations to fund a number of administration initiatives, including funding for approved collective bargaining agreements, legal services provided by private counsel in the Commonwealth, MassHealth, an endowment incentive program at the state's higher education colleges and universities, the reimbursement of underground storage tank cleanup projects, a reserve associated with the "Rosie D" litigation and other programs and services. These appropriations were authorized to be expended through June 30, 2008.

The Commonwealth ended Fiscal Year 2007 with a surplus of \$190.9 million. The Legislature suspended the requirement in state finance law that 0.5% of total Fiscal Year 2007 tax revenues be deposited in the Stabilization Fund and instead mandated that \$90.9 million be deposited in the Stabilization Fund, with the remaining \$100 million being split among the Alternative and Clean Energy Investment Trust Fund (\$43 million), the Life Sciences Investment Fund (\$15 million), the Emerging Technology Fund (\$15 million), the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (\$10 million), the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund (\$10 million) and the Cultural Facilities Fund (\$7 million).

For Fiscal Year 2007, the Commonwealth's audited financial statements report a year-end balance in the Stabilization Fund of \$2.335 billion. The balance reflects the \$90.9 million transfer described above, as well as \$89.5 million of investment earnings and additional taxes deposited into the fund. The year closed with additional reserve fund balances of \$451.3 million (including the \$100 million in transfers described above) and undesignated fund balances of \$114.7 million. The total ending fund balance in the budgeted operating funds was \$2.901 billion.

Fiscal Year 2008 Summary. The Legislature approved the Fiscal Year 2008 budget on July 2, 2007, and it was approved by the Governor on July 12, 2007. The Governor vetoed \$40.7 million of appropriations. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget appropriates \$26.808 billion, including \$8.220 billion for Medicaid, \$4.301 billion for education, \$2.072 billion for debt service and contract assistance and \$12.215 billion for all other programs and services. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget increases education funding to cities and towns by \$220 million to \$3.726 billion. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget also increases the distribution of lottery revenues to cities and towns to \$935 million, an increase of \$15 million over the Fiscal Year 2007 level. Overall, local aid to cities and towns increases by 5.8% in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

The Fiscal Year 2008 budget directs the disposition of the projected Fiscal Year 2007 budget surplus. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget creates a Bay State Competitiveness Investment Fund and directs a portion of the Fiscal Year 2007 budget surplus to the fund (currently projected by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance ("EOAF") to be \$15 million) after statutorily required amounts are deposited in the Stabilization Fund and designated to be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget also relies on several one-time revenue sources, including a \$240 million transfer from the Stabilization Fund to the General Fund, a transfer of not more than \$75 million from the Stabilization Fund to the General Fund representing Fiscal Year 2008 investment earnings in the Stabilization Fund and the suspension of the statutorily required Stabilization Fund deposit equal to 0.5% of Fiscal Year 2008 tax revenues (approximately \$100 million).

The Fiscal Year 2008 budget assumes total net transfers from the lottery of \$1.129 billion to fund various commitments appropriated by the Legislature from the State Lottery Fund and Arts Lottery Fund, including administrative expenses, and \$935 million in appropriations for local aid to cities and towns, with the balance, if any, to be transferred to the General Fund for the general activities of the Commonwealth. The projected transfer is \$124 million higher than the State Lottery Commission's projected operating revenues for Fiscal Year 2008 of \$1.005 billion. In order to distribute \$935 million in local aid distribution to cities and towns as required by the Fiscal Year 2008 budget, a transfer of \$124 million is currently projected to be necessary to resolve this fund imbalance for Fiscal Year 2008.

For Fiscal Year 2009, the State Lottery Commission is currently projecting operating revenues of \$1.025 billion. The Fiscal Year 2009 budget has not yet been developed, but the State Lottery Commission has stated that continuing spending requirements in the absence of available revenues will result in the State Lottery Fund, a non-budgeted fund, ending Fiscal Year 2009 in a deficit position.

Commonwealth Revenues

In order to fund its programs and services, the Commonwealth collects a variety of taxes and receives revenues from other non-tax sources, including the Federal government and various fees, fines, court revenues, assessments, reimbursements, interest earnings and transfers from its non-budgeted funds, which are deposited in the Commonwealth's budgeted operating funds.

Commonwealth Taxes. The major components of Commonwealth taxes are the income tax, which was projected to account for approximately 55.9% of total tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2006, the sales and use tax, which was projected to account for approximately 22.4% of total tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2006, and the corporations and other business and excise taxes, which were projected to account for approximately 12.2% of total tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2006. Other tax and excise sources were projected to account for the remaining 9.5% of Fiscal Year 2006 tax revenues.

Income Tax. The Commonwealth assesses personal income taxes at flat rates, according to classes of income after specified deductions and exemptions. A rate of 5.3% has been applied to most types of income since January 1, 2002. The tax rate on gains from the sale of capital assets held for one year or less and from the sale of collectibles is 12%, and the tax rates on gains from the sale of capital assets owned more than one year is 5.3%. Interest on obligations of the United States and of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions is exempt from taxation.

Sales and Use Tax. The Commonwealth imposes a 5% sales tax on retail sales of certain tangible properties (including retail sales of meals) transacted in the Commonwealth and a corresponding 5% use tax on the storage, use or other consumption of like tangible properties brought into the Commonwealth. However, food, clothing, prescribed medicine, materials and produce used in food production, machinery, materials, tools and fuel used in certain industries, and property subject to other excises (except for cigarettes) are exempt from sales taxation. The sales and use tax is also applied to sales of electricity, gas and steam for certain nonresidential use and to nonresidential and most residential use of telecommunications services.

Beginning July 1, 2000, pursuant to "forward funding" legislation contained in the Fiscal Year 2000 budget, a portion of the Commonwealth's receipts from the sales tax, generally the amount raised by a 1% sales tax with an inflation-adjusted floor, is dedicated to the MBTA under a trust fund mechanism that does not permit future legislatures to divert the funds. In Fiscal Year 2005, the amount of such sales tax receipts was \$704.8 million. Such amount was projected to be \$712.6 million in Fiscal Year 2006.

Beginning July 1, 2004, a portion of the Commonwealth's sales tax receipts, totaling \$395.7 million in Fiscal Year 2005, \$488.7 million in Fiscal Year 2006 and specified percentages in subsequent fiscal years, increasing in Fiscal Year 2010 and thereafter to one cent of the sales tax, subject to certain exclusions and minimums, is dedicated to the MSBA.

Business Corporations Tax. Business corporations doing business in the Commonwealth, other than banks, trust companies, insurance companies, railroads, public utilities and safe deposit companies, are subject to an excise that has a property measure and an income measure. The value of Commonwealth tangible property (not taxed locally) or net worth allocated to the Commonwealth is taxed at \$2.60 per \$1,000 of value. The net income allocated to the Commonwealth, which is based on net income for Federal taxes, is taxed at 9.5%. The minimum tax is \$456. Both rates and the minimum tax include a 14% surtax.

Financial Institutions Tax. Financial institutions (which include commercial and savings banks) are subject to an excise tax of 10.5%. Legislation enacted in March 2003 clarified the treatment of Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") distributions with respect to the dividends-received deduction. REIT distributions received by businesses subject to the corporate excise tax are not to be treated as dividends and they are subject to taxation at the recipient level. The DOR estimated that the REIT change resulted in a revenue increase of \$40-60 million in each of Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005, and was estimated to yield approximately the same amount in Fiscal Year 2006 and thereafter.

Insurance Taxes. Life insurance companies are subject to a 2% tax on gross premiums; domestic companies also pay a 14% tax on net investment income. Property and casualty insurance companies are subject to a 2% tax on gross premiums, plus a 14% surcharge for an effective tax rate of 2.28%. Domestic companies also pay a 1% tax on gross investment income.

Other Taxes. Other tax revenues are derived by the Commonwealth from motor fuels excise taxes, cigarette and alcoholic beverage excise taxes, estate and deed excises and other tax sources. The

excise tax on motor fuels is \$0.21 per gallon. In 2002 the tax on cigarettes was raised from \$0.76 per pack to \$1.51 per pack and the tax rate on other types of tobacco products was also raised. The DOR estimated that this change resulted in additional revenue of approximately \$160 million in Fiscal Year 2004 and \$155 million in Fiscal Year 2005 and thereafter.

Federal and Other Non-Tax Revenues. Federal revenue is collected through reimbursements for the Federal share of entitlement programs such as Medicaid and, beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 1997, through block grants for programs such as Transitional Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF"). The amount of Federal revenue to be received is determined by state expenditures for these programs. The Commonwealth receives reimbursement for approximately 50% of its spending for Medicaid programs. Block grant funding for TANF is received quarterly and is contingent upon maintenance of effort spending level determined annually by the Federal government. Departmental and other non-tax revenues are derived from licenses, tuition, registrations and fees, and reimbursements and assessments for services.

For the Commonwealth's budgeted operating funds, interfund transfers include transfers of profits from the State Lottery and Arts Lottery Funds and reimbursements for the budgeted costs of the State Lottery Commission, which accounted for \$947.1 million \$974.6 million, and \$1.014 billion in Fiscal Years 2003-2005, respectively, and which were expected to account for \$1.053 billion in Fiscal Year 2006.

Tobacco Settlement. On November 23, 1998, the Commonwealth joined with other states in a Master Settlement Agreement that resolved the Commonwealth's and the other states' litigation against the cigarette industry (the "MSA"). Under the MSA, cigarette companies have agreed to make both annual payments (in perpetuity) and five initial payments (for the calendar years 1999 to 2003, inclusive) to the settling states. Each payment amount is subject to applicable adjustments, reductions and offsets, including upward adjustments for inflation and downward adjustments for decreased domestic cigarette sales volume. The Commonwealth's allocable share of the base amounts payable under the master settlement agreement is approximately 4.04%. The Commonwealth had estimated its allocable share of the base amounts under the agreement through 2025 to be approximately \$8.3 billion, without regard to any potential adjustments, reductions or offsets. However, in pending litigation tobacco manufacturers are claiming that because of certain developments, they are entitled to reduce future payments under the MSA, and certain manufacturers withheld payments to the states that were due on April 17, 2006. The Commonwealth believes it is due the full amount and is pursuing its claim to unreduced payments. If full payment is not collected by the end of Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007, the reduction of the Commonwealth's projected non-tax revenues caused by such non-payment would have been approximately \$26.6 million and \$42.9 million, respectively.

The Commonwealth was also awarded \$414.3 million from a separate Strategic Contribution Fund established under the MSA to reward certain states' particular contributions to the national tobacco litigation effort. This additional amount is payable in equal annual installments during the calendar years 2008 through 2017.

During Fiscal Year 2000, the legislature enacted two related laws to provide for disposition of the tobacco settlement payments. The legislation created a permanent trust fund (the Health Care Security Trust) into which the Commonwealth's tobacco settlement payments (other than payments for attorneys' fees) are to be deposited. The legislation contemplated that a portion of the monies in the trust fund would be available for appropriation by the legislature to supplement existing levels of funding for health-related services and programs, and the remainder of the monies in the trust fund would be held as a reserve fund and would not be appropriated. For Fiscal Year 2000 through 2004, the amounts to be

available for such purposes were stipulated to be \$91.2 million, \$94 million, \$96 million, \$98 million and \$100 million, respectively, adjusted for the discounted amounts received by the Commonwealth in comparison to the MSA. The Fiscal Year 2002 budget changed this formula to 50% of amounts received in the settlement for Fiscal Year 2002, 2003 and 2004. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2005, 30% of the annual payments (not including any Strategic Contribution Fund payments) and 30% of the earnings on the balance in the trust fund are to be available for such purposes. As of June 30, 2005, the fund had a balance of \$443.6 million. The fund's trustees reported a GAAP total asset position of \$526.7 million as of June 30, 2005, exclusive liabilities of \$79.6 million, of which \$452.3 million was payable to the General Fund of the Commonwealth in Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

Tax Revenues—Fiscal Years 2005-2008.

Fiscal Year 2005. Tax revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2005 totaled \$17.087 billion, an increase of \$1.135 billion (7.1%) over Fiscal Year 2004. This increase is attributable in large part to an increase of approximately \$305.6 million or 4.1% in withholding collections, an increase of approximately \$303.9 million or 22% in income tax estimated payments, an increase of approximately \$270.4 million or 23.1% in income tax payments with returns and bills and an increase of approximately \$137.2 million or 3.7% in sales and use tax collections.

Fiscal Year 2006. Tax revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2006 totaled \$18.487 billion, an increase of \$1.4 billion (8.2%) over Fiscal Year 2005. This increase is attributable in large part to an increase of approximately \$448.4 million (5.8%) in withholding collections, an increase of approximately \$252.6 million (15%) in income tax estimated payments, an increase of approximately \$249.6 million (17.3%) in income tax payments with returns and bills, an increase of approximately \$117.9 million (3%) in sales and use tax collections and an increase of approximately \$550.2 million (32.3%) in corporate and business collections, which are partially offset by changes in other revenues. The Fiscal 2006 collections exceeded previous Fiscal 2006 tax revenue estimates and the DOR estimates that up to \$39 million of this \$71 million in unclaimed deductions and credits will be shifted to Fiscal Year 2007.

On December 8, 2005, the Governor enacted legislation that reinstated the lower capital gains tax rates that initially existed during the 2002 tax year. The DOR estimated that total revenue reduction resulting from this legislation will be approximately \$225 million to \$275 million over the next four fiscal years, with estimated revenue reductions of \$75.5 million in Fiscal Year 2006, and \$60.5 million in each of Fiscal Years 2007-09. This legislation also linked the personal income tax sections of the Massachusetts tax code to the Federal tax code, as well as closing certain so-called tax loopholes. The DOR estimated tax revenue reductions of approximately \$32 in Fiscal Year 2006 and \$17 million in Fiscal Year 2007.

Fiscal Year 2007. Tax revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2007 were estimated at \$19.736 billion, an increase of \$1.249 billion (6.8%) over Fiscal Year 2006. The increase is attributable in large part to an increase of approximately \$500.5 million (6.2%) in withholding collections, an increase of approximately \$161.5 million (8.3%) in income tax estimated payments, an increase of approximately \$275.6 million (16.3%) in income tax payments with returns and bills, an increase of approximately \$220.1 million (9.8%) in corporate and business collections, an increase of approximately \$62.9 million (1.6%) in sales and use tax collections and an increase of \$49.5 million (2.8%) in miscellaneous tax collections. The preliminary Fiscal Year 2007 collections exceeded Fiscal Year 2007 tax revenue estimates by \$436.3 million.

The Economic Stimulus Act included tax provisions that the DOR estimated will reduce Fiscal Year 2007 tax revenue collections by approximately \$23 million and, when fully implemented, will

decrease tax collections by \$40 million to \$45 million annually. On October 24, 2006, a revised tax revenue assessment for Fiscal Year 2007 was issued, revising the previous estimate upward by \$202 million, to \$19.132 billion. On the same day, an initial Fiscal Year 2008 tax revenue estimate of \$19.705 billion was issued.

Fiscal Year 2008. Tax revenues for the first three months of Fiscal Year 2008, ended October 30, 2007, totaled \$5.971 billion, an increase of \$222.5 million (3.9%), over the same period in Fiscal Year 2007. This increase is attributable in large part to an increase of approximately \$156.1 million (5.9%), in withholding collections and an increase of approximately \$24.1 million (1.7%), in sales and use tax collections. On October 30, 2007, the EOAF increased the tax revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 2008 by \$399.7 million to \$20.225 billion. The update also included an initial projection for Fiscal Year 2009 revenues of \$20.987 billion.

Commonwealth Expenditures

Commonwealth Financial Support for Local Governments. The Commonwealth makes substantial payments to its cities, towns and regional school districts ("Local Aid") to mitigate the impact of local property tax limits on local programs and services. Local Aid payments take the form of both direct and indirect assistance. Direct Local Aid consists of general revenue sharing funds and specific program funds sent directly to local governments and regional school districts, excluding certain pension funds and nonappropriated funds. In Fiscal Year 2006 approximately 18.6% of the Commonwealth's projected budgeted spending was estimated to be allocated to direct Local Aid.

As a result of comprehensive education reform legislation enacted in June 1993, a large portion of general revenue sharing funds are earmarked for public education and are distributed through a formula designed to provide more aid to the Commonwealth's poorer communities. The legislation requires the Commonwealth to distribute aid to ensure that each district reaches at least a minimum level of spending per public education pupil. Since Fiscal Year 1994, the Commonwealth has fully funded the requirements imposed by this legislation in each of its annual budgets.

The Lottery and Additional Assistance programs, which comprise the other major components of direct Local Aid, provide unrestricted funds for municipal use. There are also several specific programs funded through direct Local Aid, such as highway construction, school building construction and police education incentives. In addition to direct Local Aid, the Commonwealth has provided substantial indirect aid to local governments, including, for example, payments for MBTA assistance and debt service, pensions for teachers, housing subsidies and the costs of court and district attorneys that formerly had been paid by the counties.

For Fiscal Year 2005, aid for education was increased by \$75 million, a 2.4% increase over Fiscal Year 2004, and school transportation aid increased by \$13.2 million, a 50% increase over Fiscal Year 2004. The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget increased the distribution of lottery profits to cities and towns by \$100 million, a 15.1% increase. Aid for education continued to increase, growing by over \$105 million. Fiscal Year 2006 aid for school transportation costs grew by an additional \$7 million

Medicaid. The Medicaid program provides health care to low-income children and families, low-income adults, the disabled and the elderly. The program, which is administered by the Executive Office of Health & Human Services (the "EOHHS"), receives 50% in Federal reimbursement on most Medicaid expenditures. Beginning in Fiscal Year 1999, payments for some children's benefits are 65% Federally reimbursable under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Over a quarter of the Commonwealth's budget is devoted to Medicaid. It is the largest item in the Commonwealth's budget and has been one of the fastest growing budget items. Medicaid spending from Fiscal Years 2001-05 has grown by 8.3% on a compound annual basis. During the same period, Medicaid enrollment has increased by 1.2% on a compound annual basis. The State projected total Fiscal Year 2006 expenditures for Medicaid to be \$7.230 billion, an increase of 13.0% over Fiscal Year 2005. Due to lower than anticipated spending in recent years, Medicaid accounts payable spending has grown from \$142 million in Fiscal Year 2003 to \$251.8 million in Fiscal Year 2004. EOHHS reduced the amount of spending to \$110 million in Fiscal Year 2005. EOHHS did not expect any accounts payable spending in Fiscal Year 2006.

Uncompensated Care Pool. The Uncompensated Care Pool (the "UCP") reimburses acute care hospitals and community care centers for eligible services provided to low-income uninsured and underinsured people. In Fiscal Year 2005, the UCP paid for an estimated 41,000 inpatient and 1.9 million outpatient visits for over 454,580 different individuals. Revenues into the UCP include state funds, hospital assessments and surcharge payer assessments. The Fiscal Year 2004 budget directed the Division of Medical Assistance to provide health care benefits to long-term unemployed adults and make expenditures through the UCP. Eligibility for those individuals under the MassHealth Basic program was cut in April 2003. The new Fiscal Year 2004 program began in October 2003 with an enrollment cap of 36,000 qualifying persons. The cap was increased to 44,000 in Fiscal Year 2005. Legislation reforming health insurance approved in April 2006 lifted the enrollment cap to 60,000.

Health Insurance Legislation. Signed into law on April 12, 2006, this legislation is projected to provide health insurance coverage for 95% of the Commonwealth's uninsured by Fiscal Year 2009, reducing reliance on the UCP. This legislation requires (i) all residents 18 years and older to obtain health care insurance by July 1, 2007; (ii) all businesses with eleven or more employees to offer health insurance to their full-time employees and make a "fair and reasonable contribution" or be assessed an annual fee of up to \$295 per employee (\$31.5 million of revenue is attributed to this provision beginning in Fiscal 2008); (iii) The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector to increase accessibility to affordable, private health insurance coverage for individuals and small businesses and permitting payment of premiums on a pre-tax basis; (iv) The Commonwealth Care program to provide premium assistance to subsidize the purchase of private health insurance for individuals below specified income levels; and (v) businesses with eleven or more employees arrange for the purchase of health insurance by all employees, including part-time employees, on a pre-tax basis (no employer contribution is required).

For Fiscal Year 2006 the legislation appropriated \$60 million: \$25 million to establish the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector, \$14.5 million to expand and restore prevention programs at the Department of Public Health, \$10 million for a reserve to fund additional administrative costs of various agencies, \$5 million for the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation for a computerized physician order entry initiative and other healthcare related activities, and \$5.5 million for additional program expenditures. These appropriations were available for expenditure through Fiscal Year 2007. In Fiscal Year 2007, the legislation was estimated to result in a total of \$1.637 billion in new General Fund spending. Net cost to the Commonwealth was projected to be approximately \$265.5 million in Fiscal Year 2007, an increase of \$267.7 million from Fiscal Year 2006. For Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, the legislation provides an incremental \$90 million in rate increases for hospitals and physicians in each year. Total premium assistance payments in Fiscal Year 2007 were projected to be \$160 million.

Actual spending for health care reform related programs in Fiscal Year 2007 included \$138.9 million for the Commonwealth Care program, \$136.5 million for MassHealth benefits and eligibility increases, \$100 million for mandated rate increases for Medicaid managed care organizations, \$70.9 million for acute care hospital and physician rate increases, \$577.3 million for uncompensated care, \$380

million for acute hospital supplemental payments, \$47.5 million for essential community provider trust fund grants, \$25 million for spending within other state agencies (e.g., the Department of Public Health), \$25 million for start-up administrative costs at the Connector and \$13 million for the health care reform implementation reserve account. In Fiscal Year 2007, the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund had a \$28.4 million surplus based on mandated transfers.

The Fiscal Year 2008 budget includes \$471.9 million for the Commonwealth Care Program, \$227.7 million for MassHealth benefits and eligibility increases, \$149.3 million for mandated rate increases for Medicaid managed care organizations, \$145.9 million for acute care hospital and physician rate increases, \$414.6 million for uncompensated care, \$325 million for acute hospital supplemental payments (paid on a date of service basis), \$28 million for essential community provider trust fund grants and \$14.7 million for spending within other state agencies.

Public Assistance. The Commonwealth administers four major programs of income assistance for its poorest residents: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children ("TAFDC"), Emergency Assistance, Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children ("EAEDC"), and the state supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income ("SSI").

TAFDC expenditures in Fiscal Year 2006 were \$480.5 million, approximately 2.6% more than Fiscal Year 2005. Massachusetts is federally required to provide child care to TAFDC recipients and those transitioning off TAFDC for up to one year. Massachusetts provided approximately 22,360 slots for childcare for TAFDC recipients and those transitioning off TAFDC in Fiscal Year 2005. Childcare expenditures for Fiscal Year 2006 were projected to be \$365.8 million, an increase of 4.9% from Fiscal Year 2005. Massachusetts projects that it will provide approximately 22,200 child care slots to TAFDC recipients and those transitioning off TAFDC in Fiscal Year 2006. Massachusetts has met Federal requirements for childcare in the past three fiscal years.

The Commonwealth began implementing welfare reform programs in November 1995, establishing TAFDC programs to encourage work as a means to self-sufficiency and to discourage reliance on long-term assistance. The TAFDC caseload declined steadily from Fiscal Year 1996 through Fiscal Year 2001, resulting in a 68% decrease through Fiscal Year 2001. However, the caseload began to grow again in Fiscal Year 2002, from a low point of 42,013 enrolled in July 2001 to a high point of 48,550 in February 2003. In addition, Massachusetts limits TAFDC recipients to two years of benefits within a five-year period.

The EAEDC caseload declined steadily from Fiscal Year 1996 through Fiscal Year 2001, resulting in an 83.6% decrease through Fiscal Year 2001, but the caseload began to grow again in Fiscal Year 2002. The trend can be attributed to factors similar to those affecting the TAFDC caseload. For Fiscal Year 2004, caseload grew by 6.6% but expenditures declined by 1.2%. Fiscal Year 2005 caseload was up less than 1% while expenditures were flat. Fiscal Year 2006 expenditures for EAEDC were projected to be \$66.5 million, down slightly from Fiscal Year 2005.

SSI is a Federally administered and funded cash assistance program for individuals who are elderly, disabled or blind. SSI payments are funded entirely by the Federal government up to \$530 per individual recipient per month and entirely by the state above that amount. The additional state supplement ranges from \$39 to \$454 per month per recipient. Fiscal Year 2006 expenditures for SSI were estimated to be \$219.1 million, a 3.2% increase from Fiscal Year 2005.

Other Health and Human Services. Other health and human services spending for Fiscal Year 2005 included expenditures for the Department of Mental Retardation (\$1.067 billion), Department of

Mental Health (\$594.9 million), Department of Social Services (\$697.6 million), Department of Public Health (\$401.7 million) and other human service programs (\$656.2 million).

In Fiscal Year 2006, other health and human services spending was projected to include expenditures for the Department of Mental Retardation (\$1.133 billion), Department of Mental Health (\$632.9 million), Department of Social Services (\$744.3 million), Department of Public Health (\$483.5 million) and other human services programs (\$857.4 million).

Commonwealth Pension Obligations. The Commonwealth is responsible for the payment of pension benefits for Commonwealth employees and for teachers of the cities, towns and regional school districts throughout the state. Employees of certain independent authorities and agencies, and of counties, cities and towns (other than teachers) are covered by 104 separate retirement systems. The Commonwealth assumed responsibility, beginning in Fiscal Year 1982, for payment of cost of living adjustments for the 104 local retirement systems. However, in 1997 legislation was enacted removing from the Commonwealth the cost of future cost-of-living adjustments for these local retirement systems and providing that local retirement systems fund future cost-of-living adjustments. Pension benefits for state employees are administered by the State Board of Retirement, and pension benefits for teachers are administered by the Teachers' Retirement Board. Investment of the assets of the state employees' and teachers' retirement systems is managed by the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board. In the case of all other retirement systems, the retirement board for the system administers pension benefits and manages investment of assets. The members of these state and local retirement systems do not participate in the Federal Social Security System.

The Commonwealth's employees' and teachers' retirement systems are partially funded by employee contributions of regular compensation – 5% for those hired before January 1, 1975, 7% for those hired from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1983, 8% for those hired from January 1, 1984 through June 30, 1996 and 9% for those hired on or after July 1, 1996, plus an additional 2% of compensation above \$30,000 per year for those members hired on or after January 1, 1979. Employee contributions are 12% of compensation for members of the state police hired after July 1, 1996. Legislation enacted in Fiscal Year 2000 mandates that active members of the teachers' retirement system and teachers of the State-Boston retirement system who opt for this alternative program and all teachers hired on or after July 1, 2001 contribute 11% of regular compensation. Members who elect to participate are required to make a minimum of five years of retirement contributions at the 11% rate.

Early Retirement Incentive Program. As a means of reducing payroll costs in Fiscal Year 2002 and 2003, the Commonwealth adopted two Early Retirement Incentive Programs (each, an "ERIP"), which offered an enhanced pension benefit to retirement-eligible employees. Employees retiring under the 2002 and 2003 ERIP programs totaled approximately 4,600 and 3,048, respectively. The legislation authorizing each ERIP directed the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission ("PERAC") to file a report on the additional actuarial liabilities due to each ERIP. In its report for the 2002 ERIP, PERAC stated that the program resulted in an increased actuarial liability of \$312.2 million. In its report for the 2003 ERIP, PERAC stated that the program resulted in an increased actuarial liability of \$224.8 million.

On August 24, 2007, PERAC released its actuarial valuation of the total pension obligation as of January 1, 2007. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability as of that date for the total obligation was approximately \$13.349 billion. This liability was composed of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities of approximately \$3.226 billion for the State Employees' Retirement System, \$8.5 billion for the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System, \$1.221 billion for Boston Teachers and \$402 million for cost-of-living increases reimbursable to local systems. The valuation study estimated the total actuarial

accrued liability as of January 1, 2007 to be approximately \$53.761 billion (comprised of \$21.671 billion for state employees, \$29.321 billion for state teachers, \$2.368 billion for Boston Teachers and \$402 million for cost-of-living increases reimbursable to local systems). Total assets were valued at approximately \$40.412 billion based on a five-year average valuation method, which equaled 88.6% of the January 1, 2007 total asset market value.

For Fiscal Year 2008, PERAC also provided a range of estimated revenue transfers. A range for the value of assets on January 1, 2007 was estimated assuming full calendar year 2006 year-to-date return as of October 31, 2006. Based on these assumptions, the estimated January 1, 2007 unfunded liability would be \$13.31 to \$14.77 billion, requiring a Fiscal Year 2008 revenue transfer ranging from \$1.482 billion to \$1.609 billion.

Other Post-Employment Benefits. In addition to supplying pension benefits the Commonwealth is required to provide specific health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees of certain governmental agencies. All employees of the Commonwealth can potentially become eligible for such benefits if they reach the age of retirement while working in the Commonwealth. Eligible individuals must contribute a particular percentage of the costs of the health care benefits, while participating eligible authorities must reimburse the Commonwealth for the cost of providing these benefits. The Commonwealth recognizes its share of the costs of providing these benefits when paid, on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. These payments totaled approximately \$316.7 million for Fiscal Year 2005.

Assuming no prefunding, the actuarial accrued liability of the Commonwealth for other post-employment benefits obligations earned through January 1, 2006 was \$13.287 billion. To fully repay this liability over a 30-year period with a growth rate of 4.5% per year would require annual required contributions starting at \$1.062 billion for Fiscal Year 2006 and were projected to increase to \$2.758 billion in Fiscal 2016. However, if prefunding is assumed, the actuarial accrued liability is reduced to \$7.562 billion and the annual required contribution is estimated to start at \$702.9 million for Fiscal Year 2006, projected to increase to \$1.205 billion for Fiscal Year 2016.

The Fiscal Year 2008 budget created a State Retiree Benefit Trust Fund. This fund is an irrevocable trust fund created to begin funding the Commonwealth's "other post-employment benefit" liability. For Fiscal Year 2008, the current-year cost of state retiree health benefits will be funded through the new fund. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget directs the transfer of \$343.2 million to support such costs. In addition, the Fiscal Year 2008 budget transfers the balance of the Healthcare Security Trust Fund to the State Retiree Benefit Trust Fund prior to June 30, 2008 to begin funding the unfunded liability. This transfer is currently estimated at approximately \$405.1 million.

Higher Education. The Commonwealth's system of higher education includes the five-campus University of Massachusetts, nine state colleges and 15 community colleges. The operating revenues of each institution consist primarily of state appropriations and of student and other fees that may be imposed by the board of trustees of the institution. Tuition levels are set by the Board of Higher Education, and tuition revenue is required to be remitted to the State Treasurer by each institution. The board of trustees of each institution submits operating and capital budget requests annually to the Board of Higher Education. The legislature appropriates funds for the higher education system in the Commonwealth's annual operating budget in various line items for each institution. Fiscal Year 2006 spending on higher education was projected at \$982.1 million.

Other Program Expenditures. In Fiscal Year 2006, the remaining \$2.543 billion in estimated expenditures on other programs and services covered a variety of functions of state government, including expenditures for the Judiciary (\$684.5 million), District Attorneys (\$84.2 million), the Attorney General

(\$37.5 million), the EOAF (\$372.9 million), Environmental Affairs (\$247.6 million), Transportation (\$146.8 million) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (\$847.4 million).

Unemployment Trust Fund. The cash balance in the Massachusetts Unemployment Trust Fund as of February 28, 2006 was \$464 million. The Division of Unemployment Assistance projects that the fund will not experience a cash deficit in Fiscal Year 2006 or 2007 and, during these periods, will not need to borrow from the Federal government.

Capital Spending

The EOAF maintains a multi-year capital spending plan, including an annual administrative limit on certain types of capital spending by state agencies. The current capital spending plan contains estimates for capital investment by the Commonwealth as well as the estimated sources of funding for such capital investment by the Commonwealth, as well as the estimated sources of funding for such capital investments for Fiscal Years 2007-11, excluding sources and uses for amounts required for the CA/T Project, which remain under review as part of the development of a revised cash flow plan for the project. The projections assume a state borrowing program of \$1.25 billion in Fiscal Year 2007 and \$1.5 billion in Fiscal Year 2008, plus any carryforward of bond cap unused in the prior year, escalating thereafter by 3% per year. The plan is subject to change at any time.

On July 31, 2007, the Governor announced that the annual administrative limit on the amount of bond-funded capital expenditures, known as the "bond cap," would be \$1.5 billion for Fiscal Year 2008 and was expected to increase by \$125 million for each subsequent fiscal year through Fiscal Year 2012. Under this new policy, the Commonwealth will set the annual borrowing limit at a level designed to keep debt service within 8% of budgeted revenues. The budgeted revenue projection for Fiscal Year 2008 is the amount used in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal (net of revenues to be transferred to fund the Fiscal Year 2008 scheduled pension payment), which was based on the Fiscal Year 2008 consensus tax revenue estimate. For future fiscal years, 3% annual growth is assumed, which is the 10-year historic annual average growth in budgeted revenues.

In addition to keeping debt service within 8% of budgeted revenues, the debt management policy limits future annual growth in the bond cap to not more than \$125 million. This additional constraint is designed to ensure that projected growth in the bond cap will be held to stable and sustainable levels. The bond cap for each of the next five fiscal years is expected to result in debt service decreasing as a percentage of budgeted revenues by Fiscal Year 2012.

On August 6, 2007, the Governor released a five-year capital investment plan for Fiscal Years 2008-12. This plan, totaling an estimated \$12 billion over five years, increases the Commonwealth's direct capital investment in several priority areas, including higher education, economic development, housing, transportation infrastructure, energy and environmental affairs, and community investments.

The Governor's capital investment plan includes a 186% increase in state capital spending for higher education, dedicating \$125 million to the state's public colleges and universities in Fiscal Year 2008. The capital investment plan also dedicates \$1.12 billion to transportation projects and programs in Fiscal Year 2008, a 25% increase over projected Fiscal Year 2007 spending. The capital investment plan provides more than \$170 million in funding for public housing and the development of affordable private housing in Fiscal Year 2008. The bond cap for Fiscal Year 2008 consists of the \$1.5 billion of new bonds based on the debt affordability analysis, plus \$55.7 million of unexpended bond proceeds expected to be carried forward from Fiscal Year 2007.

On October 10, 2007, the Governor filed a ten-year, \$2 billion higher education bond bill. The legislation includes authorizations for new buildings, renovation projects and capital improvements. Of the total authorization, \$1 billion would be dedicated to capital investments at state and community colleges, and \$1 billion would be dedicated to capital investments at the University of Massachusetts. On November 16, 2007, the Governor filed a five-year, \$1.1 billion affordable housing bond bill. The legislation would authorize \$500 million for the preservation and improvement of the Commonwealth's 50,000 units of state-owned public housing. The legislation would also provide authorization for various programs that subsidize the development and preservation of privately owned affordable housing, including \$200 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$175 million for the Housing Stabilization Fund.

Central Artery/Ted Williams Tunnel Project. The largest single component of the Commonwealth's capital program currently is the CA/T Project, a major construction project that is part of the completion of the Federal interstate highway system. The project involves the depression of a portion of Interstate 93 in downtown Boston (the Central Artery), which is now an elevated highway, and the construction of a new tunnel under Boston harbor (the Ted Williams Tunnel) to link the Boston terminus of the Massachusetts turnpike (Interstate 90) to Logan International Airport and points north. Substantial completion of the CA/T Project occurred on January 13, 2006, and final completion of the surface roadways was expected to occur by the end of calendar year 2006. The remaining work was scheduled to be completed in Fiscal Years 2007 or 2008.

A revised CA/T Project cash flow projection was developed to provide for several factors, including the following: (i) project spending during Fiscal Year 2006 falling below the previously stated budget amounts; (ii) the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (the "MTA") transferring most of the remaining financial contribution to the project; (iii) the capacity of authorized sources for financially supporting the remaining funding shortfalls; and (iv) the Commonwealth making funds available to the CA/T Project to bridge the ultimate receipt of Federal Funds with the expectation of continuing to do so in Fiscal Year 2007. Following the approval on May 15, 2007 by the members of the MTA of the Commonwealth's proposal, relating to the \$210 million funding shortfall for the CA/T Project, the MTA and the Commonwealth entered into an agreement to implement such proposal. On June 29, 2007, the Governor filed legislation to implement the provisions of the agreement. Such legislation is currently pending in the Legislature. On May 23, 2007, the MTA filed a finance plan update with the Federal Highway Administration. Federal review of the finance plan update is near completion. The Commonwealth currently anticipates receiving \$133 million in withheld funds upon Federal approval of the update.

On June 29, 2007, the Governor filed legislation to implement the provisions of the funding shortfall agreement between the MTA and the Commonwealth. Among other provisions, the proposed legislation would have provided for all CA/T Project-related cost recoveries, insurance proceeds and certain real estate proceeds to be deposited into the Statewide Road and Bridge and CA/T Infrastructure Fund (the "TIF") for purposes of paying costs of the project or reimbursing the Commonwealth for such costs. New legislation was filed by the Governor on November 19, 2007 to provide for certain cost recovery amounts to be deposited in a trust fund and dedicated to maintenance of the CA/T project in accordance with the terms of the recent settlement with Aggregate Industries (discussed below under "Litigation") and any future, similar settlements. The new legislation provides that all other cost recoveries, insurance proceeds and certain real estate proceeds will be deposited in the TIF for purposes of paying costs of the CA/T Project or reimbursing the Commonwealth for payment of such costs. On October 29, 2007, the members of the MTA voted to authorize the MTA to enter into an amended agreement with the Commonwealth. The amended agreement, which has not yet been entered into, is expected, among other things, to reflect this change in the application of certain cost recoveries.

With respect to the \$50 million balance of the purchase price Massport is required to pay to the Commonwealth for the transfer to Massport of certain portions of the CA/T project, Massport paid \$25.1 million to the Commonwealth on June 15, 2007 and \$12.5 million to the Commonwealth on July 20, 2007. The \$12.4 million balance is expected to be paid when the MTA and the Massachusetts Highway Department complete the transfer of title to portions of the CA/T Project in accordance with the agreement between the agencies.

Claims and Economic Risks. The Claims and Changes Department (the "CCD") of the CA/T Project is responsible for administering the commercial aspects of the CA/T Project's construction contracts. The CCD has made substantial progress in recent years in resolving contractor claims, although significant items remain open. The CA/T Project reports that settlements have been within expectations on an overall basis and that contingency reserves are expected to be adequate. Project management currently expects that the costs of such settlements will be within the \$14.625 billion project budget. However, if settlements exceed expectations, the remaining unassigned contingency within the project budget may not be sufficient.

The weak economy and resolution of contractor claims, including global settlements, at amounts lower, and/or received later, than anticipated by contractors, among other factors, create cash flow and credit issues for affected CA/T Project contract work. If an affected contractor with significant critical path contract work toward an overall project completion milestone were to become insolvent, or otherwise fail to complete its contract work, it is possible that there would be a substantial or material impact on CA/T Project schedule and cost, although the likelihood and potential severity of such impact diminish as the CA/T Project progresses towards completion. Recent media reports refer to the financial difficulties of a particular CA/T Project contractor. The Turnpike Authority is monitoring that contractor's progress with respect to its obligations under CA/T Project contracts and its continuing ability to complete those obligations on an ongoing basis. The contractor continues to progress its work on the CA/T Project, and the Turnpike Authority has not received information that the contractor's financial status will prevent its contractual obligations from being met or the CA/T Project from being completed in accordance with the current schedule.

On June 4, 2007, the Commonwealth received final payment of a \$58.5 million settlement with American International Group ("AIG") for reimbursement of delayed credits to the owner-controlled insurance program for the CA/T Project and accrued interest on such delayed credits. The Federal government recently determined that the portion of the principal reimbursement allocable to overpayments made by the Federal government which must be credited back to the Federal government would be re-obligated to the CA/T Project, resulting in no net impact on the Federal funding commitment. The Federal government has indicated, however, that it will reduce future Federal contributions to the project by \$29 million, representing the portion of the settlement allocable to the Federal share of accrued interest on the delayed credits. Of the \$58.5 million of settlement proceeds received by the Commonwealth, \$23.7 million has been transferred to pay remaining costs of the CA/T Project (thereby offsetting most of the impact of the \$29 million reduction), and the balance has been expended by the Commonwealth for general purposes.

One issue still under Federal review is that the finance plan is based on an assumption that the remaining deductible liability payable to AIG from the owner-controlled insurance program trust for construction-related CA/T Project claims will be sold and that there is insufficient evidence of AIG's willingness to grant the required approval for the sale of such liability. The Commonwealth and MTA are engaged in negotiations with AIG to obtain AIG's approval of the sale or of another option for liquidating excess amounts on deposit in the insurance trust to satisfy cash flow needs identified in the updated finance plan. The Commonwealth and the MTA anticipate obtaining a commitment from AIG to grant the

desired approval. In the event AIG does not grant the desired approval, the MTA or the Commonwealth would need to temporarily fund approximately \$30 million of CA/T Project costs to complete the project, but it is expected that this amount would be reimbursed over time as final claims are paid from the insurance trust and excess amounts in the trust are released.

On July 10, 2007, the National Transportation Safety Board released its findings pertaining to the collapse of several concrete suspended ceiling panels in the CA/T Project. The Board's assessment was that the cause of the failure was the use of a fast-setting epoxy anchoring system which was susceptible to "creep" (the tendency for slippage or elongation with the application of sustained tensile loads). Subsequent to the collapse, a full inspection was conducted, and continues today, inspecting all aspects of the project's design, construction and life safety systems

SEC Inquiry. In late August and early September 2006, the SEC sent certain departments and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth letters requesting voluntary provision of documents and information regarding safety reviews of the CA/T Project during the period January 1, 2004, to the present and related disclosures. The Commonwealth and the Turnpike Authority are cooperating with the SEC.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, the finances of the MBTA were restructured, and its financial relationship to the Commonwealth changed materially. The MBTA issues its own bonds and notes and is also responsible for the payment of obligations issued by the Boston Metropolitan District prior to the creation of the MBTA in 1964. The Commonwealth is obligated to provide the MBTA with a portion of the revenues raised by its sales tax, which is dedicated to the MBTA under a trust fund. The dedicated revenue stream is used to meet the Commonwealth's debt service obligations related to certain outstanding MBTA debt and to meet the MBTA's other operating and debt service needs. The MBTA is authorized to assess a portion of its costs on 175 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts: after a five-year phase-in of reduced assessments (from approximately \$144.6 million in Fiscal Year 2001 to approximately \$136 million in Fiscal Year 2006) the cities and towns are legally required to pay assessments equal to at least \$136 million in the aggregate, as adjusted for inflation (with no annual increase to exceed 2.5% per year).

Beginning July 1, 2000, the Commonwealth's annual obligation to support the MBTA for operating costs and debt service was limited to a portion of the state sales tax revenues, but the Commonwealth remains contingently liable for the payment of MBTA bonds and notes issued prior to July 1, 2000. The Commonwealth's obligation to pay such prior bonds is a general obligation. As of June 30, 2003, the MBTA had approximately \$2.834 billion of such prior bonds outstanding. Such bonds are currently scheduled to mature annually through Fiscal Year 2030, with annual debt service in the range of approximately \$270 million to \$292 million through Fiscal Year 2013 and declining thereafter.

Commonwealth Indebtedness

General Authority to Borrow. Under its constitution, the Commonwealth may borrow money (a) for defense or in anticipation of receipts from taxes or other sources, any such loan to be paid out of the revenue of the year in which the loan is made, or (b) by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature present and voting thereon. The constitution further provides that borrowed money shall not be expended for any other purpose than that for which it was borrowed or for the reduction or discharge of the principal of the loan. In addition, the Commonwealth may give, loan or pledge its credit by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature present and voting thereon, but such credit may not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, or of any private association, or of any corporation which is privately owned or managed.

General Obligation Debt. The Commonwealth issues general obligation bonds and notes pursuant to Commonwealth law. General obligation bonds and notes issued thereunder are deemed to be general obligations of the Commonwealth to which its full faith and credit are pledged for the payment of principal and interest when due, unless specifically provided otherwise on the face of such bond or note. As of July 31, 2007, the Commonwealth had approximately \$16.02 billion in issued and outstanding general obligation debt.

Notes. The Commonwealth is authorized to issue short-term general obligation debt as revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes. Revenue anticipation notes may be issued by the Treasurer in any fiscal year in anticipation of the receipts for that year and must be repaid no later than the close of the fiscal year in which they are issued. Bond anticipation notes may be issued by the Treasurer in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, including special obligation convention center bonds. The Commonwealth currently has liquidity support for a \$1 billion commercial paper program for general obligation notes, through five \$200 million credit lines, which were scheduled to expire in December 2006, March 2007, December 2007, September 2008 and November 2015, respectively.

Synthetic Fixed Rate Bonds. In connection with the issuance of certain general obligation bonds that were issued as variable rate bonds, the Commonwealth has entered into interest rate exchange (or "swap") agreements with certain counterparties pursuant to which the counterparties are obligated to pay the Commonwealth an amount equal to the variable rate payment on the related bonds and the Commonwealth is obligated to pay the counterparties a stipulated fixed rate. Only the net difference in interest payments is actually exchanged with the counterparty, and the Commonwealth is responsible for making the interest payments to the variable rate bondholders. The effect of the agreements is to fix the Commonwealth's interest payment obligations with respect to the variable rate bonds. The Commonwealth will be exposed to a variable rate if the counterparties default or if the swap agreements are terminated. Termination of a swap agreement may also result in the Commonwealth's making or receiving a termination payment. As of January 1, 2006, the amount of such variable rate bonds outstanding was \$2.107 billion.

Variable Rate Demand Bonds, Auction Rate Securities and U.Plan Bonds. As of January 1, 2006, the Commonwealth had outstanding approximately \$184 million of variable rate demand bonds with liquidity support provided by commercial banks under agreements scheduled to terminate in February 2006. On March 3, 2006 the Commonwealth issued \$350 million of additional variable rate demand bonds with liquidity support provided by commercial banks under agreements terminating in March 2011 and March 2013. As of January 1, 2006, the Commonwealth had outstanding \$401.5 million of auction rate securities and approximately \$87.1 million of variable rate "U.Plan" bonds, sold in conjunction with a college savings program administered by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, which bear deferred interest at a rate equal to the percentage change in the consumer price index plus 2%, together with current interest at the rate of 0.5%.

Special Obligation Debt.

Highway Fund. The Commonwealth is authorized to issue special obligation bonds secured by all or a portion of revenues accounted to the Highway Fund. Revenues that are currently accounted to the Highway Fund are primarily derived from taxes and fees relating to the operation or use of motor vehicles in the Commonwealth, including the motor fuels excise tax. As of January 1, 2006, the Commonwealth had outstanding \$770.1 million of such special obligation bonds, including \$761.4 million of such bonds secured by a pledge of 6.86¢ of the 21¢ motor fuels excise tax.

Convention Center Fund. The Commonwealth is authorized to issue \$694.4 million of special obligation bonds for the purposes of a new convention center in Boston (\$609.4 million), the Springfield Civic Center (\$66 million) and the Worcester convention center (\$19 million). The bonds are to be payable from moneys credited to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Fund created by legislation, which include the receipts from a 2.75% convention center financing fee added to the existing hotel tax in Boston, Cambridge, Springfield and Worcester, sales tax receipts from establishments near the proposed Boston facility, a surcharge on car rentals in Boston, a parking surcharge at all three facilities, the entire hotel tax collected at hotels located near the new Boston facility, and all sales tax and hotel tax receipts at new hotels in Boston and Cambridge. In June 2004, \$686.7 million of special obligation bonds were issued, secured solely by the pledge of receipts of tax revenues within the special districts surrounding the centers and other special revenues connected to such facilities

Federal Grant Anticipation Notes. The Commonwealth has issued Federal grant anticipation notes yielding aggregate net proceeds of \$1.5 billion, the full amount authorized, to finance the current cash flow needs of the CA/T Project in anticipation of future Federal reimbursements. The notes are not general obligations of the Commonwealth. The notes mature between Fiscal Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2015, inclusive. Under the trust agreement securing the notes, aggregate annual debt service on grant anticipation notes may not exceed \$216 million. Such notes are secured by the pledge of Federal highway construction reimbursement payments and by a contingent pledge of certain motor fuels excises.

On July 16, 2003, the Commonwealth issued special obligation refunding notes for the purpose of crossover refunding approximately \$408 million of outstanding Federal grant anticipation notes in 2008 and in 2010. Until the crossovers occur, interest on the notes will be paid solely by an escrow account established with the proceeds of the notes. Upon the refunding of \$408 million of outstanding Federal grant anticipation notes on the crossover dates, the refunding notes will become secured by the Grant Anticipation Note Trust Fund. As of January 1, 2006, \$1.85 billion of such notes, inclusive of the special obligation crossover refunding notes, remained outstanding.

Litigation

There are pending in state and Federal courts within the Commonwealth and in the Supreme Court of the United States various suits in which the Commonwealth is a party. In the opinion of the Attorney General, no litigation is pending or, to his knowledge, threatened which is likely to result, either individually or in the aggregate, in final judgments against the Commonwealth that would affect materially its financial condition.

Commonwealth Programs and Services. From time to time actions are brought against the Commonwealth by the recipients of governmental services, particularly recipients of human services benefits, seeking expanded levels of services and benefits and by the providers of such services challenging the Commonwealth's reimbursement rates and methodologies. To the extent that such actions result in judgments requiring the Commonwealth to provide expanded services or benefits or pay increased rates, additional operating and capital expenditures might be needed to implement such judgments.

Ricci v. Okin. Challenges by residents of five state schools for the mentally handicapped resulted in a consent decree in the 1970's that required the Commonwealth to upgrade and rehabilitate the facilities in question and to provide services and community placements in western Massachusetts. On May 25, 1993, the trial court entered a final order vacating and replacing all consent decrees and court orders. In their place, the final order requires lifelong provision of individualized services to class members and contains requirements regarding staffing, maintenance of effort (including funding) and other matters.

On July 14, 2004, a subset of plaintiffs filed a motion to re-open the case and enforce the final order of May 25, 1993, asserting various reasons why the Department of Mental Retardation (the "DMR") was not in compliance with the 1993 final order, mostly relating to the Commonwealth's plan to close certain intermediate care facilities, including the Fernald Developmental Center (the "FDC"). Another subgroup of plaintiffs continues to engage in a mediation process with the DMR. The DMR filed a responsive pleading on August 16, 2004, asserting that all of the final order requirements had been met. The Disability Law Center filed a motion to intervene shortly thereafter. The court has continued to call the parties in on an occasional basis to discuss ongoing issues such as plaintiffs' access to certain records.

On March 6, 2007, the United States Attorney issued a report, in which they did not find any violations by the DMR of Federal or state law, but nonetheless recommended that the FDC remain open to serve any residents who wish to remain there. In August 2007, the court reopened the case, restored it to the active docket and order the DMR to continue to offer FDC as a residential placement option for its residents. The DMR has appealed that order. If the DMR is required to keep FDC open indefinitely, additional operational, maintenance and infrastructure costs could be in the millions of dollars.

Hutchinson et al v. Patrick et al. This class action seeks declaratory and injunctive relief on behalf of two organizations and five individuals with brain injuries who are residents of various nursing facilities. The plaintiffs claim that they, and a class of 2,000-4,000 brain-injured individuals are entitled to, among other things, placement in community settings under various Federal statutes. The original complaint was filed on May 17, 2007, and amended on June 18, 2007. The defendants filed an answer on July 16, 2007. The trial court has certified the class action. The potential fiscal impact of an adverse decision is unknown, but could be hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Rosie D. v. Governor. Plaintiffs asserted claims under provisions of the Federal Medicaid law. Specifically, plaintiffs assert that the Commonwealth is required to, yet does not, provide them with intensive home-based mental health services. Trial was held from April 25 through June 9, 2005. On January 26, 2006, the court issued its decision finding in favor of the plaintiffs on two of three counts of the complaint and ordering the parties to meet and attempt to achieve an agreed-upon plan. The parties were in negotiations and were due back before the Court in September 2006 to report on their progress. On July 16, 2007, the court entered judgment in accordance with a proposed remedial plan. The Commonwealth did not appeal from that judgment and has begun implementation of the plan, which should be fully implemented by June 30, 2009. The cost of implementation is likely to exceed \$20 million. The plaintiffs' counsel have requested attorneys' fees in the amount of approximately \$8 million, and the Commonwealth is considering that request.

Jane Doe, by John Doe v. Ronald Preston. This is a civil rights action asserting that the defendants have maintained a policy that allows juveniles in the custody of the Department of Youth Services ("DYS") to be strip-searched in violation of their constitutional rights. The plaintiff is seeking certification of a class of juveniles committed to the custody of DYS. No class has yet been certified, but potential class size would be approximately 15,000 to 20,000 juveniles. Defendants sought summary judgment on qualified immunity grounds, which was argued in May 2006, and remains under advisement. If granted, the summary judgment will likely dispose of the entire case. Potential liability if summary judgment is not granted for the defendants could exceed \$20 million due to the expected size of the class.

Disability Law Center, Inc. v. Massachusetts Department of Correction et al. The Disability Law Center ("DLC") filed suit against the Department of Correction ("DOC") and various senior DOC officials, alleging that confining prisoners with mental illness in segregation beyond a short period

violates the United States Constitution and other Federal statutes. DLC asks the court to enjoin DOC from confining mentally ill prisoners in segregation for more than one week and to require DOC to establish a maximum security residential treatment unit as an alternative to segregation. DLC has proposed a broad definition of "mental illness," which, if adopted, would cover a large percentage of DOC's segregation population. The trial court had requested that the parties report on settlement prospects by November 23, 2007. While DLC requests only injunctive relief, estimated increased program costs could amount to \$24.8 million in the event of an adverse outcome.

Environmental Matters. The Commonwealth is engaged in various lawsuits concerning environmental and related laws, including an action brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency alleging violations of the Clean Water Act and seeking to reduce the pollution in Boston Harbor. See *United States v. Metropolitan District Commission*. See also *Conservation Law Foundation v. Metropolitan District Commission* and *United States v. South Essex Sewage*. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA"), successor in liability to the Metropolitan District Commission ("MDC"), has assumed primary responsibility for developing and implementing a court-approved plan and timetable for the construction of the treatment facilities necessary to achieve compliance with the Federal requirements. The MWRA currently projects that the total cost of construction of the wastewater facilities required under the court's order, not including certain costs, will be approximately \$3.5 billion. The MWRA anticipates spending approximately \$686 million after that date to cover certain additional costs. Under the Clean Water Act, the Commonwealth may be liable for any cost of complying with any judgment in these or any other Clean Water Act cases to the extent the MWRA or a municipality is prevented by state law from raising revenues necessary to comply with such a judgment.

Wellesley College (the "College") is seeking contribution from the Commonwealth for costs related to environmental contamination on the Wellesley College campus and adjacent areas, including Lake Waban. On September 5, 2001, the court entered judgment incorporating a partial settlement between the parties, under which the College funded a clean up of hazardous materials at the campus and the northern shoreline of Lake Waban expected to cost approximately \$40 million. The Commonwealth has reimbursed the College approximately \$1 million from an escrow account, after the Department of Environmental Protection determined that the clean up had been properly performed. Other issues that may lead to counterclaims by the College against the Commonwealth include groundwater contamination and clean-up of Lake Waban itself, for which the Department has approved a temporary solution, reviewable every five years. If a full clean-up of the lake is required in the future, it could cost up to \$100 million.

In re Massachusetts Military Reservation (pre-litigation). The Commonwealth is engaged in preliminary discussions regarding natural resource damage at the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod. The Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is the State Natural Resources Trustee. Federal Trustees claim that the Commonwealth and others are liable for natural resource damages due to widespread contamination primarily from past military activities at the Reservation. This asserted liability also may extend to response actions and related activities necessary to remediate the site. The assessment process for natural resource damages is set forth in Federal regulations and is expected to take many month to complete. While no recent comprehensive estimate of natural resource damages and response actions is available, it is expected that the damages and response actions may cost at least tens of millions of dollars. Currently the Commonwealth is in settlement negotiations with one of the private contractors regarding contamination at a portion of the site.

Taxes and Revenues. There are several tax cases pending which could result in significant refunds if taxpayers prevail, including *TJX Companies v. Commissioner of Revenue*, *MBNA America Bank v. Commissioner of Revenue*, *Greenwood Trust Company v. Commissioner of Revenue*, *Providian*

National Bank v. Commissioner of Revenue and Capital One Bank and Capital One F.S.B. v. Commissioner of Revenue. It is the policy of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Revenue to defend such actions vigorously on behalf of the Commonwealth, and the descriptions that follow are not intended to imply that the Commissioner has conceded any liability whatsoever. As of July 20, 2007, approximately \$100 million in contingent liabilities exist in the aggregate in the tax cases pending before the Appellate Tax Board or on appeal to the Appeals Court or the Supreme Judicial Court.

Eminent Domain.

Shwachman v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Commonwealth, through its Division of Capital Asset Management, took by eminent domain certain property in Worcester to build a new courthouse for Worcester County. Suit was filed in trial court in May 2004 seeking additional compensation in an amount up to \$30 million. Discovery is ongoing with a trial date likely in late 2008 or early 2009.

CA/T Project Litigation.

Perini Corp., Kiewit Constr. Corp., Jay Cashman, Inc., d/b/a Perini – Kiewit – Cashman Joint Venture v. Commonwealth. In six consolidated cases and related potential litigation, plaintiffs make claims for alleged increased costs arising from differing site conditions and other causes of delay on the CA/T Project. Plaintiffs have asserted claims in excess of \$105 million. These claims are at various stages of resolution with various courts and administrative panels.

American Council of Engineering Cos v. Mass Turnpike, Mass Highway Department and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The plaintiff asserts that, due to the financial difficulties of two insurers who are part of the CA/T Project's Owner-Controlled Insurance Program, the CA/T Project is contractually required to replace two insurance policies totaling \$25 million. The Commonwealth's motion to dismiss has been denied and discovery is ongoing.

CA/T Cost Recovery Program Litigation. In 2004, ten civil actions were filed by the Commonwealth and the MTA against section design consultants of the CA/T Project, which claimed that the designers' errors and omissions caused the CA/T Project to expend additional costs during construction. The Commonwealth and the MTA also filed a complaint in 2004 against the Project's management consultant, Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, a joint venture. The main claim in this case, which was stayed until December 31, 2005, is the defendants' failure to disclose the true cost of the CA/T Project. The cost recovery efforts were transferred to the Attorney General's office effective February 1, 2005.

In re Aggregate Industries Settlement. In late June 2007, the Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney settled four civil cases and one criminal matter with Aggregate Industries NE, Inc. ("Aggregate"), arising out of Aggregate's supply of concrete products to the CA/T project. In addition to a guilty plea on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, the settlement requires Aggregate to make total payments of \$50 million, including approximately \$6.2 million to the Commonwealth (of which, approximately \$1.1 million must be paid out to "whistleblowers"). In addition, the settlement provides that approximately \$27.1 million, plus accrued interest, will be paid into a trust fund for future repairs and maintenance of structures related to the project.

APPENDIX B

Rating Categories

Description of certain ratings assigned by S&P, Moody's and Fitch:

S&P

Long-term

AAA

An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA

An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest rated obligations only in small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong. The rating 'AA' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation to show relative standing within this rating category.

Short-term

SP-1

Strong capacity to pay principal and interest. An issue determined to possess a very strong capacity to pay debt service is given a plus sign (+) designation.

SP-2

Satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.

Commercial paper

A-1

This designation indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is strong. Those issues determined to possess extremely strong safety characteristics are denoted with a plus sign (+) designation.

A-2

Capacity for timely payment on issues with this designation is satisfactory. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated 'A-1.'

Moody's

Long-term

Aaa

Bonds rated 'Aaa' are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

Aa

Bonds rated 'Aa' are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the 'Aaa' group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in 'Aaa' securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risk appear somewhat larger than the 'Aaa' securities.

Moody's applies numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to the 'Aa' generic rating classification. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of the rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of the rating category.

Prime rating system (short-term)

Issuers rated **Prime-1** (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics:

Leading market positions in well-established industries.

High rates of return on funds employed.

Conservative capitalization structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection.

Broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation.

Well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

Issuers rated **Prime-2** (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

MIG/VMIG--U.S. short-term

Municipal debt issuance ratings are designated as Moody's Investment Grade (MIG) and are divided into three levels -- MIG 1 through MIG 3.

The short-term rating assigned to the demand feature of variable rate demand obligations (VRDOs) is designated as VMIG. When either the long- or short-term aspect of a VRDO is not rated, that piece is designated NR, e.g., Aaa/NR or NR/VMIG 1.

MIG 1/VMIG1

This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.

MIG 2/VMIG 2

This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.

Fitch

Long-term investment grade

AAA

Highest credit quality. ‘AAA’ ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA

Very high credit quality. ‘AA’ ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

Short-term

A short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 12 months for most obligations, or up to three years for U.S. public finance securities, and thus places greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments in a timely manner.

F1

Highest credit quality. Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

F2

Good credit quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

A plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation may be appended to the ‘AA’ or F1 rating to denote relative status within the rating category.