

**University of South Alabama**  
**Quarterly Financial Statements**  
**(A Component Unit of the State of Alabama)**  
**Three Months Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011**

**Unaudited**

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

### Introduction

The following discussion presents an overview of the financial position and financial activities of the University of South Alabama (the University). This discussion was prepared by University management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto, which follow.

### Financial Highlights

At December 31, 2012, the University had total assets of \$985,899,000, total liabilities of \$530,885,000 and net assets of \$455,014,000. University net assets increased \$1,477,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2012 compared to an increase of \$10,858,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2011. An overview of each statement is presented below along with a financial analysis of the transactions impacting the statement.

Condensed financial statements for the University at and for the three months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 follow (in thousands):

### Condensed Statements of Net Position

	2012	2011
<i>Assets</i>		
Current	\$ 316,822	\$ 271,297
Capital and other noncurrent assets	669,077	647,035
	<u>985,899</u>	<u>918,332</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Current	138,092	124,054
Noncurrent	392,793	368,298
	<u>530,885</u>	<u>492,352</u>
<i>Net Position</i>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	229,818	208,317
Restricted, nonexpendable	34,807	31,544
Restricted, expendable	47,225	43,642
Unrestricted	143,164	142,477
	<u>\$ 455,014</u>	<u>\$ 425,980</u>

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

### Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

	2012	2011
<i>Operating revenues</i>		
Tuition and fees	\$ 35,121	\$ 36,206
Hospital revenues, net	61,674	56,773
Other	<u>26,621</u>	<u>32,898</u>
	123,416	125,877
<i>Operating expenses</i>		
Salaries and benefits	105,929	103,711
Supplies and other services	32,021	34,360
Other	<u>11,543</u>	<u>10,922</u>
	149,493	148,993
Operating loss	(26,077)	(23,116)
<i>Nonoperating revenues (expenses)</i>		
State appropriations	25,324	26,348
Other, net	<u>(1,620)</u>	<u>3,026</u>
Net nonoperating revenues, net	23,704	29,374
Other revenues, expenses, gains or losses	<u>3,850</u>	<u>4,600</u>
Increase in net position	1,477	10,858
<i>Net Position</i>		
Beginning of period, before cumulative		
Change in accounting principle	453,537	416,896
Cumulative effect of change	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,774)</u>
Beginning of period, as adjusted	453,537	415,122
End of period	<u>\$ 455,014</u>	<u>\$ 425,980</u>

### Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations

#### Statements of Net Position

The statements of net position present the assets, liabilities and net position of the University as of the end of the current reporting period. The net position is displayed in three parts, net investment in capital assets net of related debt, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted net assets may either be expendable or nonexpendable and are those assets that are restricted by law or by an external donor. Unrestricted net position, while it is

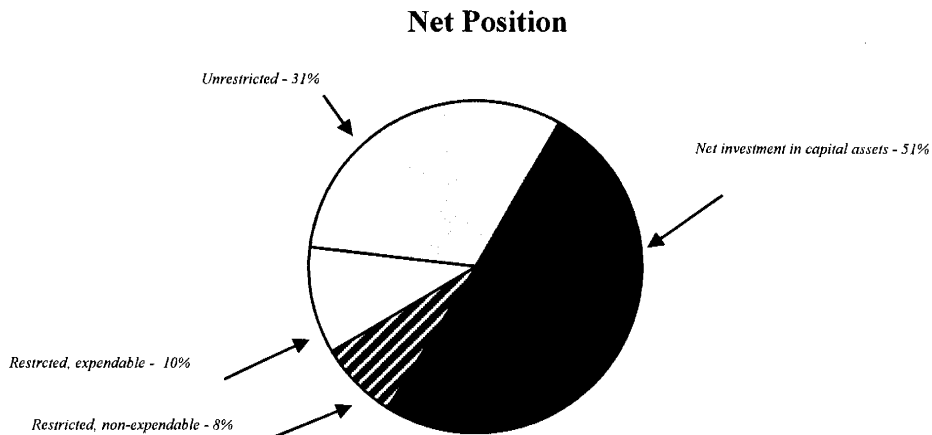
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generally designated for specific purposes, is available for use by the University to meet current expenses for any purposes. The statements of net position, along with all of the University's basic financial statements, are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when the service is provided and expenses are recognized when others provide the service to the University, regardless of when cash is exchanged.

Assets included in the statements of net position are classified as current or noncurrent. Current assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, operating investments and hospital patient accounts receivable. Current liabilities consist primarily of accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Net position represents the residual interest in the University's assets after liabilities are deducted and are classified into one of four categories as shown on the following illustration, as of the end of the current reporting period:



Net investment in capital assets represents the University's capital assets less accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted nonexpendable net position consists primarily of the University's permanent endowment funds. The corpus of these funds may not be expended and must remain with the University in perpetuity. Only the earnings from these funds may be expended. Restricted expendable net assets are subject to externally imposed restrictions governing

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### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**

their use. The funds are restricted primarily for debt service, capital projects, student loans and scholarship purposes.

Although unrestricted net position is not subject to externally imposed stipulations, substantially all of the University's unrestricted net position has been designated for various academic and research programs and initiatives as well as capital projects.

#### *Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*

Changes in total University net position as presented on the statements of net position is based on the activity presented in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. The purpose of the statements is to present the revenues recognized by the University, both operating and nonoperating, and the expenses incurred by the University, operating and nonoperating, and any other revenues, expenses, gains and losses recognized or incurred by the University.

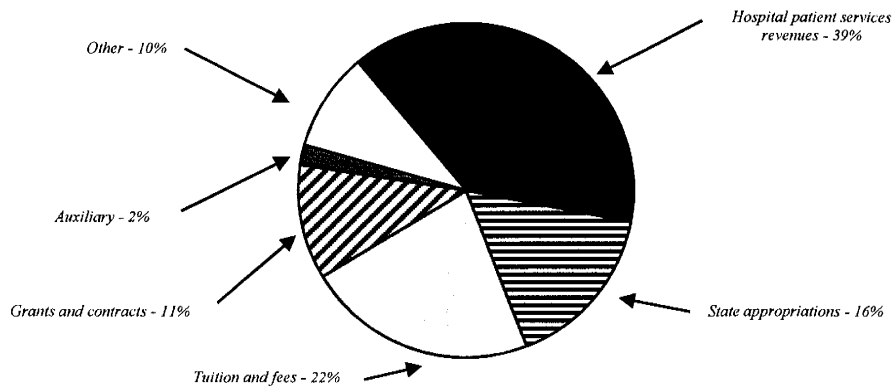
Generally, operating revenues are received for providing goods and services to the various customers and constituencies of the University. Operating expenses are those expenses paid to acquire or produce the goods and services provided in return for the operating revenues, and to carry out the mission of the University. Nonoperating revenues are revenues received for which goods and services are not provided. GASB Statement No. 34 requires that state appropriations be classified as nonoperating.

Approximately one-half of the operating revenues of the University are hospital patient care revenues. The remainder consists primarily of tuition and fees, grants and contracts, auxiliary enterprise and other revenues. The following illustration presents the major sources of University revenues (operating, nonoperating and other) for the current period:

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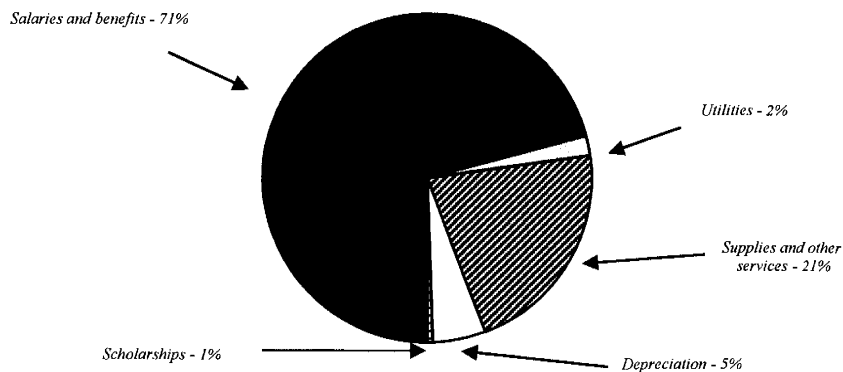
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**Sources of Revenues**



University expenses are presented using natural expense classifications. Salaries and benefits represent the majority of the University's operating expenses. The following illustration presents the major University operating expenses, including the hospitals, using natural classification for the current period:

**Operating Expenses by Natural Classification**



### Capital Assets and Debt Administration

During the current period, construction continued on the new Delta student housing facility, the expansion of Children's and Women's Hospital and a major renovation of the Student Center. Additionally, several other construction and renovation projects at the University and Hospitals remained ongoing during the current period. The construction

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### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**

of Shelby Hall was essentially completed in fiscal 2012. Also in fiscal 2012, the Renovation of the University Bookstore and the Campus Entrance Portals were placed into service. In fiscal 2011, the Student Recreation Center, Moulton Tower, the Glass Blowing Studio and the Student Dining Facility were placed into service.

In January 2012, the University issued the University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2012-A, with a face value of \$25,000,000. The net proceeds of this bond will be used to fund the construction of new student housing as well as other construction and capital improvement projects at the University.

Also in January 2012, the University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2012-B, with a face value of \$7,740,000. The net proceeds of this bond will be used to fund certain capital equipment purchases and renovations at the hospital and Mitchell Cancer Institute.

In March 2012, the University's bond credit rating was downgraded by Moody's Investors Services from Aa3 to A1. This represents the first change in the University's bond credit rating since it was upgraded from A1 to Aa3 in 2010. In November 2012, the Standard and Poor's Ratings Service reaffirmed the University's rating of A+.

In order to realize debt service savings currently from future debt refunding, in January 2008, the University entered into a synthetic advance refunding of the outstanding Series 2004 and 2006 bonds. This transaction was effected through the sale of two swaptions by the University to a counterparty and resulted in an up-front payment to the University totaling \$9,328,000 in exchange for selling the counterparty the option to enter into an interest rate swap with respect to the Series 2004 and 2006 bonds. A portion of this payment is considered a borrowing and is included in the long-term debt of the University. The fair value component of the refunding associated with the swaps is considered an investment derivative and, as such, the change in the fair value component is reflected as a component of investment income.

#### **Economic Outlook**

While enrollment and tuition have generally increased in recent years, state appropriations prior to 2006 were relatively flat. However, in the 2008, 2007 and 2006 fiscal years, the University experienced increases of 16%, 19% and 17%, respectively. These increases were unusually high. For the 2009 fiscal year, the University's original state appropriation decreased 12.8% or approximately \$17,882,000. Additionally, in December 2008 the Governor of Alabama announced proration of 9%, or approximately

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### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**

\$10,967,000; and in July 2009, the Governor announced additional proration of 2%, or approximately \$2,437,000. Therefore, the total decrease in the 2009 state appropriation was approximately \$31,286,000 to \$108,451,000, or 22.4% lower than in 2008.

A state appropriation in the amount of approximately \$108,133,000 was authorized for the year ended September 30, 2010. In September 2009, the Governor announced proration of 7.5%, or approximately \$8,264,000; and in September 2010, the Governor announced additional proration of 2%, or approximately \$2,162,000. Therefore, the total decrease from the original authorized 2010 state appropriation was approximately \$10,426,000 to \$97,860,000, or 9.6% lower than the original appropriation and 9.8% lower than the actual 2009 amounts received.

A state appropriation in the amount of \$99,947,000 was authorized for the year ended September 30, 2011. In February 2011, the Governor announced proration of 3%, or approximately \$2,999,000, to approximately \$96,948,000.

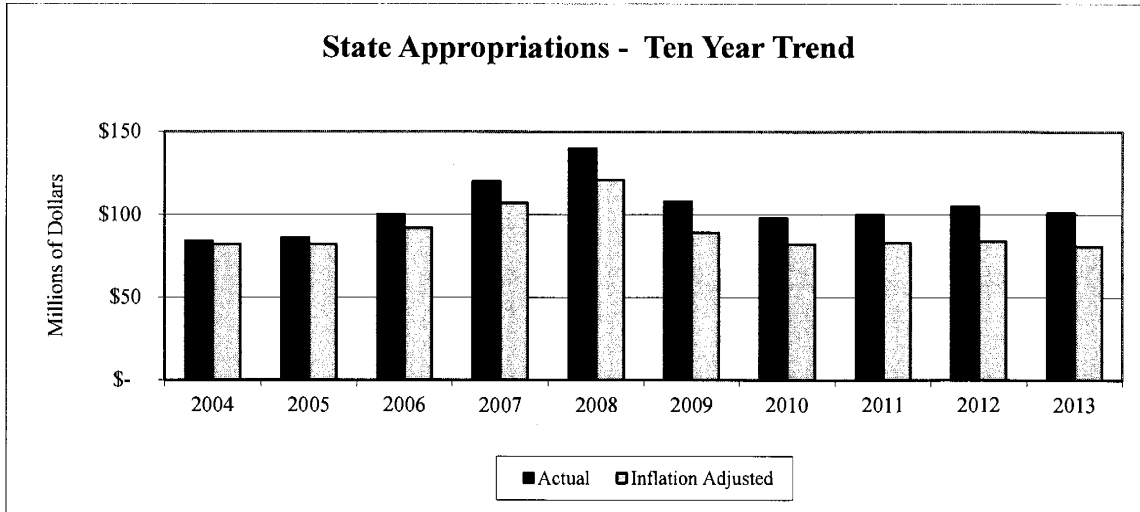
A state appropriation in the amount of approximately \$105,391,000 was authorized and received for the year ended September 30, 2012. This represented an \$8,443,000 increase from the fiscal 2011 appropriation received.

A state appropriation in the amount of approximately \$101,295,000 has been authorized and is being received for the year ending September 30, 2013. This represents a \$4,096,000 decrease from the fiscal 2012 appropriation received. While no announcement has been made, the University is aware that reductions in its 2013 appropriation are possible.

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

State appropriations (actual and adjusted for inflation) for the last ten years are illustrated below:



In addition to state appropriations, the University is subject to declines in general economic conditions in the United States and, specifically, the State of Alabama. Weakening of the economy could have a potential negative impact on the University's enrollment, extramural funding, endowment performance, and health care operations.

Other than the issues presented above, University administration is not aware of any other currently known facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on the University's financial position or results of operations during fiscal year 2013 beyond those unknown variables having a global effect on virtually all types of business operations.

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## Statements of Net Position

December 31, 2012 and 2011

(In thousands)

	2012	2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,958	\$ 69,467
Investments, at fair value	97,417	45,504
Net patient service receivables	40,443	45,772
Accounts receivable, affiliates	26,165	24,222
Accounts receivable, other	60,388	73,391
Notes receivable, net	4,145	4,576
Prepaid expenses, inventories and other	11,306	8,365
Total current assets	316,822	271,297
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	81,729	69,325
Restricted investments	-	45,083
Investments, at fair value	741	689
Accounts receivable	4,583	5,138
Notes receivable, net	7,659	9,580
Other noncurrent assets	36,204	24,505
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	538,161	492,715
Total noncurrent assets	669,077	647,035
Total Assets	985,899	918,332
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	60,497	53,197
Deferred revenue	64,631	60,547
Deposits	2,079	1,944
Current portion of long-term debt	10,885	8,366
Total current liabilities	138,092	124,054
Noncurrent liabilities		
Long-term debt	344,669	320,990
Other long-term liabilities	48,124	47,308
Total noncurrent liabilities	392,793	368,298
Total liabilities	530,885	492,352
<b>Net position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	229,818	208,317
Restricted, nonexpendable		
Scholarships	14,921	14,092
Other	19,886	17,452
Restricted, expendable		
Scholarships	8,078	8,693
Other	39,147	34,949
Unrestricted	143,164	142,477
Total net position	\$ 455,014	\$ 425,980

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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## Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

**Three Months Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011**

*(In thousands)*

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Operating revenues		
Tuition and fees (net of scholarship allowances)	\$ 35,121	\$ 36,206
Patient services and other (net of contractual allowances and bad debt expense)	61,674	56,773
Federal grants and contracts	3,053	2,839
State grants and contracts	1,306	1,446
Private grants and contracts	13,047	13,808
Auxiliary enterprises (net of scholarship allowances)	3,096	3,374
Other operating revenues	6,119	11,431
Total operating revenues	<u>123,416</u>	<u>125,877</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operating expenses		
Salaries and benefits	105,929	103,711
Supplies and other services	32,021	34,360
Scholarships and fellowships	793	50
Utilities	2,959	2,774
Depreciation and amortization	7,791	8,098
Total operating expenses	<u>149,493</u>	<u>148,993</u>
Operating loss	<u>(26,077)</u>	<u>(23,116)</u>
<b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>		
State appropriations	25,324	26,348
Investment income and gains (losses) on investments	(176)	2,537
Interest on indebtedness	(3,332)	(3,318)
Other nonoperating revenues	5,201	6,376
Other nonoperating expenses	(3,313)	(2,569)
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>23,704</u>	<u>29,374</u>
Income before other revenues, expenses, gains or losses	<u>(2,373)</u>	<u>6,258</u>
Capital appropriations	-	-
Capital gifts and grants	2,685	4,057
Additions to endowment	1,165	543
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>1,477</u>	<u>10,858</u>
<b>Net position</b>		
Beginning of period, before cumulative effect of change in accounting principal	453,537	416,896
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	(1,774)
Beginning of period, as adjusted	<u>453,537</u>	<u>415,122</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 455,014</u>	<u>\$ 425,980</u>

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

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## Statement of Cash Flows

Three Months Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

(in thousands)

	2011	2010
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Receipts related to tuition and fees	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,761
Receipts from and on behalf of patients and third-party payers	71,095	48,575
Receipts from grants and contracts	18,068	16,275
Receipts related to auxiliary enterprises	1,165	1,335
Payments to suppliers and vendors	(44,598)	(45,913)
Payments to employees and related benefits	(104,091)	(92,423)
Payments for scholarships and fellowships	(793)	(50)
Other operating receipts	13,384	25,350
Net cash used in operating activities	(42,570)	(42,090)
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>		
State appropriations	8,411	8,699
Endowment gifts	1,165	543
Agency funds received	396	135
Agency funds disbursed	(666)	(159)
Student loan program receipts	864	128
Student loan program disbursements	(813)	(27)
Other nonoperating revenues	10,370	6,678
Other nonoperating expenses	(3,312)	(2,569)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	16,415	13,428
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of capital debt	-	-
Capital gifts and grants	3,557	4,057
Purchases of capital assets	(12,034)	(11,251)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	3,556	3,847
Principal payments on capital debt	(4,450)	(4,250)
Interest payments on capital debt	(2,500)	(2,500)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(11,871)	(10,097)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Interest and dividends on investments	561	1,555
Proceeds from sales of investments	4,577	15,143
Purchases of investments	(11,780)	(16,909)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(6,642)	(211)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(44,668)	(38,970)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted and restricted):</b>		
Beginning of year	203,355	177,762
End of period	\$ 158,687	\$ 138,792

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## Statement of Cash Flows

Three Months Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

(in thousands)

	2012	2011
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Operating loss	\$ \$ (26,077)	\$ \$ (23,116)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	7,791	8,098
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net:		
Student receivables	(39,480)	(36,747)
Net patient accounts receivable	(13,605)	(12,066)
Grants and contracts receivables	1,516	(2,214)
Other receivables	8,889	(3,434)
Prepaid expenses, inventories, and other	(516)	(750)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,685	1,818
Deferred revenue	15,227	26,321
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ \$ <u>(42,570)</u>	\$ \$ <u>(42,090)</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Reporting Entity*

The accompanying basic financial statements present the financial position and activities of the University of South Alabama (the University), which is a component unit of the State of Alabama.

The financial reporting entity, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* and amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, consists of the primary government and all of its component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Accordingly, at year-end, the basic financial statements include the accounts of the University, as the primary government, and the accounts of the following entities as component units. For quarterly reporting purposes, however, component units are not presented in the University's basic financial statements.

The University has adopted GASB Statement No. 39 which provides criteria for determining whether certain organizations should be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government. The statement also clarifies reporting requirements for those organizations. Based on these criteria, the University reports the University of South Alabama Foundation (USA Foundation), the University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation (USAHSF), and the USA Research and Technology Corporation (the Corporation) as discretely presented component units in its annual financial statements. For quarterly reporting purposes, discretely presented component unit financial statements are not presented.

The University is also affiliated with the South Alabama Medical Science Foundation. This entity is not considered a component unit of the University under the provisions of GASB Statement Nos. 14 and 39.

*Professional Liability and General Liability Trust Funds*

GASB Statement No. 14 requires the University, as the primary government, to include in its financial statements, as a component unit, organizations that, even though they are legally separate entities, meet certain requirements as defined by GASB Statement No. 14. The medical malpractice liability of the University is maintained and managed in a separate professional liability trust fund (the PLTF) in which the University, USAHSF, and USA HealthCare Management, LLC are the only participants. In accordance with the bylaws of the trust fund, the president of the University is responsible for appointing members of the trust fund policy committee. Additionally, the general liability of the University is maintained and managed in a general liability trust fund (the GLTF) for which the University is responsible, as defined by GASB Statement No. 14. The PLTF

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and GLTF are separate legal entities which are governed by the University Board of Trustees through the University president. As such, PLTF and GLTF are reported as blended component units in its annual financial statements. For quarterly reporting purposes these entities are not blended into the University's statements.

*USA HealthCare Management, LLC*

In June 2010, the University's Board of Trustees approved the formation of USA HealthCare Management, LLC (the LLC). The University is the sole member of the LLC, which was organized for the purpose of managing and operating on behalf of and as agent for, substantially all of the health care enterprises of the University. The LLC is considered a blended component unit of the University, as defined by GASB Statement No. 14 and, as such, is reported as a blended component unit in its quarterly financial statements.

*University of South Alabama Foundation*

The USA Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that was organized for the purpose of promoting education, scientific research and charitable purposes, and to assist in developing and advancing the University in furthering, improving and expanding its properties, services, facilities, and activities. Because of the significance of the relationship between the University and the USA Foundation, the USA Foundation is considered a component unit of the University. The Board of Directors of the USA Foundation is not appointed or controlled by the University. The University receives distributions from the USA Foundation primarily for scholarship, faculty and other support. The USA Foundation presents its financial statements in accordance with standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The USA Foundation has a June 30 fiscal year end which differs from the University's September 30 fiscal year end.

*University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation*

The USAHSF is a not-for-profit corporation that exists to provide a group medical practice for physicians who are faculty members of the University and to further medical education and research at the University. Because of the significance of the relationship between the University and USAHSF, USAHSF is considered a component unit of the University. The USAHSF reimburses the University for salaries, certain administrative expenses, Dean's clinical assessment and other support services. The USAHSF presents its financial statements in accordance with standards issued by the FASB.

*USA Research and Technology Corporation*

The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of furthering the educational and scientific mission of the University by developing, attracting, and retaining technology and research industries in Alabama that will provide professional and career opportunities to the University's students and faculty. Because of the relationship between the University and the Corporation, the Corporation is considered a

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component unit of the University. The Corporation presents its financial statements in accordance with the GASB.

In September 2010, the Corporation caused the formation of NovALtech, LLC (NovALtech). NovALtech is a single-member limited liability company that exists for the purpose of engaging in scientific research and development activities and facilitating the transfer and utilization of technology, patents, processes, copyrights, formulae and other know-how. The activities of NovALtech are included in the financial statements of the Corporation.

*Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting*

For financial reporting purposes, the University is considered a special purpose governmental agency engaged only in business-type activities, as defined by GASB Statement No. 34. Accordingly, the University's basic financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred.

The University prepares its basic financial statements in accordance with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles, as prescribed by the GASB, including all applicable effective statements of the GASB and all statements of the FASB issued through November 30, 1989 that do not conflict with GASB pronouncements. The University has elected not to apply the provisions of any pronouncements of the FASB issued after November 30, 1989.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles requires that management make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In particular, laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates related to these programs could change by a material amount in the near term.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as petty cash, demand accounts and any short-term investments that take on the character of cash. These investments generally, but not always, have maturities of less than three months and include repurchase agreements and money market accounts.

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*Investments and Investment Income*

Investments are recorded at fair value. Investments received by gift are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt. Changes in the fair value of investments are reported in investment income.

*Derivatives*

In fiscal 2010, the University adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*. GASB 53 establishes a framework for accounting and financial reporting related to derivative instruments, requiring the fair value of the derivatives to be recognized in the basic financial statements

The University has two interest rate swaptions which were entered into in January 2008. As a result of entering into the swaptions, the University received up-front payments. Swaptions are considered hybrid instruments which are required to be bifurcated into the fair value of the derivative and a piece that reflects a borrowing for financial statement purposes, which will accrete interest over time. The University determined that as of the current period, the swaptions were not hedging derivative instruments. Therefore, the swaptions are required to be recorded as investment derivatives, with the change in fair value flowing through the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets.

*Accounts Receivable*

Accounts receivable primarily result from net patient service revenue. Accounts receivable from affiliates primarily represent amounts due from USAHSF for salaries, and certain administrative and other support services. Accounts receivable – other includes amounts due from students, the federal government, state and local governments, or private sources in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to the University's grants and contracts. Accounts receivable are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.

*Inventories*

The University's inventories primarily consist of bookstore inventories and medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. Bookstore inventories are valued at the lower of cost (moving average basis) or market. Medical supplies and pharmaceuticals are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out basis) or market.

*Capital Assets*

Capital assets are recorded at cost, if purchased or at fair value at date of donation. Depreciation is provided over the useful life of each class of depreciable asset using the straight-line method. Major renewals and renovations are capitalized. Costs for repairs and maintenance are expensed when incurred. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and the gain or loss, if any, is included in nonoperating revenues (expenses) in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets.

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All capital assets other than land are depreciated using the following asset lives:

Buildings, infrastructure and certain building components	40 to 100 years
Fixed equipment	10 to 20 years
Land improvements	8 to 20 years
Library materials	10 years
Other equipment	4 to 15 years

Certain buildings are componentized for depreciation purposes.

Interest costs for certain assets constructed are capitalized as a component of the cost of acquiring those assets.

*Deferred Revenue*

Student tuition, fees, and dormitory rentals are deferred and recognized over the applicable portion of each school term.

Operating lease rental payments related to the University's lease of USA Knollwood Hospital to the Infirmary Health System, Inc. are deferred and recognized as revenue over the term of the lease using the straight-line method.

*Classifications of Net Position*

The University's net position is classified as follows:

*Net investment in capital assets* represents the University's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets; such debt is excluded from the calculation of *net investment in capital assets*.

*Restricted, nonexpendable* net position consists of endowment and similar type funds which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to principal.

*Restricted, expendable* net position includes resources that the University is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

*Unrestricted* net position represents resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, net patient service revenue, sales and services of educational activities and auxiliary enterprises. Auxiliary enterprises are substantially self-supporting activities that provide services for students, faculty, and staff. While unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Trustees, they are available for use at the discretion of the governing board, to meet current expenses for

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any purpose. Substantially all unrestricted net assets are designated for academic and research programs and initiatives, and capital programs.

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the University addresses each situation on a case-by-case basis prior to determining the resources to be used to satisfy the obligation.

*Scholarship Allowances and Student Financial Aid*

Student tuition and fees, and certain other revenues from students, are reported net of scholarship discounts and allowances in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets. Scholarship discounts and allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the University and the amount that is paid by students and/or third parties making payments on the students' behalf. Certain governmental grants, such as Pell grants and other federal, state, or nongovernmental programs are recorded as either operating or nonoperating revenues in the University's basic financial statements based on their classification as either an exchange or nonexchange transaction. To the extent that revenues from such programs are used to satisfy tuition and fees and certain other student charges, the University has recorded a scholarship discount and allowance.

*Donor Restricted Endowments*

The University is subject to the "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA)" of the Code of Alabama. This law allows the University, unless otherwise restricted by the donor, to spend net appreciation, realized and unrealized, on the endowment. The law also allows the University to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate to an endowment fund such amount as to University determines to be prudent for the purposes for which the endowment was established. The University's endowment spending policy provides that 5% of the three-year invested net asset moving average value (inclusive of net realized and unrealized gains and losses), as measured at September 30, is available annually for spending. The University's policy is to retain the endowment net interest and dividend income and net realized and unrealized appreciation with the endowment after distributions allowed by the spending policy have been made. These amounts, unless otherwise directed by the donor, are included in restricted, expendable net assets.

*Classification of Revenues*

The University has classified its revenues as either operating or nonoperating revenues.

Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions such as student tuition and fees, net of scholarship discounts and allowances; sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, net of scholarship allowances; most federal, state, and local grants and contracts; and net patient service revenue.

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Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenue sources such as state appropriations, investment income, and gifts.

*Gifts and Pledges*

Pledges of financial support from organizations and individuals representing an unconditional promise to give are recognized in the basic financial statements once all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, have been met. In the absence of such a promise, revenue is recognized when the gift is received. Endowment pledges generally do not meet eligibility requirements, as defined by GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions* and are not recorded as assets until the related gift has been received. Unconditional promises that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

*Grants and Contracts*

The University has been awarded grants and contracts for which funds have not been received or expenditures made for the purpose specified in the award. These awards have not been reflected in the basic financial statements, but represent commitments of sponsors to provide funds for specific research or training projects. For grants that have allowable cost provisions, the revenue will be recognized as the related expenditures are made. For grants with work completion requirements, the revenue is recognized as the work is completed. For grants without either of the above requirements, the revenue is recognized as it is received.

*Net Patient Service Revenue*

Net patient service revenue is reported at estimated net realizable amounts due from patients, third-party payers and others for healthcare services rendered, including estimated retroactive revenue adjustments due to future audits, reviews and investigations. Retroactive adjustments are considered in the recognition of revenue on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and such amounts are adjusted in future periods, as adjustments become known or as years are no longer subject to such audits, reviews and investigations.

*Costs of Borrowing*

Debt financing costs and bond premium and discounts are deferred and amortized using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest rate method, over the term of the related bond issue.

*Compensated Absences*

The University accrues annual leave for employees as incurred at rates based upon length of service and job classification.

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*Change in Accounting Principle*

The University adopted the provisions of GASB Statement Number 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position*, and GASB Statement Number 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. Statements 63 and 65 require that certain items previously reported as deferred inflows and outflows of resources now be reported as current period inflows and outflows. Retroactive application of the standards is required for all prior periods presented.

The University generally incurs issuance costs in connection with the issuance of its bond indebtedness. As prescribed by the prevailing accounting standards at the time of issue, these charges were deferred and amortized over the life of each bond issue. Statement 65 requires that, with the exception of bond insurance costs, these charges be treated in outflows of resources (period costs) in the year in which they are incurred.

The adoption of the provisions of statements 63 and 65 reduced the University's beginning net position at October 1, 2011 by \$1,774,000. The University's Statement of Net Position has been restated to reflect this change along with a decrease of other noncurrent assets of \$1,665,000 and prepaid expenses, inventories and other assets of \$85,000. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position has been restated to reflect a decrease of depreciation and amortization expense of \$24,000.

*Reclassifications*

Certain amounts in the 2011 basic financial statements have been reclassified in order to conform to the 2012 classification.

**2. Income Taxes**

The University is classified as both a governmental entity under the laws of the State of Alabama and as a tax-exempt entity under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3). Consistent with that designation, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying basic financial statements.

**3. Cash**

Pursuant to the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement Act, funds on deposit may be placed in an institution designated as a qualified public depository (QPD) by the State of Alabama. QPD institutions pledge securities to a statewide collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer's office. Such financial institutions contribute to this collateral pool in amounts proportionate to the total amount of public fund deposits at their respective institutions. The securities are held at the Federal Reserve Bank and are

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designated for the State of Alabama. Additional collateral was not required for University funds on deposit with QPD institutions. At September 30, 2012, the net public deposits subject to collateral requirements for all institutions participating in the pool totaled approximately \$8,080,000,000.

**4. Investments**

The investments of the University are invested pursuant to the University of South Alabama “Nonendowment Cash Pool Investment Policy,” the “Endowment Fund Investment Policy,” and the “Derivatives Policy” (collectively referred to as the University Investment Policies) as adopted by the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the nonendowment cash pool investment policy is to provide guidelines by which pooled funds not otherwise needed to meet daily operational cash flows can be invested to earn a maximum return, yet still maintain sufficient liquidity to meet fluctuations in the inflows and outflows of University operational funds. Further, endowment fund investment policies exist to provide earnings to fund specific projects of the endowment fund, while preserving principal. The University Investment Policies require that management apply the “prudent person” standard in the context of managing its investment portfolio.

Certain investments, primarily related to the University’s endowment assets, are pooled. The University uses this pool to manage its investments and distribute investment income to individual endowment funds.

*Credit Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk*

The University Investment Policies limit investment in corporate bonds to securities with a minimum “A” rating, at the time of purchase, by both Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s. Investments in corporate paper are limited to issuers with a minimum quality rating of P-1 by Moody’s, A-1 by Standard and Poor’s or F-1 by Fitch.

Additionally, the University Investment Policies require that not more than 10% of the cash, cash equivalents and investments of the University be invested in the obligations of a single private corporation and not more than 35% of the cash, cash equivalents and investments of the University be invested in the obligations of a single government agency.

*Interest Rate Risk*

The University’s Investment Policies do not specifically address the length to maturity on investments which the University must follow; however, they do require that the maturity range of investments be consistent with the liquidity requirements of the University.

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**5. Derivative Transactions**

In January 2008, the University entered into a synthetic advance refunding of the outstanding Series 2004 and 2006 bonds with a counterparty. This transaction was effected through the sale of two swaptions by the University to the counterparty. The transactions resulted in an up-front payment to the University totaling \$9,328,000 in exchange for selling the counterparty the option to enter into an interest rate swap with respect to the Series 2004 and 2006 bonds in 2014 and 2016, respectively.

Objective of the derivative transaction

The objective of this transaction is to realize debt service savings currently from future debt refunding and create an economic benefit to the University.

Terms

A summary of the transactions is as follow:

Issue	Date of Issue	Option Expiration Date	Effective Date of Swap	Termination Date	Payment Amount
Series 2004 bonds	2-Jan-08	16-Dec-13	15-Mar-14	15-Mar-24	\$ 1,988,000
Series 2006 bonds	2-Jan-08	1-Sep-16	1-Dec-16	1-Dec-36	7,340,000

If the counterparty exercises its options in 2014 and 2016, the University would, at the counterparty's option, be forced into an underlying swap. If the option is exercised, the University would begin to make payments on the notional amount, currently \$41,245,000 and \$100,000,000 for the 2004 bonds and 2006 bonds, respectively, of the underlying swap contract. Simultaneously, the University would call outstanding 2004 and 2006 bonds and issue variable rate demand notes (VRDNs) in their place. Under the swap contract, the University would pay a fixed rate of 4.9753% on the 2004 bonds and 5.0% on the 2006 bonds to the counterparty and would receive payments based on 68% of the one-month LIBOR index. Alternatively, although it is not anticipated that this option would be to the University advantage, the University could, at its option, cash settle the swap and retain its right to refund the 2004 and 2006 bonds.

If the interest rate environment is such that the counterparty chooses to not exercise its option, the swaption would be cancelled and the University would have no further obligation under this agreement.

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A swaption is considered a hybrid instrument and as such the payment by the counterparty to the University must be bifurcated into two components, a borrowing component and an embedded derivative component, and each component treated separately. The embedded derivative value of the swaption represents the fair value

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resulting from the fact that the fixed rate stated in the swaption is greater than the at-the-market rate. The initial value of the borrowing is the difference between the upfront payment and the fair value of the embedded derivative and represents the time value to the counterparty for holding the option, or the probability weighted, discounted values of a range of future possible outcomes. The value of the derivative and borrowings at the date of execution of this transaction are as follows:

	2004 Bonds	2006 Bonds
Embedded derivatives	\$ 918,000	3,343,000
Borrowings	1,070,000	3,997,000
	<u>\$ 1,988,000</u>	<u>7,340,000</u>

The values of the borrowings are included in long-term debt on the University's statements of net assets. Interest is being accreted, and added to the borrowings through the expiration date of the option.

The fair values of the embedded investment derivatives are reported as investment assets if the derivatives are assets or other noncurrent liabilities, depending of the fair values of the derivatives. The change in the fair market values of the derivatives is reported as a component of investment income in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets.

*Risks associated with this transaction*

Certain risks are inherent to derivative transactions.

*Interest rate risk.* Interest rate risk, as a result of rising short-term interest rates causing higher interest rate payments, is effectively hedged by the University's fixed rate bonds. If the counterparty exercises its options, the underlying swaps are expected to effectively hedge the potentially higher payments on VRDNs as well. The University is also subject to interest rate risk as a result of changes in long-term interest rates, which may cause the value of fixed rate bonds or interest rate derivatives to change. If long-term interest rates fall subsequent to the execution of this transaction, the value of the swaptions will change, with negative consequences for the University.

*Market access risk.* This transaction assumes that VRDNs will be issued as a replacement of the 2004 and 2006 bonds. If the University is unable to issue variable rate bonds after the counterparty exercises its right under the swaptions, the University would still be required to begin making periodic payments on the swaps, even though there are no related bonds. Alternatively, the University could choose to liquidate the swaps, which may create a substantial cash outlay.

*Basis risk.* If the counterparty exercises its option, there is a risk that the floating payments received under the swaps will not fully offset the variable rate payments due on the assumed VRDNs.

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*Credit risk.* Although the underlying swap exposes the University to credit risk should the swap be executed, the swaption itself does not expose the University to credit risk. If the option is exercised on one or both issues, the University would begin to make payments on the appropriate notional amount of the underlying swap contract. In that situation, if the fair value of the swap is positive, the University would be exposed to credit risk on the swap in the amount of its fair value. As of the current date, the swap counterparty was rated Aa3 by Moody's investors Services and AA by Standard and Poor's Rating Services.

*Termination risk.* The University may be required to terminate the swaptions or swaps under certain circumstances, such as credit downgrades or other events specified in the contracts. In the event that a position needs to be terminated, the University may owe a substantial amount of money to terminate the contracts. As of the current date, no events of termination have occurred.

## **6. Bonds Payable**

Bonds payable consisted of the following at the end of the current period:

University Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 1999 Capital Appreciation, 4.7% to 5.25%, payable November 2011 through November 2018

University Tuition Revenue Refunding and Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2004, 2.00% to 5.00%, payable through March 2024

University Tuition Revenue Refunding and Capital Improvement bonds, Series 2006, 5.00%, payable through June 2037

University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008, 3.00% to 5.00%, payable through August 2038.

University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2010, 3.81%, payable through August 2030.

University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2012-A, 2.92%, payable through August 2032.

University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement bond, Series 2012-B, 2.14%, payable through February 2018.

Borrowing arising from swaption, Series 2004 Bonds

Borrowing arising from swaption, Series 2006 Bonds

Substantially all student tuition and fee revenues secure University bonds. Additionally, security for Series 2008 bonds include Children's and Women's Hospital revenues in

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amounts not exceeding \$10,000,000. Series 1999 Current Interest Bonds began maturing November 2002, and Series 1999 Capital Appreciation Bonds began maturing November 2011. Series 1999 Bonds are not redeemable prior to maturity. Series 2004 Bonds began maturing in March 2005 and are redeemable beginning in March 2014. Series 2006 Bonds begin maturing in December 2024 and are redeemable beginning in December 2016. Series 2008 Bonds began maturing in August 2009 and are redeemable beginning September 2018. Series 2010 bonds began maturing in August 2011 and are redeemable beginning in February 2020.

In January 2008, the University entered into a synthetic advance refunding of the outstanding Series 2004 and 2006 bonds. This transaction was effected through the sale of two swaptions by the University to a counterparty. The proceeds from each sale, totaling \$9,328,000, consist of two components, a time value and an intrinsic value. The intrinsic value of the payment is considered a borrowing and is included in long-term debt. As a result of this transaction, the counterparty has the option to force the University to enter into swap arrangements with respect to its Series 2004 and 2006 bonds at their respective redemption dates. See footnote five for a complete description of this transaction.

The University defeased certain indebtedness during 1978 and 1984 by depositing funds in escrow trust accounts sufficient to provide for the subsequent payment of principal and interest on the defeased indebtedness. Neither the assets of the escrow trust accounts nor the defeased indebtedness is included in the accompanying statements of net assets.

The University is subject to restrictive covenants related to certain note and bonds payable. As of the end of the current period, management believes the University was in compliance with such financial covenants.

## **7. Net Patient Service Revenue**

The Hospitals have agreements with governmental and other third-party payers that provide for reimbursement at amounts different from their established rates. Contractual adjustments under third-party reimbursement programs represent the difference between the Hospitals' billings at established rates for services and amounts reimbursed by third-party payers.

A summary of the basis of reimbursement with major-third party payers follows:

*Medicare* – Substantially all acute-care services rendered to Medicare program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates. These rates vary according to patient classification systems that are based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Additionally, the Hospitals are reimbursed for both direct and indirect medical education costs (as defined), principally based on per-resident prospective payment amounts and certain adjustments to prospective rate-per-discharge operating reimbursement payments.

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The Hospitals generally are reimbursed for certain retroactively settled items at tentative rates, with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Hospitals and audits by the Medicare fiscal intermediary. The cost report for the USA Medical Center has been audited and settled through 2008. The Medical Center cost report has, however, been reopened related to disproportionate share issues affecting all PPS acute care hospitals nation-wide. The cost report for USA Children's and Women's Hospital has been audited and settled through 2009. Revenue from the Medicare program accounted for approximately 14% and 13% of the Hospitals' net patient service revenue for the year ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

*Blue Cross* – Inpatient services rendered to Blue Cross subscribers are paid at a prospectively determined per diem rate. Outpatient services are reimbursed under a cost reimbursement methodology. For outpatient services, the Hospitals are reimbursed at a tentative rate with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Hospitals and audits thereof by Blue Cross. The Hospital's Blue Cross cost reports have been audited through 2010 and settled for all fiscal years through 2009. Revenue from the Blue Cross program accounted for approximately 17% and 18% of the Hospitals' net patient service revenue for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

*Medicaid* – Inpatient services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed at all-inclusive prospectively determined per diem rates. Outpatient services are reimbursed based on an established fee schedule.

The Hospitals qualify as Medicaid essential providers and, therefore, also receive supplemental payments based on formulas established by the Alabama Medicaid Agency. There can be no assurance that the Hospitals will continue to qualify for future participation in this program or that the program will not ultimately be discontinued or materially modified.

Revenue from the Medicaid program accounted for approximately 25% and 29% of the Hospital's net patient service revenue for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011.

*Other* – The Hospitals have also entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. The bases for payments to the Hospitals under these agreements include discounts from established charges and prospectively determined daily and case rates.

## **8. Hospital Lease**

The University and Infirmary Health System, Inc. (the Infirmary) entered into a Lease Agreement (the Lease) in which the University agreed to lease certain land, buildings and equipment used in connection with the operation of its USA Knollwood Hospital campus

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to the Infirmary. The lease is effective through March 2056 with an automatic renewal, for an additional forty-nine years, through March 2105; and may be canceled by the Infirmary after the initial fifty-year term. Upon the expiration or termination of the lease, the assets, along with responsibility for the operation of such assets, will revert to the University and the University will pay the Infirmary, at fair market value, for any capital improvements to the assets. Additionally, the lease may be terminated at any time, at the option of the Infirmary, in the event that a change in any law, statute, rule, or a regulation of any governmental or other regulatory body or any third-party payment program is deemed by the Infirmary to be significant, as defined by the lease. As of December 31, 2012, this option has not been exercised by the Infirmary, nor has the University received notification that the option will be exercised.

In January 2009, the Infirmary and the University entered into a "First Amendment to Lease Agreement" (the Amendment). The Amendment deferred the original payment terms of the lease for two years such that during the period from January 2009 to December 2010, annual lease payments are reduced to \$1 annually. Beginning in January 2011, the original payment schedule resumed. The payment schedule and narrative presented below reflect these revised terms.

The total amount of lease payments due the University was based on the fair market value of the appraised assets, \$32,418,000. The allocation of the appraised fair market value was \$29,370,000 for the land and buildings and \$3,048,000 for medical equipment, office furnishings and other equipment.

Upon execution of the lease, a partial lease prepayment in the amount of \$7,418,000 was made by the Infirmary. In addition to the prepayment, required lease payments by the Infirmary to the University are as follows (payable monthly):

- Months one through thirty-three of the initial lease term - \$1,000,000 annually (\$83,333 monthly)
- Months thirty-four through fifty-seven of the initial lease term - \$1 annually
- Months fifty-eight through eighty-four of the initial lease term - \$1,000,000 annually (\$83,333 monthly)
- Years eight through twelve of the initial lease term - \$1,250,000 annually
- Years thirteen through seventeen of the initial lease term - \$1,500,000 annually
- Years eighteen through thirty-two of the initial lease term - The monthly payment will be the remaining unpaid balance of the lease payments amortized over years sixteen through thirty using an interest rate calculated from the immediately previous 15-year monthly average of the 20-year state and local tax exempt general obligation bond issues as determined by the United States Federal Reserve System. The remaining unpaid balance at the end of year fifteen, \$17,401,000, is derived by taking the initial unpaid balance of rent due after the partial lease prepayment, \$25,000,000, plus accrued interest at an annual rate of 3.75%, less monthly lease payments.

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- Years thirty-three through fifty of the initial lease term – \$1 annually
- Year fifty-one through ninety-nine of the extended lease term – \$1 annually

For reporting purposes, management assumed that the interest rate utilized in years sixteen through thirty would remain at 3.75%. This assumption will be reviewed, and amortization schedules adjusted, if necessary, when the actual interest rate is determined.

In order to properly report this transaction, the University has bifurcated the lease into an equipment component and a real property component, as required by FASB Statement No. 13, based on the appraised fair value of each such component. The financial considerations of the lease are then applied to, and the accounting treatment is determined for, each component based on this bifurcation.

The equipment component of the lease is considered a capital lease (sales-type lease) and as such has been recorded as a capital lease receivable, both current and noncurrent, in the accompanying basic financial statements of the University. The capital equipment lease is being amortized through fiscal 2013 at a fixed rate of 3.75%.

The component of the lease attributable to land and buildings is considered an operating lease. As such, lease revenue will be recorded as it is earned over the ninety-nine year lease term (the fifty-year initial term and the forty-nine year automatic renewal term). The expected total lease payments to be received over the next twenty-eight years are approximately \$43,788,000. These total receipts will be recognized as revenue in the amount of approximately \$485,000 annually. Payments received in excess of this amount, along with cash and other consideration already received in the amount of \$6,327,000, will be deferred and amortized over the ninety-nine year lease term.

In October 2012, the Infirmiry publically announced the closing of Mobile Infirmiry West (formerly USA Knollwood Hospital), effective October 31, 2012. Currently the University has received no formal notice from the Infirmiry as to its intent with respect to the lease, and as such, the ultimate impact on the financial statements of the University has not yet been determined. The Infirmiry continues to meet its obligations under the lease on a current basis.

## **9. Employee Benefits**

### *Retirement and Pension Plans*

Employees of the University are covered by two pension plans: a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Alabama (TRS), and a defined contribution pension plan.

Permanent employees of the University participate in TRS, a public retirement system created by an act of the State Legislature, with benefit provisions established by the Code

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of Alabama. Responsibility for general administration and operation of the TRS is vested in the Board of Control (currently 14 members). Benefits fully vest after 10 years of full-time, permanent employment. Vested employees may retire with full benefits at age 60 or after 25 years of service. Participating retirees may elect the maximum benefit, or may choose among four other monthly benefit options. Under the maximum benefit, participants are allowed 2.0125% of their average final salary (average of three highest years of annual compensation during the last ten years of service) for each year of service. The TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the Retirement Systems of Alabama, P.O. Box 302150, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2150, or by calling (334) 832-4140.

All employees covered by this retirement plan must contribute 7.25% of their eligible earnings to TRS. An actuary employed by the TRS Board of Control establishes the employer-matching amount annually.

The defined contribution pension plan covers certain academic and administrative employees employed prior to October 1, 2009, and participation by eligible employees is optional. Under this plan, administered by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), contributions by eligible employees are matched equally by the University up to a maximum of 3% of current annual pay.

Employees of the LLC may, at their option, participate in a defined contribution plan. Under this plan, eligible employees may make contributions to the plan which are matched, dollar-for-dollar, by the LLC up to 5% of compensation.

*Compensated Absences*

Regular University employees accumulate vacation and sick leave and hospital and clinical employees accumulate paid time off. These are subject to maximum limitations, at varying rates depending upon their employee classification and length of service. Upon termination of employment, employees are paid all unused accrued vacation and paid time off at their regular rate of pay up to a maximum of two times their annual accumulation rate. No accrual is recognized for sick leave benefits since no terminal cash benefit is available to employees for accumulated sick leave.

*Other Postretirement Employee Benefits*

In September 2003, the State of Alabama Legislature passed legislation that requires all colleges and universities to fund the healthcare premiums of its participating retirees. In prior years, such costs have been paid by the State. Beginning in October 2003, the University has been assessed a monthly premium by the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) based on the number of retirees in the system and an actuarially determined premium.

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**10. Risk Management**

The University, USAHSF and the LLC participate in the professional liability trust fund and the University and the LLC participates in the general liability trust fund. Both funds are administered by an independent trustee. These trust funds are revocable and use contributions by the University, USAHSF and the LLC, together with earnings thereon, to pay liabilities arising from the performance of its employees, trustees and other individuals acting on behalf of the University. If the trust funds are ever terminated, appropriate provision for payment of related claims will be made and any remaining balance will be distributed to the University, USAHSF and the LLC in proportion to contributions made.

Claims and expenses are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Those losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported and the future costs of handling claims. These liabilities are generally based on actuarial valuations and are reported at their present value.

The University and HCM participate in a self-insured health plan, administered by an unaffiliated entity. Contributions by the University and the LLC and their employees, together with earnings thereon, are used to pay liabilities arising from healthcare claims. It is the opinion of University administration that plan assets are sufficient to meet future plan obligations.

**11. Other Related Party**

The South Alabama Medical Science Foundation (SAMSF) is a not-for-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of promoting education and research at the University. SAMSF reimburses the University for certain administrative expenses and other related support services.

**12. Commitments and Contingencies**

*Grants and Contracts*

The University had been awarded certain amounts in grants and contracts for which resources had not been received and for which reimbursable expenditures had not been made for the purposes specified. These awards, which represent commitments of sponsors to provide funds for research or training projects, have not been reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements as the eligibility requirements of the award have not been met. Advances include amounts received from grant and contract sponsors which have not been earned under the terms of the agreements and, therefore, have not yet been included in revenues in the accompanying basic financial statements. Federal

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awards are subject to audit by Federal agencies. The University's management believes any adjustment from such audits will not be material.

*Letter of Credit*

In connection with the Hospitals' participation in the State of Alabama Medicaid Program, the University has established a \$77,000 irrevocable standby letter of credit with Wells Fargo Bank. The Alabama Medicaid Agency is the beneficiary of this letter of credit. No funds are currently advanced under this letter.

*Litigation*

Various claims have been filed against the University alleging discriminatory employment practices and other matters. University administration and legal counsel are of the opinion the resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on the financial position or the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets of the University.

*Rent Supplement Agreement*

The University has entered into two irrevocable rent supplement agreements with the Corporation and a financial institution. These agreements require that, in the event the Corporation fails to maintain a debt service coverage ratio of one to one with respect to all of its outstanding indebtedness, the University will pay to the Corporation any and all rent amounts necessary to cause the Corporation's net operating income to be equal to the Corporation's annual debt service obligations. As of the end of the current period, no amounts were payable pursuant to these agreements.

*State Bond Issue*

The State of Alabama has made allocations to the University from bonds issued in prior years. Pursuant to the allocations, funds are available to the University for certain future construction costs. The allocations have been reflected as revenue in the accompanying financial statements to the extent they have been incurred and approved by the State.

**13. Significant New Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. GASB Statement No. 62 incorporates into the GASB's authoritative literature accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in certain FASB and AICPA authoritative literature, where such guidance does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. In March 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. GASB Statement No. 65 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources,

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certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and will be effective for the year ending September 30, 2014. The University has chosen to implement Statement No. 65 early for the year ended September 30, 2013. In March 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 66, *Technical Corrections – 2012*. GASB Statement No. 66 resolves conflicting guidance that resulted from the issuance of GASB Statements No. 54 and 62 and will be effective for the year ending September 30, 2014.

The effect of the implementation of GASB Statements Nos. 62 and 66 on the University has not been determined.