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Preliminary General Revenue Collections for August 2005

Preliminary General Revenue (GR) collections for August 2005 were \$102.7 M over the April 2005 estimates adjusted for law changes in the 2005 legislative session. Preliminary Sales Tax GR was \$15.2 M over estimate for the month. Although the total final liability for Sales Tax was \$54.6 M over estimate, one-time deductions reduced the residual amount flowing to GR. Notable, the Automobiles subcomponent was about 18% ahead of estimate in August.

Continuing its strong performance from July, Corporate Income Tax was over estimate by \$6.8 M (20% above estimate for this month). Intangibles Taxes were \$30.6 M (46%) over estimate for the month. That portion of Intangibles Taxes related to liens secured by Florida realty was \$31.4 M over estimate. As discussed last month, Senate Bill 360 requires new distributions from Documentary Stamp Tax collections

to the State Transportation Trust Fund and the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund. This will affect the Documentary Stamp Tax distribution to GR throughout the year. This month, the first transfer to GR was received from the Documentary Stamp Tax, although none was expected until next month. Total collections came in \$134.8 M (about 46%) over estimate for the month. GR has begun to receive its share of the surplus, most of which should show up next month. Service Charges to GR were over estimate by \$5.0 M, \$4.4 M due to the Documentary Stamp Tax overage for the month.

Only three sources fell under estimate in August. Estate Tax was \$6.9 M under estimate; this source is phasing out in tandem with the federal estate tax. Year to date, Estate Tax revenues are below estimate by \$14.4 M (about 35%). Beverage Taxes, composed of the

Beverage Excise Tax and the By-the-Drink Tax, were \$5.2 M under estimate for the month, but remain virtually on estimate for the year. The shortfall was in the Excise portion of the tax this month. Although Refunds were also under estimate by \$6.1 M, shortfalls in Refunds increase the Net GR bottom line.

To summarize, Net GR collections for August were \$102.7 M over estimate for the month and \$225.5 M over estimate for the year to date. All estimates in the table below are based on the General Revenue Estimating Conference held April 11, 2005, adjusted for changes due to laws enacted in the 2005 Regular Legislative Session. A listing of the new FY 2005-06 estimates is available at <http://www.state.fl.us/edr/>.

Preliminary General Revenue Collections

Month: \$102.7 M over the April 2005 estimate adjusted for law changes

Year: \$225.5 M over the April 2005 estimate adjusted for law changes

September Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$97.2 M or 11.0 M over the February 2005 estimate adjusted for law changes

Year: \$185.3 M or 8.9 M over the February 2005 estimate adjusted for law changes

PRELIMINARY AUGUST 2005 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)
(BASED ON THE APRIL 2005 REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE ADJUSTED FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES)

| | MONTH | | | FISCAL YEAR TO DATE | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| | ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH | ESTIMATE CURRENT MONTH | OVER/UNDER ESTIMATE | ACTUAL CURRENT YEAR | ESTIMATE CURRENT YEAR | OVER/UNDER ESTIMATE | PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL | PERCENT INCREASE/DECREASE |
| SALES TAX COLLECTIONS | 1,468.2 | 1,453.0 | 15.2 | 3,055.3 | 2,965.2 | 90.1 | 2,733.5 | 11.8% |
| BEVERAGE TAXES | 38.4 | 43.6 | -5.2 | 88.2 | 89.1 | -0.9 | 86.4 | 2.1% |
| CORPORATE INCOME TAX | 40.5 | 33.7 | 6.8 | 237.2 | 211.9 | 25.3 | 172.2 | 37.8% |
| DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX | 32.7 | 0.0 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 0.0 | 32.7 | 135.9 | -75.9% |
| TOBACCO TAX | 24.2 | 23.3 | 0.9 | 26.4 | 27.2 | -0.8 | 28.7 | -8.1% |
| INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX | 26.2 | 20.2 | 6.1 | 49.7 | 27.4 | 22.3 | 39.9 | 24.6% |
| PARIMUTUEL TAXES | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 48.3% |
| INTANGIBLES TAXES | 96.5 | 65.9 | 30.6 | 203.8 | 155.2 | 48.6 | 143.1 | 42.4% |
| ESTATE TAX | 14.6 | 21.5 | -6.9 | 26.3 | 40.7 | -14.4 | 119.5 | -78.0% |
| INTEREST EARNINGS | 24.0 | 22.4 | 1.6 | 49.2 | 44.3 | 4.9 | 42.5 | 16.0% |
| DRIVERS LICENSE FEES | 6.9 | 6.1 | 0.8 | 15.9 | 12.1 | 3.8 | 15.9 | -0.4% |
| MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES | 19.2 | 15.9 | 3.3 | 34.3 | 32.5 | 1.8 | 30.3 | 13.3% |
| AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 24.9% |
| SEVERANCE TAXES | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 81.2% |
| SERVICE CHARGES | 52.2 | 47.2 | 5.0 | 87.9 | 88.1 | -0.2 | 84.2 | 4.4% |
| CORPORATION TRUST FUND FEES | 9.1 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 17.1 | 13.7 | 3.4 | 15.6 | 9.9% |
| OTHER TAXES LICENSES & FEES | 23.1 | 21.4 | 1.7 | 48.5 | 41.5 | 7.0 | 46.0 | 5.4% |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1,880.5 | 1,783.9 | 96.6 | 3,980.7 | 3,754.5 | 226.2 | 3,699.7 | 7.6% |
| LESS REFUNDS | 23.6 | 29.7 | -6.1 | 54.7 | 54.0 | 0.7 | 52.1 | 4.91% |
| NET REVENUE | 1,856.9 | 1,754.2 | 102.7 | 3,926.0 | 3,700.5 | 225.5 | 3,647.6 | 7.6% |