

UWF Institute for
Industry Advancement
and Analytics (IA)²

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Application for Funds

May 2024

Applicant Information

Name of Entity/Organization: University of West Florida (UWF)

Background of Applicant Individual/Entity/Organization: UWF is a regional comprehensive public university located in Pensacola FL. UWF is a member of the State University System of Florida, with an annual enrollment of over 14,000 students.

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Identify any co-applicants, partners, or other entities or organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program and such partners proposed roles.

PAM Lab partners, where partners provide a problem to be solved via data analytics: United States Performance Center, Ascend Performance Materials LLC, Nemours Children's Health, Farcast Biosciences

Center for Computational Intelligence: Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, research topics and scientists will expand current Intelligent System and Robotics PhD program with future joint hires and shared PhD students.

Total amount of funding requested from Triumph GulfCoast: \$9,360,221

Has the applicant in the past requested or applied for funds for all or part of the proposed project/program?

Yes No

Describe the financial status of the applicant and any co-applicants or partners:

UWF, established in 1963, is a not-for-profit University in the State University System of Florida. UWF currently has 14,000+ students with continued projected enrollment and a strong faculty base with productive research. See financial report attached.

In a separate attachment, please provide financial statements or information that details the financial status of the applicant and any co-applicants or partners.

See the UWF financial report attached. Partner financial reports are not provided as they are collaborators with a pay for service model.

Has the applicant or any co-applicants, partners or any associated or affiliated entities or individuals filed for bankruptcy in the last ten (10) years?

Yes No

Eligibility

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. was created to make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties. The disproportionately affected counties are: Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or Wakulla County. *See*, Section 288.08012.

1. From the choices below, please check the box that describes the purpose of the proposed project or program (check all that apply):

- Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties; Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
- Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;
- Grants to local governments in the disproportionately affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program;
- Grants to support programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible programs include those that increase students' technology skills and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission of Education, encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties;
- Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and
- Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure, on behalf of all of the disproportionately affected counties.

- 2. Provide the title and a detailed description of the proposed project or program, including the location of the proposed project or program, a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed project or program will promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, a proposed timeline for the proposed project or program, and the disproportionately affected counties that will be impacted by the proposed project or program.**

Title: UWF Institute for Analytics and Industry Advancement

Location: Pensacola Florida

Description: The University of West Florida (UWF) Institute for Analytics and Industry Advancement ((IA)²) is building a next generation workforce and research center of excellence to expand the boundaries and applications of Predictive and Cognitive Analytics, Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Automation, and Computing. This will be accomplished through cutting-edge computational research, commercialization of applied analytics products, industry and research partnerships, certificate degree programs, and industry certifications. (IA)² has three distinct components; 1) the Industry-Skills Workforce Development Program, 2) the Predictive Analytics and Modeling Lab, and 3) the Center for Computational Intelligence. UWF (IA)² proposes to establish a Center of Excellence focused on enhancing and expanding work into the cutting-edge fields of Computational Intelligence and providing predictive data analytic services and products to companies, corporations, and universities.

In the context of this proposal, Computational Intelligence is the theory, design, application, and development of computational models capable of performing complex tasks. As a subset, Predictive Analytics is the development of models with the ability to predict future events or outcomes in terms of product performance or human behaviors (such as the behavior of students, employees, or customers). UWF (IA)² intently focuses on its goal to significantly advance the collective understanding of computational models in terms of both building and applying models, and consequently, the development of interventions that maximize successful outcomes for organizations.

UWF has invested significant time and resources to begin and enhance the activities of (IA)² in Northwest Florida. UWF Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering has invested resources in the Industry-Skills Workforce Development Program which currently offers Data Science, Advanced Data Science, Data Fluency, Cybersecurity, Cyber Technologies, and Engineering Professional certificate programs. The Program also offers courses that lead to the following industry certificates: CompTIA Security+, Fundamentals of Engineering, SolidWorks, and Six Sigma Lean. UWF has provided resources to expand the Program's certificate offerings to include areas of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and AutoCAD. The program is also planning to develop and offer industry-relevant and -approved certificates in sectors of critical infrastructure for Cybersecurity and Engineering students. The Program will help prepare a technically savvy workforce to address workforce needs in Data Science, Cybersecurity, and Engineering. There are currently 775 unique postings for Data Science and related areas in the state of Florida. The median job salary for these positions is \$119K (UWF Haas Center report).

Beginning in 2019, UWF funded the Predictive Analytics and Modeling Lab (PAM Lab), which specializes in developing easy-to-understand analytics for decision-making and data prediction purposes. The lab currently employs UWF students, two part-time software engineers, two full-time data analysts, and a part-time Director. The PAM Lab is currently working in the education sector, transitioning university data to easy-to-use dashboards to improve enrollment, retention, graduation rates, and overall student success. The PAM Lab is the primary commercialization arm of (IA)², and our goal is to sustain it on a software-for-commercial-service model. This model includes developing customized, in-demand analytics tools, as well as the necessary visualization. As a result, we are building a workforce in high demand, skilled in providing advanced data analytics to universities and businesses. We propose using Triumph funds to expand the PAM Lab capabilities in terms of personnel to accelerate business opportunities and, ultimately, move into industry sectors such as healthcare and energy. The PAM Lab provides descriptive and diagnostic analytics for product performance in the education, health, and product manufacturing sectors. The PAM Lab is in the process of partnering with various universities through contracts to provide dashboards for improving student success, enrollment planning, and financial aid for enrollment and student success.

The purpose of the Center for Computational Intelligence (Center) is to enable interaction and collaboration between university faculty whose research (basic, applied, or interdisciplinary) is computational in nature. The Center's cutting-edge research will focus on the creation or application of computational models and systems capable of performing complex tasks. The computational technology developed through the Center will be investigated for commercial opportunities by the PAM Lab. Our proposal is to use Triumph funds to develop the Center into a world-class research center of excellence sustained through grants and contracts, bringing in millions of dollars to the regional economy (NEW funding). We will leverage collaborations to secure grant funding appropriated for the singular purpose of establishing regional innovative ecosystems encompassing researchers (from UWF and IHMC), industries and the community to create solutions with economic and community impacts. Research grant dollars spent locally are well-recognized as having a substantial impact on the local economy. There are numerous avenues for high-impact research collaboration, grant funding, commercial application, and more, that can come from the Center. Envisioned federal funding agencies and industry partners include the National Institutes of Health, ARPA-H, National Science Foundation (CHIPs), Department of Energy, Air Force Research Labs, Army Research Labs, Office of Naval Research, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Army Research Office, and Boeing. A partnership with IHMC research scientists provides international funding sources with collaborators involved in the Saudi Vision 2030 initiative to advance AI accessibility/product usage.

Through two appropriations from the Florida Legislature, UWF will receive \$47M for a new research wing added to building 4 on its main campus (\$21M was appropriated in 2023 and the remainder will be appropriated in 2024). Building 4 is one of the primary locations for the College of Science and Engineering. The new research wing will consist of approximately 40,000 square feet of research space. The Center will be in this new space, receiving at least 15,000 square feet of space. The Center will also occupy space in building 58C, the Sciences Annex. This building was completed in 2019 and includes state-of-the-art teaching labs for Biology and Chemistry. The building has approximately 7500 square feet of cold shell space. We are proposing to use Triumph funds to build out this space for research laboratories in areas of computational biology and

chemistry.

The Center currently has 40 participating faculty with research in various areas of computational intelligence. The college is in the process of hiring 7 new faculty who will participate in the Center's ongoing research activities. The Center has clusters of computational research in Education, Population Health, Cybersecurity and IoT Systems, Engineering and Environment, and Computational Biology & Chemistry. Specifically, the Center either has expertise in the following subareas or plans to grow into these subareas.

- **(Education) Personalized learning:** This area focuses on developing AI tools for personalized learning, tutoring, and advising while considering ethical issues, potential biases, and privacy concerns.
- **(Education) Educational Data Analytics:** This area focuses on leveraging large educational datasets to predict and identify patterns that can inform decision-making to improve student and institution outcomes.
- **(Population Health) Public Health Predictive Modeling:** Develop statistical models and machine learning algorithms to predict disease outbreaks and public health trends and patterns.
- **(Population Health) Health(care) Data Integration:** Analyzing diverse health data sources, including electronic health records, clinical trial events, wearable devices, and health surveys and available public data (community level vulnerability index, etc.) to advance precision medicine, and to identify environmental and behavioral trends that impact health and disease.
- **(Population Health) Human Performance Optimization:** Use AI and machine learning to analyze warfighter/human performance/athlete data, injury prediction, recovery, training, and performance optimization
- **(Population Health) Data Surveillance System:** This area deals with analysis of systematic and ongoing health related data collection for effective planning, implementation and evaluation of health practices.
- **(Population Health) Health Monitoring: Using AI tools and techniques for monitoring and caring for the elderly population.**
- **(Cybersecurity and IoT) Intrusion Detection Systems:** develop AI tools for intrusion detection.
- **(Engineering and Environment) Monitoring Systems:** This area focuses on developing machine learning and AI tools for the monitoring of electrical systems, mechanical systems, health structures such as bridges and buildings, environmental sensors, pollution, and climate.
- **(Engineering and Environment) Smart Grid and Energy Management:** This area uses machine learning and AI to provide systems that can predict outages, load, demand, and energy consumption.
- **(Computational Biology) Systems Biology:** This area covers mathematical models and simulations to study complex biological systems such as neuron connections. It also covers the statistical analysis of biological data to predict properties and discover associations.
- **(Computational Biology) Bioinformatics Software and Tools:** Developing computational tools, algorithms, and databases for various aspects of biological data analysis including multidimensional mapping and ML algorithms to understand
- molecular pathobiology, health outcomes, and intervention effects.
- **(Computational Chemistry) ChemInformatics:** Applying informatics methods to solve chemical problems.

- **(Intelligent Systems and Robotics) Embodied Intelligence:** This area focuses on the development of robotic systems that can intelligently interact with the environment around them to effect change. This gives a physical body to AI algorithms, where this embodiment is believed to be a required part of creating the intelligence necessary to perform tasks alongside humans.
- **(Intelligent Systems and Robotics) Personalized Software Agents:** Demonstrating the viability for collaborative, ethical AI development to facilitate decision making in community-based emergency response situations such as medical, disaster response, law enforcement and policy domains
- **(Intelligent Systems and Robotics) Human-Machine Teamwork:** Enabling people and machines to work effectively on physical and cognitive work to improve productivity, work quality, safety, and quality of life for the people in the workforce.

As an example, our computational scientists have received funding for the following projects over the last 2 years

- Enhancing cyber situational understanding through neuro-symbolic risk-aware deep learning decision-making; \$152,928 (United State Army)
- Entropy-based coordinated swarm navigation vehicles in dynamic environments; \$50,000 (United States Air Force STTR)
- A data analytics framework for the application of pedestrian dynamics to public health; \$131,834 (National Science Foundation)
- A robust automated risk detection and mitigation system for network intrusion detection systems; \$375,511 (National Security Agency)

Additionally, UWF research-active faculty have secured more than \$26M in grant/contracts since 2018. This demonstrates the high probability for faculty with reduced teaching loads to secure NEW federal funding/contracts/donations.

UWF (IA)² currently has a collaborative partnership with United States Performance Center and Guardian Research Network where the PAM Lab will provide descriptive and diagnostic analytics for product performance in the biomedical sector. It is expected that these analytics will result in a commercial-for-license-software. The Center has partnered with Farcast Biosciences and has dedicated research space for Farcast on the main campus of UWF. This research space is a prototype lab for Farcast to continue its ongoing research to capture the complexity of cancer tumor response and resistance to various treatments. The Farcast technology platform generates high quality multimodal data from its advanced anthropic systems. Additionally, the Center is providing data organization, data harmonization across various data sources, and advanced analytics to determine the predictive power of Farcast's data set. The Farcast technology platform is cutting-edge cancer research and the predictive analytics provided by the Center's scientist would be far reaching in potentially improving cancer treatments. The Center and PAM Lab is also listed as a collaborator on an IHMC NSF proposal on building a research institute. (IA)² will collaborate with IHMC by providing capacity for large-scale data analysis and modeling and the tools and infrastructure necessary to derive actionable insights from complex datasets, and to help develop a central hub/platform for the research community. The Center and PAM Lab also have potential partnerships with various other institutions including Nemours and startup companies. Other partnerships will become possible with an expanded and enhanced PAM Lab and Center.

In summary, the Triumph funds being sought by (IA)² are to: hire data analysts, software engineers, research scientists, and associated staff; buy-out current UWF computational research scientists; build-out computational lab space in building 58C on UWF Pensacola campus; and purchase computational research equipment. These funds will allow UWF and (IA)² to enhance and expand commercialization and research capabilities, bringing millions of dollars to the northwest Florida areas.

UWF (IA)² and its partners are convinced that their collaborations will prove synergistic and will assist in attracting more renowned scientists and researchers; and, in turn, more federal and industry research funding to Northwest Florida. Complementing its current research talent already leading cutting-edge computational work, UWF (IA)² will identify additional data analysts, software engineers, and computational scientists and will aggressively recruit them to ensure the Center's long-term success and impact.

UWF (IA)² will also collaborate closely with those regional entities that share a particular focus or need on data analytics within relevant segments of healthcare, biosciences, cybersecurity, engineering, environmental sciences, and education. It is fully expected that these collaborations, and the subsequent innovation, will create spin-off opportunities for UWF (IA)² and its partners that will further drive the success of the PAM Lab and the Center and create new submarkets that will mature to have sustained impact.

UWF (IA)² programs will be complemented by training programs to foster the next generation of computational scientists, along with unique and value-added community outreach programs. With this infrastructure, UWF (IA)² is fully expected to bolster the regional economy and undergird ground-breaking federal and industry-sponsored research in computational intelligence and advanced data analytics services.

3. Explain how the proposed project or program is considered transformational and how it will effect the disproportionately affected counties in the next ten (10) years.

UWF (IA)² is a unique approach to establishing a computational research cluster aimed at leveraging the diverse resources of Northwest Florida's research, defense, and private sectors. The seeding of (IA)² will provide the personnel and technology necessary for an unprecedented approach to computational research and commercialization of analytics, whether predictive, prescriptive, or cognitive.

Santa Rosa and Escambia County, and the entire Northwest Florida community, are perfectly positioned to incorporate existing military, Department of Defense, and other federal assets to expand, diversify, and transform the region by attracting new federal spending to the region.

Computational research is represented by UWF and IHMC in the Northwest Florida area. However, computational technology development and commercialization is currently not present in any consolidated manner in the greater Northwest Florida area. The PAM Lab and the Center will establish the cluster necessary to create new opportunities and new potential spin off entities focusing on predictive data analytics and other areas of computational intelligence.

UWF has a significant stake in (IA)² and is incentivized by its achievement. The PAM Lab and Center will capitalize on the relationship between UWF and its current and future collaborators, as well as the partners' respective assets and resources, and ultimately grow new technology spanning from advanced data analytics. Creating an enhanced and expanded (IA)² that establishes an industry cluster for partners, and new entrants to the space, with a common goal of conducting leading-edge research and creating jobs and opportunities for growth of a new economic industry ecosystem will be truly transformational.

4. Describe data or information available to demonstrate the viability of the proposed project or program.

UWF has a record of successfully obtaining federal and state grants and contracts, and (IA)² is now expanding those successes from general science and engineering to a focus in computational intelligence which includes applications of Predictive and Cognitive Analytics, Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Automation, and Computing. UWF and (IA)² have already been successful in attracting talent for the PAM Lab and talent in the areas represented by Computational Intelligence. The PAM Lab and the Center will allow UWF to expand its analytics services and computational research portfolio and target significant grants and contracts requiring the type of equipment and facilities the Center will contain.

UWF has already begun targeting, pursuing, and winning new grants/contracts that will benefit from an expanded and enhanced (IA)². In addition, with the Triumph Gulf Coast grant funds, (IA)² will be able to target and win contracts/grants that it currently cannot target without the necessary personnel and the equipment and facilities necessary to conduct the research. Having (IA)² will allow UWF to bring significantly more new federal spending to the region.

Specifically, the data or information available to demonstrate the viability of expanding and enhancing (IA)² are:

- grants and/or contracts awarded in areas of computational intelligence
- contracts awarded to PAM Lab for data analytic services
- partnerships with businesses or research centers obtained for proposed collaborative work in areas of computational intelligence
- research specialty of faculty currently being hired in Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

5. Describe how the impacts to the disproportionately affected counties will be measured long term.

(IA)² will generate new federal and industry research funding related to applications of Predictive and Cognitive Analytics, Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Automation, and Computing. (IA)² will encompass a wide array of research and data analytics services to encourage divergent thinking to take computational research to the next level.

The aim of the (IA)² effort is to develop a Computational Intelligence cluster in Northwest Florida resulting in the significant infusion of new federal spending and the resulting economic impact to the region impacted by the BP Oil Spill. The economic benefit of this effort include:

- NEW external dollars coming into our region that would not otherwise exist; not supplanting other state or regional funds.
- The amplification of both Triumph Gulf Coast funding, and federal and state investment occurring when federal investment serves as a complement to the Triumph investment. That is, Triumph investment in (IA)² will allow UWF to hire more scientists and then enable those scientists to propose on and win additional new federal, state, industry, or foundation programs, thus increasing spending for R&D in our region.
- Increases to federal and state investment to our area will improve productivity/output in the longer term. Spending on highly skilled personnel, equipment and facilitates, and education helps develop and expand a skilled workforce; and spending on R&D promotes innovation.
- Substantive collaborative analytics assistance and mentoring in local entrepreneurial outreach and support to regional businesses
- High wage job creation: New professionals to the area. Examples: Research Scientists, Data Analysts, and Software Engineers.
- New intellectual property and technology transfer opportunities as well as the potential for associated spin-off companies. (IA)² will serve as a hub for new business development in a growth industry.
- Advanced defense-related partnerships/collaborations through tailored computational model design and implementation

6. Describe how the proposed project or program is sustainable. (Note: Sustainable means how the proposed project or program will remain financially viable and continue to perform in the long-term after Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding.)

Triumph Gulf Coast funding will be utilized within the first six years, split between personnel, build out of computational space in areas of Biology and Chemistry, and equipment needed to conduct specialized computational research. After year 6, funding required to support (IA)² on both analytics services and computational research, as well as any additional faculty and staff, will be assumed by (IA)².

The Center will sustain itself primarily through federal, state, industry, and foundation grant and contract funding, data analytics services, and through the commercialization of analytics and software creation. Future job creation sustainability will develop as significant new funding and business opportunities flow into the area via services, commercialization projects, and research at (IA)². Expanding and enhancing (IA)², with its state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, will enable (IA)² to pursue and win more contract/grant funding awards. Additional job creation is expected to occur in the local private sector community via the growth of existing business and research partners as well as the possible creation of spin-off companies.

7. Describe how the deliverables for the proposed project or program will be measured.

Primary measurement will be NEW grant and contract funding proposed and awarded to UWF associated with the Center. Specific metrics are:

- Performance Metric #1: Successful award and expenditures of a minimum of 17.5 Million Dollars (\$17,500,000) in competitively awarded research grant proposals or industry contracts

focused on the broader objectives of (IA)² within 10 years of the first disbursement of grant funds.

- Performance Metric #2: Expenditures from non-grant funding sources of \$10.46M (\$10,460,000) focused on (IA)²
- Performance Metric #3: The addition of twenty-three (23) net new FTE positions by the start of year 3 of Triumph funds.
- Performance Metric #4: The addition of twenty-six (26) additional net new FTE positions by the start of year 7 of Triumph funds.

Priorities

1. Please check the box if the proposed project or program will meet any of the following priorities (check all that apply):

- Generate maximum estimated economic benefits, based on tools and models not generally employed by economic input-output analyses, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques to determine how the long-term economic growth potential of the disproportionately affected counties may be enhanced by the investment.
- Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income.
- Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.
- Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.
- Provide outcome measures.
- Partner with K-20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2017.
- Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties.

2. Please explain how the proposed project meets the priorities identified above.

(IA)² will generate maximum estimated economic benefit via the infusion of NEW federal, state, industry, and foundation funding to the Northwest Florida region. (IA)² will enable UWF to recruit new research and support staff bringing new computational expertise to our region and enhancing our region's ability to attract new talent and further new funding successes.

(IA)² will leverage and enhance current key regional assets to ensure the success and sustainability of the program. These assets include:

- UWF's experience, resources, and operational infrastructure
- Northwest Florida's large regional military footprint and associated government contracting industry

- Existing momentum in computational research and commercialization efforts in predictive analytics

As described in Section 7 above, (IA)² has considerable target metrics providing very specific outcome measure for the Triumph Gulf Coast to track and measure.

3. Please explain how the proposed project or program meets the discretionary priorities identified by the Board.

Considered Transformational for the future of the Northwest Florida region - (IA)² will utilize Triumph Gulf Coast funds to expand and enhance a predictive analytics and computational intelligence via the establishment of programming (and the associated job creation) for research and education, as well as the buildout of research laboratory space and the necessary research equipment. (IA)² will drive transformational change via the seeding of an analytics and computational intelligence cluster. (IA)² will drive economic recovery through new federal investment via grants and contracts (and the associated ripple effect), commercialization of analytics products, new job creation, spin off opportunities, and improved productivity. The impacted counties (Santa Rosa and Escambia) will be significantly enhanced and recognized with the establishment of (IA)², creating new synergies and collaborations with other entities and commercial companies to allow increased expansion of efforts.

May be consummated quickly and efficiently - (IA)² is poised and ready (and already has a track record) to hire senior computational researchers, buy-out current computational faculty, and hire UWF students with a background in analytics or software development.

Promote net-new jobs in the private sector with an income above regional average household income – The establishment of (IA)² will provide growth opportunities for existing partners and it is highly expected that technology developed at (IA)² will provide significant potential for private sector spin-off entities to be formed.

Align with Northwest Florida FORWARD, the regional strategic initiative for Northwest Florida economic transformation – Northwest Florida FORWARD’s five aspirational goals that serve as the key focus areas for future economic vitality and growth for the region – Talent, Business Vitality, Infrastructure, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, and Quality of Place – are all met by the expansion and enhancement of (IA)².

Create net-new jobs in targeted industries to include: aerospace and defense... -

With Triumph funds, (IA)² will immediately create net-new jobs in a high wage industry and drive future job creation via growth and associated economic impact to the region. Additional growth will occur with the creation and growth of new start up organizations focused on analytics and computational intelligence. The proposed areas overlap with defense-related priorities that have not traditionally supported research in the local area.

Promote industry cluster impact for unique targeted industries – One of the primary goals for the enhancement of (IA)² is to seed the establishment of a PAM Lab and Center for Computational Intelligence cluster in a unique industry that has massive potential and is not easily replicated.

Collaborating with entrepreneurial/technology transfer organizations will help ensure all opportunities to increase the speed, scope, and impact of (IA)² are achieved.

Create net-new jobs with wages above national average wage – The vast majority (if not all) of net-new jobs created by (IA)² will surpass the current national average wage.

Provide a wider regional impact versus solely local impact – (IA)² will have an immediate impact on both Santa Rosa and Escambia counties. In addition, due to the large number of military installations in the impacted region, the Center plans to collaborate across the region as these military installations request support and research from the Center. There will also be opportunities for collaboration with Florida State University in Panama City.

Enhance research and innovative technologies in the region – UWF and (IA)² will be the anchor for the commercialization of computational research and innovation are built upon within the region.

Enhance a targeted industry cluster or create a Center of Excellence unique to Northwest Florida – Expanding computational research is one of the primary goals for enhancing the Center. The Center will no doubt become the Computational Intelligence Center of Excellence driving substantial growth and success in our region.

Create a unique asset in the region that can be leveraged for regional growth of targeted industries – (IA)² will quickly become recognized as the go-to asset for computational research and the commercialization of analytics products – regionally, state-wide, and nationally.

Demonstrate long-term financial sustainability following Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding – The Triumph Gulf Coast funds will act as seed funding for (IA)². Through commercialization products, and grants and contracts, (IA)² will be self-sustaining and will be able to leverage its assets, its including talent and equipment, to drive and grow federal funding and start-up entities long into the future.

Provide clear performance metrics over duration of project or program – As identified in Section 7 above, (IA)² has clear performance metrics and through these metrics, will show substantial targets of success.

Include Applicant and selected partners/vendors located in Northwest Florida – (IA)² is located in Northwest Florida and in counties significantly impacted by the BP Oil Spill.

4. In which of the eight disproportionately affected county/counties is the proposed project or program located? (Circle all that apply)

Escambia Santa Rosa Okaloosa Walton Bay Gulf Franklin Wakulla

5. Was this proposed project or program on a list of proposed projects and programs submitted to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., by one (or more) of the eight disproportionately affected Counties as a project and program located within its county?

Yes No

6. Does the Board of County Commissioners for each County listed in response to question 5, above, recommend this project or program to Triumph?

Yes No

**Please attach proof of recommendation(s) from each County identified.

Approvals and Authority

1. **If the Applicant is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before Applicant can execute an agreement with Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.?** No additional approvals are required for UWF to execute an agreement with Triumph Gulf Coast Inc.

2. **If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the entity and Triumph Gulf Coast:**
N/A

3. **Describe the timeline for the proposed project or program if an award of funding is approved, including milestones that will be achieved following an award through completion of the proposed project or program.**

The Institute for Analytical and Industry Advancements (IA)² project was strategically designed to build a strong foundation on which growth will be sustainable. Year 1 includes expanding current PAM Lab and Workforce capability, building/renovating space for the CCI, and hiring administrative/support personnel for all three areas. Each subsequent year builds on this foundation to hire new STEM research scientists/faculty, post-doctoral scientists, graduate students (PhD and MS), as well as support business/marketing/grant support personnel. The project will result in a transformative, sustainable Center of Excellence Center for Computational Intelligence, commercialized applied analytics products, and an empowered workforce through certification degree programs and industry certifications. (IA)² will create a new economic industry ecosystem to seed personnel and technology resources into Northwest Florida. The Table below outlines the annual sustainable metrics and the key personnel.

	Year 1 Milestones	Year 2 Milestones	Year 3 Milestones	Year 4 Milestones	Year 5 Milestones	Year 6 Milestones
Launch Center for Computational Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish CCI with personnel Renovate/build/rent space Purchase equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovate/build/rent space Purchase equipment \$2-3M in NEW funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3-4M in NEW funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3-4M in NEW funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5-6M in NEW funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5-6M in NEW funding
PAM Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and hire personnel Increase number of projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of projects to 3 pay for service contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of projects to 10 pay for service contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of projects to 25 pay for service contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of projects to 45 pay for service contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of projects to 65 pay for service contracts
Industry Skills Workforce Development Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase course enrollment by 120 Add AutoCAD cert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase course enrollment by 120 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase course enrollment by 120 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase course enrollment by 120 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase course enrollment by 120 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase course enrollment by 120
NEW Key Personnel						
Administration	4	0	0	0	0	0
Research Scientists/Faculty	0	6	4	3	3	0
Data Analysis	2	3	0	1	0	2
Software Engineer	1	1	0	0	0	2
Post-Doctoral Scientists	0	2	2	0	2	0
Graduate Students	4	8	6	4	6	4
*Support Personnel	3	3	0	3	3	5
Total Key Personnel	14	23	12	11	14	13

*Web designer, grants management, marketing, coordinator, account manager, server admin manager, admin specialists

- 4. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the entity applying for funding. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc. In addition, please attach any support letters from partners.**

Provost Kuhl, the primary contact, has the authority to make decisions on behalf of Academic Affairs under which research falls.

Funding and Budget:

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, awards may not be used to finance 100 percent of any project or program. An awardee may not receive all of the funds available in any given year.

- 1. Identify the amount of funding sought from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. and the time period over which funding is requested.**

(IA)² is requesting \$9.36M over years 1-4 of the project distributed as follows over the 10 year project:

- year 1 \$1.26M
 - ✓ \$160K renovations, \$1.1M personnel/consulting
- year 2 \$4.2M
 - ✓ \$1.1M renovations, \$2.35M personnel/consulting, \$750K equipment
- year 3 \$2.95M
 - ✓ \$1.1M renovations, \$1.1M personnel/consulting, \$750K equipment
- year 4 \$950K
 - ✓ \$950K personnel/consulting

These funds will be used to purchase equipment; renovate existing building spaces or rent adequate space; and hire administrative, support and technical experts critical to the project's success. Please see budget below.

- 2. What percentage of total program or project costs does the requested award from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. represent? (Please note that an award of funding will be for a defined monetary amount and will not be based on percentage of projected project costs.)**

The total project costs are \$37,469,813. UWF's contribution to this cost is \$28,109,592 (75%). The request for Triumph Gulf Coast is \$9,360,221 (25%)

UWF Contribution includes the following, see term sheet for annual amounts:

- \$1.55M to space renovations/rental
- \$18,909,592 in personnel/consulting salaries
- \$7.5M in equipment purchases
- \$12M construction of research annex for CCI – Match up front in year 1

Cost share salaries covered by UWF

- Year 1: 42% UWF: 58% Triumph
- Year 2: 33% UWF: 67% Triumph
- Year 3: 72% UWF: 28% Triumph
- Year 4: 80% UWF: 20% Triumph
- Years 5-10: UWF 100%

3. Please describe the types and number of jobs expected from the proposed project or program and the expected average wage.

Job Type	Number	Average Wage
Administrative: Directors to manage Institute, PAM Lab, Workforce Development & CCI	4	~\$200K
Research Scientists/Faculty	16	~\$200K
Data Scientists/Software Engineers	12	~100K
Post-Doctoral Scientists	6	~\$80K
Graduate Students (PhD/MS)	32	~30K/~20K
Support Personnel	17	~\$50-90K

4. Does the potential award supplement but not supplant existing funding sources? If yes, describe how the potential award supplements existing funding sources.

Yes No

The existing award allows UWF to expand the current PAM Lab and Workforce Development branches of (IA)² and establish the Center for Computational Intelligence (CCI). Significant expansion and establishing CCI as a Center of Excellence is not feasible without Triumph Gulf Coast funding.

5. Please provide a Project/Program Budget. Include all applicable costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

A. Project/Program Costs:

B. Other Project Funding Sources:

Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.

Please see the Milestone table for the timeline, annual benchmarks, and personnel hiring plan associated with achieving the project metrics.

Equipment: Equipment critical to establishing the Center for Computational Intelligence and expanding the PAM lab capabilities will be purchased during the first 7-years of the 10-year project. UWF anticipates purchasing the foundational equipment in years 1 & 2. Research progress thus external funding hinges on adequate equipment.

	PAM Lab	Research	Executive/Admin & Support Personnel	Space	Equipment	TOTAL	Triumph Request	UWF Total Contributions
YEAR 1	\$494,122	\$400,807	\$990,850	\$910,221	\$1,500,000	\$ 4,296,000	\$1,260,221	\$ 3,035,779
YEAR 2	\$494,122	\$1,615,468	\$1,386,541	\$1,300,000	\$2,250,000	\$7,046,131	\$4,200,000	\$2,846,131
YEAR 3	\$525,880	\$2,169,640	\$1,386,541	\$1,300,000	\$1,250,000	\$6,482,061	\$2,950,000	\$3,532,061
YEAR 4	\$485,225	\$1,162,237	\$1,386,541	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	\$4,684,003	\$1,100,000	\$3,734,003
YEAR 5	\$485,225	\$1,593,480	\$1,453,789	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	\$4,232,494	\$ -	\$4,232,494
YEAR 6	\$625,005	\$1,593,480	\$1,646,077	\$ -	\$1,500,000	\$5,364,562	\$ -	\$5,364,562
YEAR 7	\$625,005	\$1,593,480	\$1,646,077	\$ -	\$1,500,000	\$5,364,562	\$ -	\$5,364,562
						\$37,469,813	\$9,360,221	\$28,109,592

Applicant understands that the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. statute requires that the award contract must include provisions requiring a performance report on the contracted activities, must account for the proper use of funds provided under the contract, and must include provisions for recovery of awards in the event the award was based upon fraudulent information or the awardee is not meeting the performance requirements of the award.

Yes No

Applicant understands that awardees must regularly report to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. the expenditure of funds and the status of the project or program on a schedule determined by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Yes No

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant and any co-Applicants will make books and records and other financial data available to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. as necessary to measure and confirm performance metrics and deliverables.

Yes No

Applicant acknowledges that Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. reserves the right to request additional information from Applicant concerning the proposed project or program.

Yes No

ADDENDUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS:

1. Program Requirements

- A. Is the infrastructure owned by the public?
 Yes No

- B. Is the infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?
 Yes No

- C. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity?
 Yes No

- D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current and future businesses.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:
 - o Economic recovery,
 - o Economic Diversification,
 - o Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
 - o Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. Is this project an expansion of existing infrastructure project?
 Yes No

- B. Provide the proposed beginning commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the infrastructure project.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? (Indicate if more than one are applicable.)

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. What permits are necessary for the infrastructure project?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

Detail whether required permits have been secured, and if not, detail the timeline for securing these permits. Additionally, if any required permits are local permits, will these permits be prioritized?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- F. What is the future land use and zoning designation on the proposed site of the Infrastructure improvement, and will the improvements conform to those uses?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- G. Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order be required on the site of the proposed project or on adjacent property to accommodate the infrastructure and potential current or future job creation opportunities? If yes, please detail the timeline
- Yes No
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- H. Does this project have a local match amount? If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.
- Yes No
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- I. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

ADDENDUM FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING PROPOSALS

1. Program Requirements

- A. Will this proposal supports programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties? If yes, please identify where the campuses are located and provide details on how the proposed programs will prepare students for future occupations and at which K-20 institutions that programs will be provided.
- Yes No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Will the proposed program (check all that apply):
- Increase students’ technology skills and knowledge
 - Encourage industry certifications
 - Provide rigorous, alterative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements
 - Strengthen career readiness initiatives
 - Fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor’s and master’s level designated by the Board of Governors
 - Encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties (similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission on Education)

For each item checked above, describe how the proposed program will achieve these goals

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Will this proposal provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills but not confined to a single employer? If yes, please provide details.
- Yes No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Identify the disproportionately affected counties where the proposed programs will operate or provide participants with workforce skills.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed project or program will promote:
- Economic recovery,
 - Economic Diversification,
 - Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
 - Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. Is this an expansion of an existing training program? Is yes, describe how the proposed program will enhance or improve the existing program and how the proposal program will supplement but not supplant existing funding sources.
- Yes No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Indicate how the training will be delivered (e.g., classroom-based, computer based, other).
- If in-person, identify the location(s) (e.g., city, campus, etc.) where the training will be available.

If computer-based, identify the targeted location(s) (e.g., city, county) where the training will be available.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Identify the number of anticipated enrolled students and completers.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Indicate the length of the program (e.g, quarters, semesters, weeks, months, etc.) including anticipated beginning and ending dates.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. Describe the plan to support the sustainability of the proposed program.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- F. Identify any certifications, degrees, etc. that will result from the completion of the program.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

G. Does this project have a local match amount? If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.

Yes

No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

H. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

ADDENDUM FOR AD VALOREM TAX RATE REDUCTION:

1. Program Requirements

- A. Describe the property or transaction that will be supported by the ad valorem tax rate reduction.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Provide a detailed explanation of how the ad valorem tax rate reduction will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed ad valorem tax reduction will promote:
- Economic recovery,
 - Economic Diversification,
 - Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
 - Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. What is the location of the property or transaction that will be supported by the ad valorem tax rate reduction?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Detail the current status of the property or transaction that will be supported by the ad valorem tax rate reduction and provide a detailed description of when and how the ad valorem tax rate reduction will be implemented.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Does this proposed project have a local match amount? If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.
 Yes No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

**ADDENDUM FOR LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 288.0655,
FLORIDA STATUTES**

1. Program Requirements

- A. Describe the local match requirements of Section 288.0655 and the underlying project, program or transaction that will be funded by the proposed award.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Provide a detailed explanation of how the local match requirements and the underlying project or program will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed local match requirements will promote:
- Economic recovery,
 - Economic Diversification,
 - Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
 - Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. What is the location of the property or transaction that will be supported by the local match requirements?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Detail the current status of the property or transaction that will be supported by the local match requirement and provide a detailed description of when and how the local match requirement will be implemented.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

ADDENDUM FOR LOCAL ACTION PLAN

1. Program Requirements

- A. Describe how the proposed award will establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters.
- B. Describe the type and amount of equipment and trained personnel that will be established or maintained by the proposed award.
- C. Identify the specific local action plans (*e.g.*, Coastal Impacts Assistance Program) that will benefit from the proposed award.
- D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed award will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed will promote:
 - Economic recovery,
 - Economic Diversification,
 - Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
 - Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. What is the location of the local action program that will be supported by the proposed award?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Detail the current status of the local action plans (*e.g.*, new plans, existing plans, etc.) that will be supported by the proposed award and provide a detailed description of when and how the proposed award will be implemented.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

ADDENDUM FOR ADVERTISING/PROMOTION

1. Program Requirements

A. Is the applicant a tourism entity created under s. 288.1226, Florida Statutes?

Yes No

B. Does the applicant advertise and promote tourism and Fresh From Florida? If yes, provide details on how it advertises and promotes tourism and Fresh From Florida.

Yes No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

C. Does the proposed award promote workforce and infrastructure on behalf of the disproportionately affected counties? If yes, describe how workforce and infrastructure is promoted on behalf of the disproportionately affected counties.

Yes No

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed award will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

E. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed will promote:

- Economic recovery,
 - Economic Diversification,
 - Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
 - Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. Describe the advertising and promotion mediums and locations where the advertising and promotion will occur.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Detail the current status of the advertising and promotion (*e.g.*, new plans, existing plans, etc.) that will be supported by the proposed award and provide a detailed description of when and how the proposed award will be implemented.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on my behalf or on behalf of the above-described entity, organization, or governmental entity:

Name of Applicant: University of West Florida

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Jaromy S. Kuhl, Provost

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 5/8/24

TRIUMPH TERM SHEET

		Renovations	Personnel/ Consulting	Equipment	Total
Project Total					
Calendar Year 1	2024	\$ 910,221	\$ 1,885,779	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 4,296,000
Calendar Year 2	2025	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 3,496,131	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 7,046,131
Calendar Year 3	2026	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 3,932,061	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 6,482,061
Calendar Year 4	2027	\$ 200,000	\$ 3,984,003	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,684,003
Calendar Year 5	2028	\$ 200,000	\$ 3,532,494	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,232,494
Calendar Year 6	2029	\$ -	\$ 3,864,562	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 5,364,562
Calendar Year 7	2030	\$ -	\$ 3,864,562	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 5,364,562
Calendar Year 8	2031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 9	2032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 10	2033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Project Total		\$ 3,910,221	\$ 24,559,592	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 37,469,813

Triumph					
Calendar Year 1	2024	\$ 160,221	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ 1,260,221
Calendar Year 2	2025	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 4,200,000
Calendar Year 3	2026	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,950,000
Calendar Year 4	2027	\$ -	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ 950,000
Calendar Year 5	2028	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 6	2029	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 7	2030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 8	2031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 9	2032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 10	2033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Triumph Total		\$ 2,360,221	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 9,360,221

UWF					
Calendar Year 1	2024	\$ 750,000	\$ 785,779	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,035,779
Calendar Year 2	2025	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,146,131	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,846,131
Calendar Year 3	2026	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,832,061	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,532,061
Calendar Year 4	2027	\$ 200,000	\$ 3,034,003	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,734,003
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Calendar Year 7	2030	\$ -	\$ 3,864,562	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 5,364,562
Calendar Year 8	2031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 9	2032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar Year 10	2033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UWF Total		\$ 1,550,000	\$ 19,059,592	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 28,109,592

STATE OF FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL

Financial Audit

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2023



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Auditor General

Board of Trustees and President

During the 2022-23 fiscal year, Dr. Martha D. Saunders served as President of the University of West Florida and the following individuals served as Members of the Board of Trustees:

Suzanne Lewis, Chair	Patrick Marshall through 4-6-23 ^d
Jill Singer, Vice Chair	Ariauna Range from 4-7-23 ^d
Richard R. Baker	Dr. Sherry Schneider ^e
Lewis Bear Jr. through 7-31-22 ^a	Alonzie Scott
William Bowers through 12-13-22 ^b	Robert D. Sires
Dr. Paul Hsu	Stephanie White
Robert L. Jones through 8-15-22 ^c	

^a Trustee position vacant 8-1-22, through 6-30-23.

^b Trustee position vacant 12-14-22, through 6-30-23.

^c Trustee position vacant 8-16-22, through 6-30-23.

^d Student Body President.

^e Faculty Senate Chair.

Note: One Trustee position was vacant for the entire period.

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The audit was supervised by Kenneth C. Danley, CPA.

Please address inquiries regarding this report to Jaime N. Hoelscher, CPA, Audit Manager, by e-mail at jaimehoelscher@aud.state.fl.us or by telephone at (850) 412-2868.

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SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit disclosed that the basic financial statements of the University of West Florida (a component unit of the State of Florida) were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with prescribed financial reporting standards.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

Our audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

Our audit objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole were free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that included our opinion. In doing so we:

- Exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks.
- Obtained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Concluded whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- Examined various transactions to determine whether they were executed, in both manner and substance, in accordance with governing provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

An examination of Federal awards administered by the University is included within the scope of our Statewide audit of Federal awards administered by the State of Florida.

AUDIT METHODOLOGY

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.



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The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
House of Representatives, and the
Legislative Auditing Committee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the University of West Florida, a component unit of the State of Florida, and its aggregate discretely presented component units as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the University of West Florida and of its aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units, which represent 100 percent of the transactions and account balances of the aggregate discretely presented component units columns as of June 30, 2023. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the aggregate discretely presented component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements** section of our report. We are required to be independent of the University and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**, the **Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability**, **Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of University Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, **Schedule of University Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, and **Notes to Required Supplementary Information** be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 8, 2024, on our consideration of the University of West Florida's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control

over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University of West Florida's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Tallahassee, Florida
February 8, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) provides an overview of the financial position and activities of the University for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto. The MD&A, and financial statements and notes thereto, are the responsibility of University management. The MD&A contains financial activity of the University for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2022.

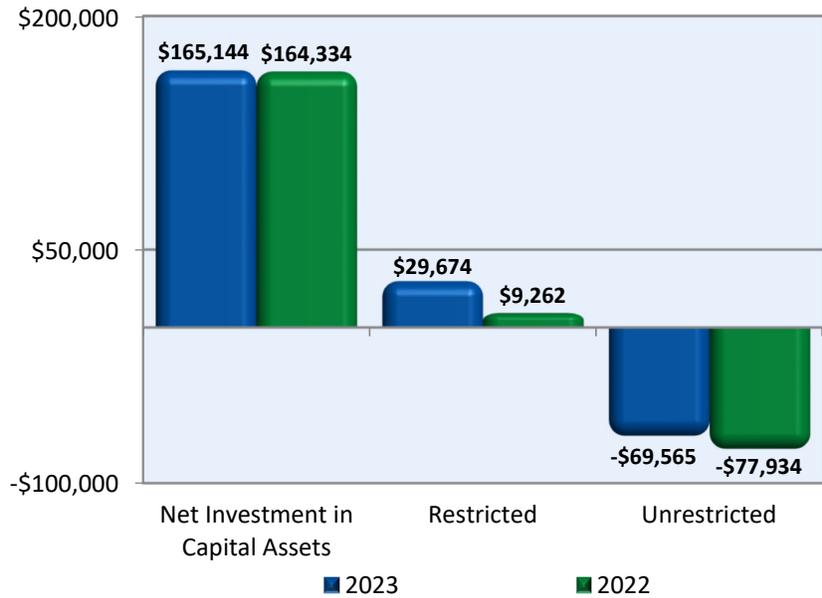
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The University's assets and deferred outflows of resources totaled \$364.2 million at June 30, 2023. This balance reflects a \$23.8 million, or 7 percent, increase as compared to the 2021-22 fiscal year, resulting mainly from an increase in receivables for State capital appropriations for deferred maintenance projects. While assets and deferred outflows of resources grew, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources decreased by \$5.8 million, or 2.4 percent, totaling \$238.9 million at June 30, 2023, resulting mainly from a decrease in other postemployment benefits (OPEB) payable and pension deferred inflows which were partially offset by an increase in net pension liabilities and OPEB deferred inflows. As a result, the University's net position increased by \$29.6 million, resulting in a fiscal year-end balance of \$125.3 million.

The University's operating revenues totaled \$95.8 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year, representing a 2.1 percent increase compared to the 2021-22 fiscal year due mainly to an increase in student tuition and fees related to enrollment growth and associated growth in sales and services of auxiliary enterprises for that same enrollment growth. Operating expenses totaled \$233.2 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year, representing an increase of 0.2 percent as compared to the 2021-22 fiscal year due mainly to cost-of-living wage increases and pension expense increases which were partially offset by a decrease in scholarships, fellowships, and waivers.

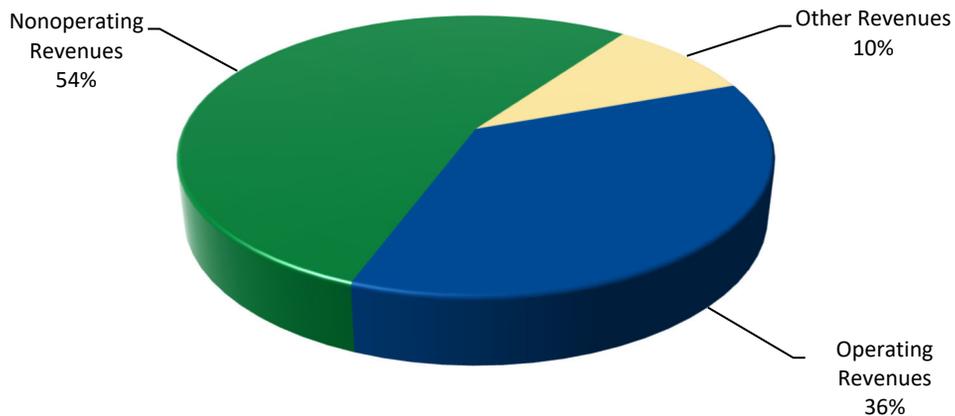
Net position represents the residual interest in the University's assets and deferred outflows of resources after deducting liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The University's comparative total net position by category for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2022, is shown in the following graph:

**Net Position
(In Thousands)**



The following chart provides a graphical presentation of University revenues by category for the 2022-23 fiscal year:

**Total Revenues
2022-23 Fiscal Year**



OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Pursuant to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 35, the University’s financial report consists of three basic financial statements: the statement of net position; the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and the statement of cash flows. The financial statements, and notes thereto, encompass the University and its component units. These component units include:

- University of West Florida Foundation, Inc.
- West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.
- UWF Business Enterprises, Inc.

Based on the application of the criteria for determining component units, these component units are included within the University reporting entity as discretely presented component units. Information regarding these component units, including summaries of the discretely presented component units separately issued financial statements, is presented in the notes to financial statements. This MD&A focuses on the University, excluding the discretely presented component units. For those component units reporting under GASB standards, MD&A information is included in their separately issued audit reports.

The Statement of Net Position

The statement of net position reflects the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the University, using the accrual basis of accounting, and presents the financial position of the University at a specified time. Assets, plus deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities, less deferred inflows of resources, equals net position, which is one indicator of the University's current financial condition. The changes in net position that occur over time indicate improvement or deterioration in the University's financial condition.

The following summarizes the University's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position at June 30:

Condensed Statement of Net Position at June 30

(In Thousands)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 149,846	\$ 124,064
Capital Assets, Net	169,250	169,428
Other Noncurrent Assets	3,170	1,134
Total Assets	<u>322,266</u>	<u>294,626</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>41,927</u>	<u>45,754</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	14,705	13,649
Noncurrent Liabilities	153,966	150,425
Total Liabilities	<u>168,671</u>	<u>164,074</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>70,269</u>	<u>80,644</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	165,144	164,334
Restricted	29,674	9,262
Unrestricted	<u>(69,565)</u>	<u>(77,934)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 125,253</u>	<u>\$ 95,662</u>

As mentioned earlier, the \$29.6 million increase in net position is mainly due to an increase in receivables for State capital appropriations and a net decrease in long-term liabilities and related deferred inflows of resources.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents the University’s revenue and expense activity, categorized as operating and nonoperating. Revenues and expenses are recognized when earned or incurred, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The following summarizes the University’s activity for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:

**Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years**

(In Thousands)

	2022-23	2021-22
Operating Revenues	\$ 95,829	\$ 93,848
Less, Operating Expenses	233,222	232,842
Operating Loss	(137,393)	(138,994)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	141,738	145,066
Income Before Other Revenues	4,345	6,072
Other Revenues	25,246	7,804
Net Increase In Net Position	29,591	13,876
Net Position, Beginning of Year	95,662	81,897
Adjustment to Beginning Net Position (1)	-	(111)
Net Position, Beginning of Year, as Restated	95,662	81,786
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 125,253	\$ 95,662

(1) For the 2021-22 fiscal year, the University’s beginning net position was decreased due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*.

Operating Revenues

GASB Statement No. 35 categorizes revenues as either operating or nonoperating. Operating revenues generally result from exchange transactions where each of the parties to the transaction either gives or receives something of equal or similar value.

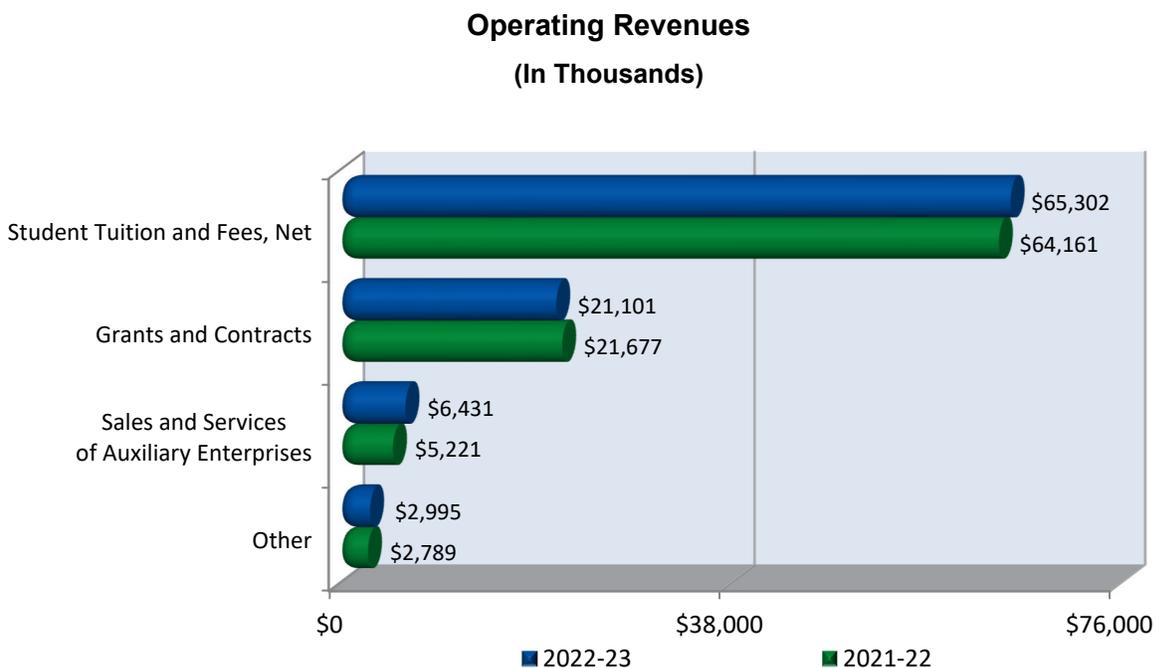
The following summarizes the operating revenues by source that were used to fund operating activities for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:

Operating Revenues For the Fiscal Years

(In Thousands)

	2022-23	2021-22
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 65,302	\$ 64,161
Grants and Contracts	21,101	21,677
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises	6,431	5,221
Other	2,995	2,789
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 95,829	\$ 93,848

The following chart presents the University's operating revenues for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:



Total operating revenues for the 2022-23 fiscal year were \$95.8 million, of which \$65.3 million was from net student tuition and fees. Tuition allowances, which represent the difference between the stated charges for goods and services provided by the University and the amount that is actually paid by a student or third party making payments on behalf of the student, totaled \$28.4 million and are deducted from gross student tuition and fees of \$93.7 million to arrive at net student tuition and fees. Net student tuition and fees totaled \$65.3 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year, which represented a \$1.1 million increase from the 2021-22 fiscal year resulting from an increase in enrollment. Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises were \$6.4 million, or \$1.2 million higher compared to the 2021-22 fiscal year. The increase in the auxiliary enterprises is attributed to enrollment growth and student-associated purchases.

Operating Expenses

Expenses are categorized as operating or nonoperating. The majority of the University's expenses are operating expenses as defined by GASB Statement No. 35. GASB gives financial reporting entities the

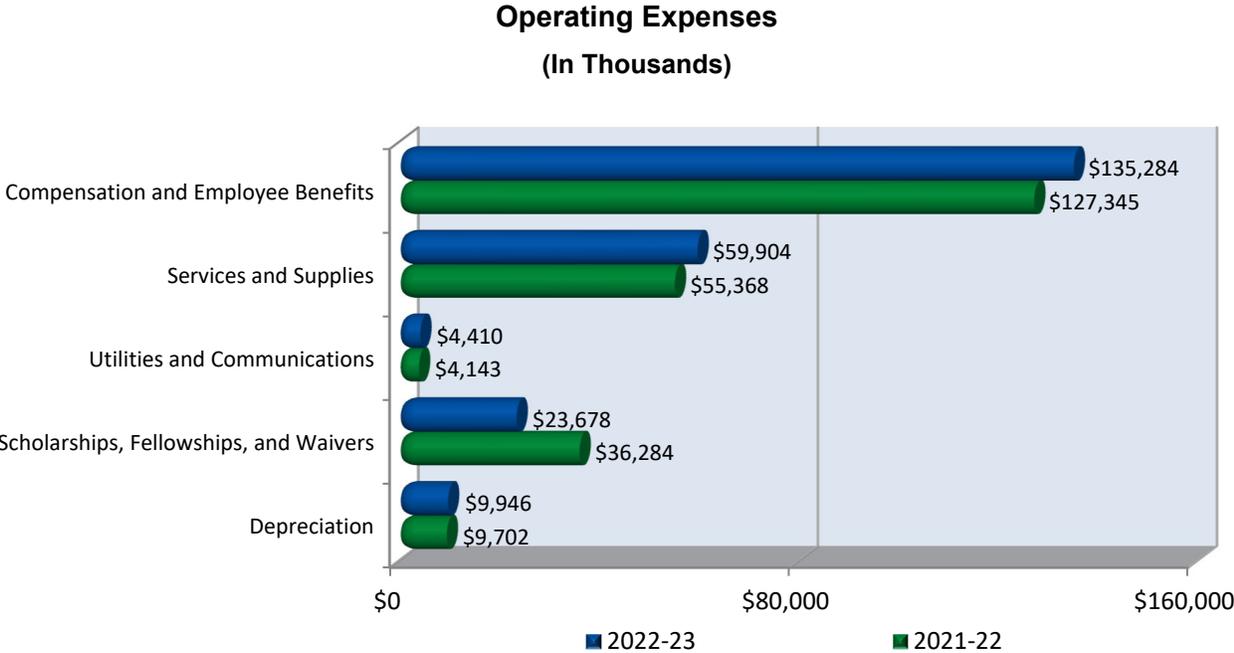
choice of reporting operating expenses in the functional or natural classifications. The University has chosen to report the expenses in their natural classification on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and has displayed the functional classification in the notes to financial statements.

The following summarizes operating expenses by natural classification for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:

**Operating Expenses
For the Fiscal Years**
(In Thousands)

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Compensation and Employee Benefits	\$ 135,284	\$ 127,345
Services and Supplies	59,904	55,368
Utilities and Communications	4,410	4,143
Scholarships, Fellowships, and Waivers	23,678	36,284
Depreciation	9,946	9,702
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 233,222</u>	<u>\$ 232,842</u>

The following chart presents the University’s operating expenses for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:



Compensation and employee benefits increased by \$7.9 million, and the majority of that amount is due to a cost-of-living wage increase and an increase in pension expenses for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Services and supplies increased by \$4.5 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year due to the rising cost of commodities as inflation pressures impacted most supply areas. Scholarship expenses decreased by \$12.6 million as the remaining Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) for students were spent in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Certain revenue sources that the University relies on to provide funding for operations, including State noncapital appropriations, Federal and State student financial aid, certain gifts and grants, and investment income, are defined by GASB as nonoperating. Nonoperating expenses include capital financing costs and other costs related to capital assets. The following summarizes the University's nonoperating revenues and expenses for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:

	2022-23	2021-22
State Noncapital Appropriations	\$ 98,849	\$ 87,491
Federal and State Student Financial Aid	34,037	52,847
Noncapital Grants, Contracts, and Gifts	6,170	5,666
Investment Income (Loss)	3,650	(4,195)
Other Nonoperating Revenues	566	3,515
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(1,029)	(110)
Interest on Capital Asset-Related Debt	(505)	(148)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	\$ 141,738	\$ 145,066

The \$11.4 million increase in State noncapital appropriations was mainly due to \$6 million in new operational support and \$4.8 million in Nursing Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) funding for excellence in nursing education and related programs. The decrease in Federal and State student financial aid of \$18.8 million is related to the remaining HEERF being spent in the 2021-22 fiscal year. The \$7.8 million increase in net investment income is a direct reversal of last fiscal year's \$5.8 million loss as the markets have experienced turbulent times as the nation tackles inflation. A decrease of \$2.9 million in other nonoperating revenues resulted as the 2021-22 fiscal year was the last fiscal year of HEERF lost revenue funding.

Other Revenues

This category is composed of State capital appropriations and capital grants, contracts, donations, and fees. The following summarizes the University's other revenues for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:

	2022-23	2021-22
State Capital Appropriations	\$ 24,766	\$ 7,492
Capital Grants, Contracts, Donations, and Fees	480	312
Total	\$ 25,246	\$ 7,804

The \$17.3 million increase in State capital appropriations resulted mainly from an increase in State funding for deferred maintenance.

The Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows provides information about the University's financial results by reporting the major sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents. This statement will assist in evaluating the University's ability to generate net cash flows, its ability to meet its financial obligations as they come due, and its need for external financing. Cash flows from operating activities show the net cash used by the operating activities of the University. Cash flows from capital and related financing activities include all plant funds and related long-term debt activities. Cash flows from investing activities show the net source and use of cash related to purchasing or selling investments, and earning income on those investments. Cash flows from noncapital financing activities include those activities not covered in other sections.

The following summarizes cash flows for the 2022-23 and 2021-22 fiscal years:

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Years (In Thousands)

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Cash Provided (Used) by:		
Operating Activities	\$ (130,149)	\$ (134,178)
Noncapital Financing Activities	139,883	146,613
Capital and Related Financing Activities	(5,709)	(492)
Investing Activities	<u>(7,971)</u>	<u>(9,479)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(3,946)	2,464
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>12,969</u>	<u>10,505</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 9,023</u>	<u>\$ 12,969</u>

Major sources of funds came from State noncapital appropriations (\$98.8 million), from sales and maturities of investments (\$95.5 million), net student tuition and fees (\$65.1 million), Federal Direct Loan program receipts (\$45 million), Federal and State student financial aid receipts (\$34 million), and grants and contracts (\$21.3 million). Major uses of funds were for payments to employees totaling \$138.6 million; purchases of investments totaling \$105.2 million; payments to suppliers for goods and services totaling \$63.4 million; disbursements to students for the Federal Direct Loan program totaling \$45 million, and payments to students for scholarships and fellowships totaling \$23.7 million.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES AND COMMITMENTS

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2023, the University had \$374.7 million in capital assets, less accumulated depreciation of \$205.5 million, for net capital assets of \$169.2 million. Depreciation charges for the current fiscal year totaled \$9.9 million. The following table summarizes the University's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at June 30:

Capital Assets, Net at June 30

(In Thousands)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 11,479	\$ 11,589
Works of Art and Historical Treasures	17,705	17,194
Construction in Progress	6,461	895
Buildings	105,104	110,138
Infrastructure and Other Improvements	13,764	15,159
Furniture and Equipment	10,666	9,050
Library Resources	1	-
Right-to-Use Lease Assets	2,547	3,636
Leasehold Improvements	1,523	1,767
Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>\$169,250</u></u>	<u><u>\$169,428</u></u>

Additional information about the University's capital assets is presented in the notes to financial statements.

Capital Expenses and Commitments

The University's construction commitments at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Amount (In Thousands)
Total Committed	\$ 19,831
Completed to Date	<u>6,461</u>
Balance Committed	<u><u>\$ 13,370</u></u>

Additional information about the University's construction commitments is presented in the notes to financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE

The University's economic condition is closely tied to that of the State of Florida. Because of economic growth, for the 2023-24 fiscal year, the University received just over \$29.1 million in recurring resources of which \$21.5 million is for operational support, \$4.9 million is directed towards the Nursing PIPELINE Program, and \$2.7 million is for Performance Based Funding related to continuous improvement in metrics categories. The University also received \$12.5 million in nonrecurring funds for recruitment and retention incentives for faculty members, and \$1.4 million nonrecurring for the Civil Engineering Program. Lastly, the University received just over \$31.1 million for capital improvements representing half of the funding needed for the Science and Engineering Research wing expansion at \$21.1 million, and half of the funding needed for a new satellite utilities plant at \$10 million. The University anticipates the matching halves for the projects to be received in the next legislative budget cycle.

University management continues to aggressively pursue a continuous performance improvement plan. Although there is no longer any funding associated with placing in the top three on performance metrics, the University will receive a portion of the performance funding State investment allocation as a

component of the State noncapital appropriations, which is reflected in the \$2.7 million increase for the 2023-24 fiscal year in performance-based funding.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Questions concerning information provided in the MD&A or other required supplemental information, and financial statements and notes thereto, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Controller's Office, University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Building 20E, Pensacola, Florida 32514.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA A Component Unit of the State of Florida Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	University	Component Units
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,852,262	\$ 5,864,587
Investments	101,921,525	10,478,851
Accounts Receivable, Net	13,517,917	530,786
Contributions Receivable, Net	-	1,345,997
Loans and Notes Receivable, Net	8,334	170,322
Due from State	28,545,997	-
Due from University	-	298,242
Inventories	-	73,463
Other Current Assets	-	233,183
Total Current Assets	149,846,035	18,995,431
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,170,469	1,648,123
Restricted Investments	-	116,732,000
Leases Receivable	-	1,864,080
Contributions Receivable, Net	-	2,385,533
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	131,057,722	44,928,507
Right-to-Use Lease Assets	2,546,670	-
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	35,645,266	6,126,210
Other Noncurrent Assets	-	3,694,223
Total Noncurrent Assets	172,420,127	177,378,676
Total Assets	322,266,162	196,374,107
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Other Postemployment Benefits	22,688,836	-
Pensions	19,238,231	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	41,927,067	-
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	2,353,128	402,264
Construction Contracts Payable	991,040	-
Salary and Wages Payable	3,471,991	-
Deposits Payable	382,400	-
Due to Component Units	298,242	-
Unearned Revenue	1,278,805	91,572
Other Current Liabilities	205,351	101,222
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion:		
Bonds Payable	-	3,099,469
Revenue Received in Advance	1,628,362	528,071
Right-to-Use Leases Payable	401,609	-
Compensated Absences Payable	1,892,830	-
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	1,787,686	-
Net Pension Liability	13,550	-
Total Current Liabilities	14,704,994	4,222,598

	University	Component Units
LIABILITIES (Continued)		
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Bonds Payable	-	29,096,578
Revenue Received in Advance	7,946,476	7,304,986
Right-to-Use Leases Payable	2,375,744	-
Compensated Absences Payable	14,804,055	694,029
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	69,392,772	-
Net Pension Liability	59,447,226	-
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	-	1,720,127
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	153,966,273	38,815,720
Total Liabilities	168,671,267	43,038,318
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Other Postemployment Benefits	60,381,211	-
Pensions	8,552,091	-
Leases	1,335,433	1,868,341
Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements	-	1,471,900
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	70,268,735	3,340,241
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	165,143,666	18,858,670
Restricted for Nonexpendable:		
Endowment	-	72,635,258
Restricted for Expendable:		
Loans	468,116	-
Capital Projects	29,173,769	-
Other	32,801	59,718,789
Unrestricted	(69,565,125)	(1,217,169)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 125,253,227	\$ 149,995,548

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
A Component Unit of the State of Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	University	Component Units
REVENUES		
Operating Revenues:		
Student Tuition and Fees, Net of Scholarship Allowances of \$28,370,028	\$ 65,302,055	\$ -
Federal Grants and Contracts	20,239,331	-
State and Local Grants and Contracts	861,835	-
Sales and Services of Component Units	-	1,696,037
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises	6,431,285	-
Gifts and Donations	-	8,845,224
Other Operating Revenues	2,994,857	11,341,868
Total Operating Revenues	95,829,363	21,883,129
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses:		
Compensation and Employee Benefits	135,284,442	3,676,002
Services and Supplies	59,903,894	7,391,842
Utilities and Communications	4,409,729	1,624,696
Scholarships, Fellowships, and Waivers	23,677,684	26,797
Depreciation	9,946,721	3,610,440
Total Operating Expenses	233,222,470	16,329,777
Operating Income (Loss)	(137,393,107)	5,553,352
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
State Noncapital Appropriations	98,849,197	-
Federal and State Student Financial Aid	34,037,464	-
Noncapital Grants, Contracts, and Gifts	6,170,366	-
Investment Income	3,650,302	11,779,802
Other Nonoperating Revenues	565,660	893,915
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(1,029,795)	(25,682)
Interest on Capital Asset-Related Debt	(505,458)	(1,225,326)
Other Nonoperating Expenses	-	(6,185,206)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	141,737,736	5,237,503
Income Before Other Revenues	4,344,629	10,790,855
State Capital Appropriations	24,766,443	-
Capital Grants, Contracts, Donations, and Fees	479,947	-
Additions to Permanent Endowments	-	1,226,410
Increase in Net Position	29,591,019	12,017,265
Net Position, Beginning of Year	95,662,208	137,978,283
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 125,253,227	\$ 149,995,548

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
A Component Unit of the State of Florida
Statement of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	University
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 65,112,966
Grants and Contracts	21,342,356
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises	6,431,285
Payments to Employees	(138,563,714)
Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(63,365,811)
Payments to Students for Scholarships and Fellowships	(23,677,684)
Collection on Loans to Students	(383)
Other Operating Receipts	2,572,342
	(130,148,643)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State Noncapital Appropriations	98,849,197
Federal and State Student Financial Aid	34,037,464
Noncapital Grants, Contracts, and Gifts	6,170,366
Federal Direct Loan Program Receipts	45,036,712
Federal Direct Loan Program Disbursements	(45,036,712)
Net Change in Funds Held for Others	288,690
Other Nonoperating Receipts	537,084
	139,882,801
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State Capital Appropriations	5,051,556
Purchase or Construction of Capital Assets	(9,655,717)
Principal Paid on Leases	(599,943)
Interest Paid on Leases	(505,458)
	(5,709,562)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	95,500,000
Purchases of Investments	(105,151,204)
Investment Income	1,680,229
	(7,970,975)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(3,946,379)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	12,969,110
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 9,022,731

	<u>University</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS	
TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating Loss	\$ (137,393,107)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss	
to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	9,946,721
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows of Resources,	
and Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Receivables, Net	(438,394)
Loans and Notes Receivable	(708)
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	10,726
Accounts Payable	742,409
Salaries and Wages Payable	(1,688,898)
Deposits Payable	(346,912)
Compensated Absences Payable	1,198,297
Unearned Revenue	558,965
Revenues Received in Advance	(144,073)
Other Liabilities	195,005
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	(30,030,298)
Net Pension Liability	33,739,060
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	5,760,695
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	22,050,781
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(1,933,506)
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(32,375,406)
	<u>\$ (130,148,643)</u>
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND
CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Unrealized gains on investments were recognized as an increase to investment income on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, but are not cash transactions for the statement of cash flows.	\$ 1,829,191
Losses from the disposal of capital assets were recognized on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, but are not cash transactions for the statement of cash flows.	\$ (1,474,420)
Donations of capital assets were recognized on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, but are not cash transactions for the statement of cash flows.	\$ 479,947

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity. The University is a separate public instrumentality that is part of the State university system of public universities, which is under the general direction and control of the Florida Board of Governors. The University is directly governed by a Board of Trustees (Trustees) consisting of 13 members. The Governor appoints 6 citizen members and the Board of Governors appoints 5 citizen members. These members are confirmed by the Florida Senate and serve staggered terms of 5 years. The chair of the faculty senate and the president of the student body of the University are also members. The Board of Governors establishes the powers and duties of the Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for setting policies for the University, which provide governance in accordance with State law and Board of Governors' Regulations, and selecting the University President. The University President serves as the executive officer and the corporate secretary of the Trustees and is responsible for administering the policies prescribed by the Trustees.

Criteria for defining the reporting entity are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600. These criteria were used to evaluate potential component units 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 primary government's financial statements to be misleading. Based on the application of these criteria, the University is a component unit of the State of Florida, and its financial balances and activities are reported in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report by discrete presentation.

Discretely Presented Component Units. Based on the application of the criteria for determining component units, the following direct-support organizations (as provided for in Section 1004.28, Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation 9.011) are included within the University reporting entity as discretely presented component units. These legally separate, not-for-profit, corporations are organized and operated to assist the University in achieving excellence by providing supplemental resources from private gifts and bequests and valuable education support services and are governed by separate boards. Florida Statutes authorize these organizations to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and to make expenditures to or for the benefit of the University. These organizations and their purposes are explained as follows:

- University of West Florida Foundation, Inc. provides funding and services to support and foster the pursuit of higher education at the University and operates solely for the benefit of the University and its mission of teaching, research, and service. The Foundation serves as the vehicle whereby taxpayers who want to advance the cause of higher education and to pay more than their share of the cost of education may do so. The Foundation does not serve any private causes, but generally benefits the public.
- West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. was established to engage in the restoration and exhibition of historical landmarks in the Pensacola, Florida vicinity. This organization conducts certain activities and programs that assist and promote the purposes of the University.
- UWF Business Enterprises, Inc. was established to receive, hold, develop, provide, maintain, and administer property and to make expenditures to or for the exclusive benefit of the University or

a research and development park or research and development authority of or affiliated with the University and to promote, encourage, and aid the research activities of faculty, staff, and students of the University.

An annual audit of each organization's financial statements is conducted by independent certified public accountants. Additional information on the University's component units, including copies of audit reports, is available by contacting the University Controller's Office. Condensed financial statements for the University's discretely presented component units are shown in a subsequent note.

Basis of Presentation. The University's accounting policies conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to public colleges and universities as prescribed by GASB. The National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) also provides the University with recommendations prescribed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by GASB and the Financial Accounting Standards Board. GASB allows public universities various reporting options. The University has elected to report as an entity engaged in only business-type activities. This election requires the adoption of the accrual basis of accounting and entitywide reporting including the following components:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Basic Financial Statements:
 - Statement of Net Position
 - Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
 - Statement of Cash Flows
 - Notes to Financial Statements
- Other Required Supplementary Information

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues, expenses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Specifically, it relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The University's financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange activities are generally recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. The University follows GASB standards of accounting and financial reporting.

The University's discretely presented component units use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting and follow GASB standards of accounting and financial reporting.

Significant interdepartmental sales between auxiliary service departments and other institutional departments have been eliminated from revenues and expenses for reporting purposes.

The University's principal operating activities consist of instruction, research, and public service. Operating revenues and expenses generally include all fiscal transactions directly related to these

activities as well as administration, operation and maintenance of capital assets, and depreciation of capital assets. Nonoperating revenues include State noncapital appropriations; Federal and State student financial aid; noncapital grants, contracts, and gifts; investment income (net of unrealized gains and losses on investments); and other nonoperating revenues. Interest on capital asset-related debt and loss on disposal of capital assets are nonoperating expenses. Other revenues generally include revenues for capital construction projects.

The statement of net position is presented in a classified format to distinguish between current and noncurrent assets and liabilities. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available to fund certain programs, it is the University's policy to first apply the restricted resources to such programs, followed by the use of the unrestricted resources.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position is presented by major sources and is reported net of tuition scholarship allowances. Tuition scholarship allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the University and the amount that is actually paid by the student or the third party making payment on behalf of the student. The University applied the "Alternate Method" as prescribed in NACUBO Advisory Report 2000-05 to determine the reported net tuition scholarship allowances. Under this method, the University computes these amounts by allocating the cash payments to students, excluding payments for services, using a ratio of total aid to aid not considered third-party aid.

The statement of cash flows is presented using the direct method in compliance with GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and cash in demand accounts. University cash deposits are held in banks qualified as public depositories under Florida law. All such deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, up to specified limits, or collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. Cash and cash equivalents that are externally restricted to purchase or construct capital or other restricted assets are classified as restricted.

Capital Assets. University capital assets consist of land, works of art and historical treasures, construction in progress, buildings, infrastructure and other improvements, furniture and equipment, library resources, right-to-use lease assets, leasehold improvements, and computer software. These assets are capitalized and recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or at acquisition value at the date received in the case of gifts and purchases of State surplus property. Additions, improvements, and other outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. The University has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for tangible personal property, and \$100,000 for new buildings and building improvements. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

- Buildings – 10 to 50 years
- Infrastructure and Other Improvements – 10 to 50 years
- Furniture and Equipment – 5 to 20 years
- Library Resources – 10 years

- Leasehold Improvements – 10 years or the term of the lease, whichever is greater
- Right-to-Use Lease Assets – the lease term or the useful life of the asset, whichever is less
- Computer Software – 5 years

Leases. The University determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Lessee arrangements are included in lease assets and lease liabilities in the statement of net position. Lease assets represent the University's control of the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, as specified in the contract, in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Lease assets are recognized at the commencement date based on the initial measurement of the lease liability, plus any payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term and certain direct costs. Lease assets are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. Lease liabilities represent the University's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lessee arrangement. Lease liabilities are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of expected lease payments over the lease term, less any lease incentives. Interest expense is recognized ratably over the contract term. The lease term may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the University will exercise that option. The University has elected to recognize payments for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and leases with a present value of less than a hundred thousand dollars over the life of the lease as expenses are incurred, and these leases are not included as lease liabilities or right-to-use lease assets on the statement of net position.

Lessor arrangements are included in lease receivables and deferred inflows of resources in the statement of net position. Lease receivables represent the University's claim to receive lease payments over the lease term, as specified in the contract, in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Lease receivables are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of expected lease payments over the lease term, reduced by any provision for estimated uncollectible amounts. Interest revenue is recognized ratably over the contract term. Deferred inflows of resources related to leases are recognized at the commencement date based on the initial measurement of the lease receivable, plus any payments received from the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of, the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The deferred inflows related to leases are recognized as lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the lease term. The University recognizes payments received for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less as revenue as the payments are received. The University also recognizes payments received on leases with an initial calculated net present value of one hundred thousand dollars or less as revenue as the payments are received. These leases are not included as lease receivables or deferred inflows on the statement of net position.

Noncurrent Liabilities. Noncurrent liabilities include revenue received in advance, right-to-use leases payable, compensated absences payable, other postemployment benefits payable, and net pension liabilities that are not scheduled to be paid within the next fiscal year.

Pensions. For purposes of measuring the net pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net positions of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance

Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan and additions to/deductions from the FRS and HIS fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and the HIS plans. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

2. Deficit Net Position in Individual Funds

The University reported an unrestricted net position which included a deficit in the current funds – unrestricted as shown below.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Net Position</u>
Current - Unrestricted:	
General Revenue Fund	\$ (145,088,932)
All Other Current Unrestricted Funds	<u>75,523,807</u>
Total	<u>\$ (69,565,125)</u>

As shown in the following schedule, this deficit can be attributed to the full recognition of long-term liabilities (e.g., compensated absences payable, other postemployment benefits (OPEB) payable, and net pension liabilities) in the current unrestricted funds that are expected to be paid over time and financed by future appropriations.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Position Before Recognition of Long-Term Liabilities, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 104,779,229
Amount Expected to be Financed in Future Years:	
Compensated Absences Payable	\$ (16,696,885)
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable and Related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources	(108,872,833)
Net Pension Liability and Related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>(48,774,636)</u>
Total Amount Expected to be Financed in Future Years	<u>(174,344,354)</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Position	<u>\$ (69,565,125)</u>

3. Investments

Section 1011.42(5), Florida Statutes, authorizes universities to invest funds with the State Treasury and State Board of Administration (SBA) and requires that universities comply with the statutory requirements governing investment of public funds by local governments. Accordingly, universities are subject to the requirements of Chapter 218, Part IV, Florida Statutes. The Board of Trustees has adopted a written investment policy providing that surplus funds of the University shall be invested in those institutions and instruments permitted under the provisions of Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 218.415(16), Florida Statutes, the University is authorized to invest in the Florida PRIME investment pool administered by the SBA; Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency; interest-bearing time deposits and savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in

Section 280.02, Florida Statutes; direct obligations of the United States Treasury; obligations of Federal agencies and instrumentalities; securities of, or interests in, certain open end or closed end management type investment companies; and other investments approved by the Board of Trustees as authorized by law.

The University categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs, and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

All of the University's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023, are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs), with the exception of corporate bonds and notes and obligations of United States government agencies and instrumentalities which are valued using a matrix pricing model (Level 2 inputs) and investments with the State Treasury which are valued based on the University's share of the pool (Level 3 inputs).

The University's investments at June 30, 2023, are reported as follows:

Investments by Fair Value Level	Amount	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
External Investment Pool:				
State Treasury Special Purpose Investment Account	\$ 69,061,740	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,061,740
United States Treasury Securities	6,782,491	6,782,491	-	-
Obligations of United States Government				
Agencies and Instrumentalities	3,610,506	-	3,610,506	-
Bonds and Notes	14,306,666	-	14,306,666	-
Mutual Funds:				
Equities	6,953,716	6,953,716	-	-
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	100,715,119	\$ 13,736,207	\$ 17,917,172	\$ 69,061,740
Investments at Amortized Cost				
SBA Florida PRIME	1,206,406			
Total Investments	\$ 101,921,525			

External Investment Pools.

The University reported investments at fair value totaling \$69,061,740 at June 30, 2023, in the State Treasury Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA) investment pool, representing ownership of a share of the pool, not the underlying securities. Pooled investments with the State Treasury are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Oversight of the pooled investments with the State Treasury is provided by the Treasury Investment Committee per Section 17.575, Florida Statutes. The authorized investment types are set forth in Section 17.57, Florida Statutes. The State Treasury SPIA investment pool carried a credit rating of AA-f by Standard & Poor's, had an effective duration of 3.02 years, and fair value factor of 0.9667 at June 30, 2023. Participants contribute to the State Treasury SPIA investment pool on a dollar basis. These funds are commingled and a fair value of the pool is

determined from the individual values of the securities. The fair value of the securities is summed and a total pool fair value is determined. A fair value factor is calculated by dividing the pool's total fair value by the pool participant's total cash balances. The fair value factor is the ratio used to determine the fair value of an individual participant's pool balance. The University relies on policies developed by the State Treasury for managing interest rate risk or credit risk for this investment pool. Disclosures for the State Treasury investment pool are included in the notes to financial statements of the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

At June 30, 2023, the University reported investments totaling \$1,206,406 in the Florida PRIME investment pool administered by the SBA pursuant to Section 218.405, Florida Statutes. The University's investments in the Florida PRIME investment pool, which the SBA indicates is a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a7-like external investment pool, are similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. The Florida PRIME investment pool carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard & Poor's and had a weighted-average days to maturity (WAM) of 37 days as of June 30, 2023. A portfolio's WAM reflects the average maturity in days, based on final maturity or reset date, in the case of floating-rate instruments. WAM measures the sensitivity of the Florida PRIME investment pool to interest rate changes. The investments in the Florida PRIME investment pool are reported at amortized cost.

Section 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, provides that "the principal, and any part thereof, of each account constituting the trust fund is subject to payment at any time from the moneys in the trust fund. However, the executive director may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the Board [State Board of Administration] can invest moneys entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, and the Investment Advisory Council. The trustees shall convene an emergency meeting as soon as practicable from the time the executive director has instituted such measures and review the necessity of those measures. If the trustees are unable to convene an emergency meeting before the expiration of the 48-hour moratorium on contributions and withdrawals, the moratorium may be extended by the executive director until the trustees are able to meet to review the necessity for the moratorium. If the trustees agree with such measures, the trustees shall vote to continue the measures for up to an additional 15 days. The trustees must convene and vote to continue any such measures before the expiration of the time limit set, but in no case may the time limit set by the trustees exceed 15 days." As of June 30, 2023, there were no redemption fees or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100 percent of their account value.

Other Investments.

The following risks apply to the University's investments in other than external investment pools:

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Pursuant to Section 218.415(16), Florida Statutes, the University's investments in securities must provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due. Investments of the

University in debt securities and bonds and notes, and their future maturities at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

University Debt Investments Maturities

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investments Maturities (In Years)</u>		
		<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>More Than 5</u>
United States Treasury Securities	\$ 6,782,491	\$ -	\$ 6,782,491	\$ -
Obligations of United States Government				
Agencies and Instrumentalities	3,610,506	305,703	1,339,491	1,965,312
Bonds and Notes	14,306,666	1,099,214	12,586,135	621,317
Total Investments	\$24,699,663	\$ 1,404,917	\$20,708,117	\$ 2,586,629

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Obligations of the United States Government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the United States Government are not considered to have credit risk and do not require disclosure of credit quality. The University's investment policy limits fixed income exposure to investment grade assets and provides credit quality guidelines applicable to the investment objective. The following schedule represents the ratings at June 30, 2023, of the University's debt instruments using Moody's and Standard & Poor's, nationally recognized rating agencies:

University Debt Investments Quality Ratings

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
United States Treasury Securities	\$ 6,782,491	\$ 6,782,491	\$ -	\$ -
Obligations of United States Government				
Agencies and Instrumentalities	3,610,506	3,503,005	-	107,501
Bonds and Notes	14,306,666	5,724,250	2,762,364	5,820,052
Total Investments	\$ 24,699,663	\$ 16,009,746	\$ 2,762,364	\$ 5,927,553

Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the University's investments in a single issuer. The University's investment policies require diversification sufficient to reduce the potential of a single security, single sector of securities, or single style of management having a disproportionate or significant impact on the portfolio. The University's policy considers credit risk on an investment type basis and established that, in equities, no more than 10 percent of the portfolio should be invested in any one company.

Component Units' Investments.

The University of West Florida Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) has an investment policy which provides guidelines for the investment of Foundation assets. The purpose of these assets is to further the overall mission of the University. The objectives of the assets are the enhancement of capital and real purchasing power while limiting exposure to risk of loss. Real purchasing power of real rate of return will be defined as returns in excess of inflation as defined by Consumer Price Index. The investment policy

provides information on authorized asset classes, target allocations and ranges of acceptable investment categories.

Investments held by the Foundation at June 30, 2023, are reported at fair value as follows:

Investments by Fair Value Level	Amount	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments Measured at Fair Value:				
Equity Securities - Domestic and International	\$ 63,368,292	\$ 60,993,887	\$ 2,374,405	\$ -
Debt Securities	24,242,397	13,616,766	10,625,631	-
External Investment Pool:				
State Treasury Special Purpose Investment Account	6,425,243	-	-	6,425,243
Alternative Investments:				
Private Equity Investments	5,556,090	-	-	5,556,090
Real Estate Investment Trust	5,509,234	-	-	5,509,234
Total Alternative Investments	11,065,324	-	-	11,065,324
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	105,101,256	\$ 74,610,653	\$ 13,000,036	\$ 17,490,567
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value (NAV):				
Fund of Fund Hedge Funds	9,732,552			
Private Equity Investments	11,457,015			
Total Investments Measured at NAV	21,189,567			
Total Investments	\$ 126,290,823			

Other information for investments measured at NAV or its equivalent follows:

	Net Asset Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Fund of Fund Hedge Funds:				
Equity Market Neutral	\$ 9,732,552	\$ -	Quarterly to Semi-annual	95 Days
Private Equity Investments	11,457,015	2,639,333	N/A (1)	N/A (1)
Total Investments Measured at NAV	\$ 21,189,567	\$ 2,639,333		

(1) These funds are in private equity structures with no ability to be redeemed.

The investments above of \$126,290,823 at fair value, and certificates of deposits totaling \$563,308 equal a total investment holding for the Foundation of \$126,854,131 at June 30, 2023.

Fair Value Measurement: Equity Securities: Investments in equity securities are measured at fair value using quoted market prices. The majority are classified as Level 1 when they are traded in an active market for which closing stock prices are readily available, and a smaller portion is classified as Level 2 when significant other observable inputs are used to ascertain their value.

Debt Securities: Investments in fixed income securities are classified as Level 1 as they trade with sufficient frequency and volume to enable the Foundation to obtain pricing information on an ongoing

basis. However, a small segment of debt security holdings is in a High Yield Commingled Fund where there are inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable, either directly or indirectly, and therefore included in Level 2.

External investment pool: Investments in the SPIA are classified as Level 3.

Alternative Investments: Investments in private equity partnerships for which there is no readily determinable fair value is classified as Level 3 as the valuation is based on significant unobservable inputs.

Private Equity and Real Estate Investment Trust: Private equity and real estate investment trust funds for which there are not readily determinable fair values are classified as Level 3 as the valuation is based on significant unobservable inputs. Private equity and real estate investment trusts are partnerships formed for the purpose of acquiring, holding, managing and selling income producing real estate and real estate related assets, including interests in joint venture development projects for current income or investment and capital appreciation over a 3 to 5 year holding period.

While the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Foundation will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. It is the Foundation's policy to require that all securities be held by the Foundation's agent in the Foundation's name. The Foundation's investments as of June 30, 2023, excluding mutual funds, alternative investments, and the external investment pool are uninsured and registered with securities held by the Foundation's agent in the Foundation's name. Mutual funds and alternative investments do not have specific securities, are uninsured and are held in the book entry form.

Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an entity's investment in a single issuer. The Foundation's investment policy requires diversification of investments sufficient to reduce the potential of a single security, single sector of securities, or single investment manager having a disproportionate or significant impact on the portfolio. Guidelines for individual sectors of the portfolio further indicate percentage limitations. Disclosure of any issuer of investments that in the aggregate is 5 percent or more of the portfolio is required to be disclosed as a concentration of credit risk (investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools and other pooled investments are exempt). As of June 30, 2023, there were no concentrations of credit risk.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. At June 30, 2023, the credit quality ratings of the Foundation's debt securities were as follows:

<u>Standard & Poor's Credit Rating</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AAA	\$ 11,148,425
AA	790,442
A	3,265,127
BBB	5,262,043
BB	2,605,535
B	954,050
Below B	216,775
Total Debt Securities Investments	\$ 24,242,397

Alternative investments consist of funds that may include underlying securities including equities, fixed income, real estate, and other types of investments. The schedule above only reflects the credit risk related to debt securities that are directly held by the Foundation.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Foundation's policy for managing its exposure to fair value loss occurring from interest rate risk is through maintaining diversification of its investments and investment maturities so as to minimize the impact of downturns in the market as stated above.

As of 23, the Foundation's debt securities of \$24,242,397 had weighted average maturities of 1 to 5 years:

<u>Total Fair Value</u>	<u>Less than 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 5 years</u>
\$ 24,242,397	\$ 5,552,570	\$ 18,689,827

Foreign Currency Risk: Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies could adversely affect an investment's fair value. It is the Foundation's policy to limit its exposure to foreign currency risk by limiting the asset allocation in international investments in accordance with the established targets in the approved investment policy. As of 23, the Foundation did not have any direct investments subject to this risk. As of June 30, 2023, the Foundation's assets were held in U.S. currency; the currency risk on international and global assets is absorbed by the underlying investment managers.

Investments held by West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. at June 30, 2023, consist of certificates of deposits totaling \$179,739.

Investments held by UWF Business Enterprises, Inc. at June 30, 2023, consist of certificates of deposits totaling \$176,981.

4. Receivables

Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable represent amounts for student tuition and fees, contract and grant reimbursements due from third parties, various sales and services provided to students and third parties, and interest accrued on investments and loans receivable. As of June 30, 2023, the University reported the following amounts as accounts receivable:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contracts and Grants	\$ 9,660,088
Student Tuition and Fees	4,352,289
Interest and Dividends	<u>140,882</u>
Gross Accounts Receivable	14,153,259
Less Allowances for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(635,342)</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u><u>\$ 13,517,917</u></u>

Allowances for doubtful accounts and loans and notes receivable are reported based on management's best estimate as of fiscal year end considering type, age, collection history, and other factors considered appropriate. No allowance has been accrued for contracts and grants receivable or interest and dividends receivable as University management considers these to be fully collectable.

5. Due From State

The amount due from State consists of \$28,545,997 of Public Education Capital Outlay, Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund, and other allocations due from the State to the University for construction of University facilities.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is shown in the following table:

Description	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 11,589,150	\$ -	\$ 110,473	\$ 11,478,677
Works of Art and Historical Treasures	17,194,383	510,998	-	17,705,381
Construction in Progress	895,420	5,645,074	79,286	6,461,208
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	\$ 29,678,953	\$ 6,156,072	\$ 189,759	\$ 35,645,266
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Buildings	\$ 222,452,087	\$ 318,681	\$ 420,588	\$ 222,350,180
Infrastructure and Other Improvements	42,335,780	-	-	42,335,780
Furniture and Equipment	36,751,581	4,957,551	1,596,886	40,112,246
Library Resources	27,241,883	616	-	27,242,499
Right-to-Use Lease Assets	4,618,067	-	744,118	3,873,949
Leasehold Improvements	2,500,959	-	-	2,500,959
Computer Software	683,800	-	-	683,800
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	336,584,157	5,276,848	2,761,592	339,099,413
Less, Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	112,314,933	5,015,320	84,117	117,246,136
Infrastructure and Other Improvements	27,177,296	1,394,146	-	28,571,442
Furniture and Equipment	27,701,482	2,648,414	903,563	29,446,333
Library Resources	27,241,561	72	-	27,241,633
Right-to-Use Lease Assets	982,429	644,342	299,492	1,327,279
Leasehold Improvements	733,971	244,427	-	978,398
Computer Software	683,800	-	-	683,800
Total Accumulated Depreciation	196,835,472	9,946,721	1,287,172	205,495,021
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	\$ 139,748,685	\$ (4,669,873)	\$ 1,474,420	\$ 133,604,392

7. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities of the University at June 30, 2023, include revenue received in advance, right-to-use leases payable, compensated absences payable, other postemployment benefits payable, and net pension liability. Long-term liabilities activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is shown in the following table:

Description	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Revenue Received in Advance	\$ 9,718,911	\$ 865,039	\$ 1,009,112	\$ 9,574,838	\$ 1,628,362
Right-to-Use Leases Payable	3,707,660	-	930,307	2,777,353	401,609
Compensated Absences Payable	15,498,588	2,619,614	1,421,317	16,696,885	1,892,830
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	101,210,756	52,713,652	82,743,950	71,180,458	1,787,686
Net Pension Liability	25,721,716	58,807,183	25,068,123	59,460,776	13,550
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 155,857,631	\$ 115,005,488	\$ 111,172,809	\$ 159,690,310	\$ 5,724,037

Revenue Received in Advance. Revenue received in advance consists primarily of funds received but not yet earned under a grant from the State Economic Development Initiative. Total revenue received in

advance at June 30, 2023, amounted to \$9,574,838, with \$1,628,362 expected to be earned during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Right-to-Use Leases Payable. The University leases equipment and space from external parties for various terms under long-term lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2040 and provide for renewal options ranging from 1 to 10 years. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the University records right-to-use lease assets and lease liabilities based on the present value of expected payments over the lease term of the respective leases. The expected payments are discounted using the interest rate charged on the lease, if available, or are otherwise discounted using the University’s incremental borrowing rate. Variable payments are excluded from the valuations unless they are fixed in substance. The University does not have any leases featuring payments tied to an index or market rate. The University does not have any leases subject to a residual value guarantee. See Note 6. Capital Assets for information on right-to-use lease assets and the associated accumulated depreciation. Future minimum payments under the lease agreements as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 401,609	\$ 108,528	\$ 510,137
2025	385,546	92,050	477,596
2026	296,640	77,437	374,077
2027	262,890	66,224	329,114
2028	280,626	55,065	335,691
2029-2033	691,817	145,140	836,957
2034-2038	313,433	71,445	384,878
2039-2040	144,792	9,140	153,932
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 2,777,353	\$ 625,029	\$ 3,402,382

Compensated Absences Payable. Employees earn the right to be compensated during absences for annual leave (vacation) and sick leave earned pursuant to Board of Governors’ Regulations, University regulations, and bargaining agreements. Leave earned is accrued to the credit of the employee and records are kept on each employee’s unpaid (unused) leave balance. The University reports a liability for the accrued leave; however, State noncapital appropriations fund only the portion of accrued leave that is used or paid in the current fiscal year. Although the University expects the liability to be funded primarily from future appropriations, generally accepted accounting principles do not permit the recording of a receivable in anticipation of future appropriations. At June 30, 2023, the estimated liability for compensated absences, which includes the University’s share of the Florida Retirement System and FICA contributions, totaled \$16,696,885. The current portion of the compensated absences liability, \$1,892,830, is the amount expected to be paid in the coming fiscal year and represents a historical percentage of leave used applied to total accrued leave liability.

Other Postemployment Benefits Payable. The University follows GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, for certain postemployment healthcare benefits administered by the State Group Health Insurance Program.

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description. The Division of State Group Insurance's Other Postemployment Benefits Plan (OPEB Plan) is a multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the State of Florida. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, all employees who retire from the University are eligible to participate in the State Group Health Insurance Program. Retirees and their eligible dependents shall be offered the same health and hospitalization insurance coverage as is offered to active employees at a premium cost of no more than the premium cost applicable to active employees. A retiree means any officer or employee who retires under a State retirement system or State optional annuity or retirement program or is placed on disability retirement and who begins receiving retirement benefits immediately after retirement from employment. In addition, any officer or employee who retires under the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan is considered a "retiree" if he or she meets the age and service requirements to qualify for normal retirement or has attained the age of 59.5 years and has the years of service required for vesting. The University subsidizes the premium rates paid by retirees by allowing them to participate in the OPEB Plan at reduced or blended group (implicitly subsidized) premium rates for both active and retired employees. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because retiree healthcare costs are generally greater than active employee healthcare costs. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75. The OPEB Plan contribution requirements and benefit terms necessary for funding the OPEB Plan each year is on a pay-as-you-go basis as established by the Governor's recommended budget and the General Appropriations Act. Retirees are required to enroll in the Federal Medicare (Medicare) program for their primary coverage as soon as they are eligible.

Benefits Provided. The OPEB Plan provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents. The OPEB Plan only provides an implicit subsidy as described above.

Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability

The University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability of \$71,180,458 was measured as of June 30, 2022, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. At June 30, 2022, the University's proportionate share, determined by its proportion of total benefit payments made, was 0.907537116166 percent, which was a decrease of 0.052658741331 from its proportionate share reported as of June 30, 2021.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs. The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.6 percent
Salary increases	Varies by FRS Class
Discount rate	4.09 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	
PPO Plan	10.31 percent for 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.04 percent for 2076 and later years
HMO Plan	7.53 percent for 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.04 percent for 2076 and later years
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	100 percent of projected health insurance premiums for retirees

The discount rate was based on the Standard & Poor's (S&P) Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 mortality tables with fully generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2018.

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, and withdrawal used in the July 1, 2022, valuation were based on the 2019 Experience Study prepared by Milliman and adopted by the FRS.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the July 1, 2021, valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the July 1, 2021, valuation.

The following changes have been made since the prior valuation:

- **Census Data** – The census data reflects changes in status for the 24-month period since July 1, 2020.
- **Claims Costs and Premium Rates** – The assumed claims and premiums reflect the actual claims information that was provided as well as the premiums that are actually being charged to participants. The recent claims experience along with changes in the demographics of the population resulted in lower claims costs compared to expected, as well as lower premium rates than expected. The net result was a slight increase in liabilities due to claims and premiums as of June 30, 2022.
- **Trend Rate** – We update the medical trend assumption each year based on the Getzen Model. We used medical trend rates consistent with the August 2022 Report on Financial Outlook of the Plan along with information from the Getzen Model and actuarial judgement. The impact of the trend rate changes is a small increase in the liability, due primarily to higher trend rates in the first several years.
- **Discount Rate** – The discount rate was updated to utilize the mandated discount rate based on a 20-year S&P Municipal Bond Rate Index as of the measurement date, as required under GASB Statement No. 75. The discount rate increased from 2.18 percent to 4.09 percent.

Sensitivity of the University's Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability, as well as what the University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using

a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.09 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (5.09 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (3.09%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (4.09%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (5.09%)</u>
University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability	\$84,868,279	\$71,180,458	\$60,379,701

Sensitivity of the University's Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates. The following table presents the University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability, as well as what the University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability	\$59,297,957	\$71,180,458	\$86,815,164

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the University recognized OPEB expense of \$395,709. At June 30, 2023, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 7,784,837
Change of assumptions or other inputs	8,230,625	46,507,606
Changes in proportion and differences between University benefit payments and proportionate share of benefit payments	12,637,074	6,088,768
Transactions subsequent to the measurement date	1,821,137	-
Total	<u>\$ 22,688,836</u>	<u>\$ 60,381,211</u>

Of the total amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, \$1,821,137 resulting from transactions subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the total OPEB liability and included in OPEB expense in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (7,495,420)
2025	(7,495,420)
2026	(5,748,508)
2027	(4,760,101)
2028	(4,705,100)
Thereafter	(9,308,963)
Total	<u><u>\$(39,513,512)</u></u>

Net Pension Liability. As a participating employer in the Florida Retirement System (FRS), the University recognizes its proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities of the FRS cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans. As of June 30, 2023, the University's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities totaled \$59,460,776. Note 8. includes a complete discussion of defined benefit pension plans.

8. Retirement Plans – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

General Information about the Florida Retirement System (FRS).

The FRS was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, also provides for nonintegrated, optional retirement programs in lieu of the FRS to certain members of the Senior Management Service Class employed by the State and faculty and specified employees in the State university system. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the University are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. An annual comprehensive financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services Web site (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The University's FRS and HIS pension expense totaled \$6,079,681 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

FRS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The FRS Pension Plan (Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a DROP for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

- *Regular Class* – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *Senior Management Service Class* – Members in senior management level positions.
- *Special Risk Class* – Members who are employed as law enforcement officers and meet the criteria to qualify for this class.

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 or at any age after 25 years of creditable service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 or at any age after 30 years of creditable service. Employees enrolled in the Plan may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

The DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS-participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

Benefits Provided. Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age, and/or years of service, average final compensation, and credit service. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 5 highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 8 highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on retirement plan and/or the class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following table shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned:

<u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service</u>	<u>% Value</u>
Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
Senior Management Service Class	2.00
Special Risk Class	3.00

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member was initially enrolled in the Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member was initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions. The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the 2022-23 fiscal year were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Salary</u>	
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer (1)</u>
FRS, Regular	3.00	11.91
FRS, Senior Management Service	3.00	31.57
FRS, Special Risk	3.00	27.83
Deferred Retirement Option Program (applicable to members from all of the above classes)	0.00	18.60
FRS, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	(2)

(1) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the postemployment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include 0.06 percent for administrative costs of the Investment Plan.

(2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.

The University's contributions to the Plan totaled \$5,868,348 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2023, the University reported a liability of \$47,243,356 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The University's proportionate share of the net pension

liability was based on the University's 2021-22 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2021-22 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2022, the University's proportionate share was 0.126970839 percent, which was a decrease of 0.006581721 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the University recognized pension expense of \$5,708,788. In addition, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,243,787	\$ -
Change of assumptions	5,818,217	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on FRS Plan investments	3,119,473	-
Changes in proportion and differences between University contributions and proportionate share of contributions	227,205	4,380,041
University FRS contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,868,348	-
Total	<u>\$ 17,277,030</u>	<u>\$ 4,380,041</u>

The deferred outflows of resources totaling \$5,868,348, resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 1,684,605
2025	(107,974)
2026	(2,041,520)
2027	7,232,868
2028	260,662
Total	<u>\$ 7,028,641</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.70 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation (1)</u>	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	2.6%	2.6%	1.1%
Fixed Income	19.8%	4.4%	4.4%	3.2%
Global Equity	54.0%	8.8%	7.3%	17.8%
Real Estate (Property)	10.3%	7.4%	6.3%	15.7%
Private Equity	11.1%	12.0%	8.9%	26.3%
Strategic Investments	3.8%	6.2%	5.9%	7.8%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.3%

(1) As outlined in the Plan's investment policy.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70 percent. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return. The discount rate used in the 2022 valuation was updated from 6.80 percent to 6.70 percent.

Sensitivity of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70 percent, as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (5.70 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (7.70 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.70%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.70%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.70%)</u>
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$81,704,135	\$47,243,356	\$18,430,044

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Payables to the Pension Plan. At June 30, 2023, the University reported a payable of \$564,028 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the Plan required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

HIS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The HIS Pension Plan (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which can include Medicare.

Contributions. The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the contribution rate was 1.66 percent of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The University contributed 100 percent of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding 3 years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which HIS payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled.

The University's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$781,182 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2023, the University reported a liability of \$12,217,420 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The current portion of the net pension liability is the University's proportionate share of benefit payments expected to be paid within 1 year, net of the University's proportionate share of the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position available to pay that amount. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The University's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the University's 2021-22 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2021-22 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2022, the University's proportionate share was 0.115350115 percent, which was a decrease of 0.012097274 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the University recognized pension expense of \$370,893. In addition, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 370,828	\$ 53,758
Change of assumptions	700,310	1,890,027
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on HIS Plan investments	17,688	-
Changes in proportion and differences between University HIS contributions and proportionate share of HIS contributions	91,193	2,228,265
University HIS contributions subsequent to the measurement date	781,182	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,961,201</u>	<u>\$ 4,172,050</u>

The deferred outflows of resources totaling \$781,182, resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (618,732)
2025	(545,183)
2026	(495,275)
2027	(565,793)
2028	(562,727)
Thereafter	(204,321)
Total	<u>\$ (2,992,031)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal bond rate	3.54 percent

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

While an experience study had not been completed for the HIS Plan, the actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Plan were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Plan.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.54 percent. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate

selected by the plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate used in the 2022 valuation was updated from 2.16 percent to 3.54 percent.

Sensitivity of the University’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the University’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.54 percent, as well as what the University’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.54 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.54 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.54%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.54%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.54%)</u>
University’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$13,977,731	\$12,217,420	\$10,760,798

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the HIS Plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Payables to the Pension Plan. At June 30, 2023, the University reported a payable of \$94,104 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the HIS Plan required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

9. Retirement Plans – Defined Contribution Pension Plans

FRS Investment Plan. The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA’s annual financial statements and in the State’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. University employees already participating in the State University System Optional Retirement Program or DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Service retirement benefits are based upon the value of the member’s account upon retirement. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contributions, that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Senior Management Service Class, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of Investment Plan members. Allocations to the Investment Plan member accounts during the 2022-23 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Compensation</u>
FRS, Regular	9.30
FRS, Senior Management Service	10.67
FRS, Special Risk Regular	17.00

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings regardless of membership class. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the FRS Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the University.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may roll over vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided in which the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The University's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$1,695,004 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

State University System Optional Retirement Program. Section 121.35, Florida Statutes, provides for an Optional Retirement Program (Program) for eligible university instructors and administrators. The Program is designed to aid State universities in recruiting employees by offering more portability to employees not expected to remain in the FRS for 8 or more years.

The Program is a defined contribution plan, which provides full and immediate vesting of all contributions submitted to the participating companies on behalf of the participant. Employees in eligible positions can make an irrevocable election to participate in the Program, rather than the FRS, and purchase retirement and death benefits through contracts provided by certain insurance carriers. The employing university contributes 5.14 percent of the participant's salary to the participant's account, 4.23 percent to cover the unfunded actuarial liability of the FRS pension plan, and 0.01 percent to cover administrative costs, for a total of 9.38 percent, and employees contribute 3 percent of the employee's salary. Additionally, the employee may contribute, by payroll deduction, an amount not to exceed the percentage contributed by the University to the participant's annuity account. The contributions are invested in the company or companies selected by the participant to create a fund for the purchase of annuities at retirement.

The University’s contributions to the Program totaled \$3,777,707, and employee contributions totaled \$2,034,722 for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

10. Construction Commitments

The University’s major construction commitments at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Total Commitment</u>	<u>Completed to Date</u>	<u>Balance Committed</u>
B234 Athletic Training Center	\$ 6,902,331	\$ 457,240	\$ 6,445,091
B54 Fire Mitigation Retrofit	6,299,388	3,011,958	3,287,430
Critical Fire Alarm Systems	3,041,443	427,786	2,613,657
Subtotal	16,243,162	3,896,984	12,346,178
Other Projects (1)	3,588,390	2,564,224	1,024,166
Total	<u>\$ 19,831,552</u>	<u>\$ 6,461,208</u>	<u>\$ 13,370,344</u>

(1) Individual projects with a current balance committed of less than \$1 million at June 30, 2023.

11. Risk Management Programs

The University is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Pursuant to Section 1001.72(2), Florida Statutes, the University participates in State self-insurance programs providing insurance for property and casualty, workers’ compensation, general liability, fleet automotive liability, Federal Civil Rights, and employment discrimination liability. During the 2022-23 fiscal year, for property losses, the State retained the first \$2 million per occurrence for all perils except named windstorm and flood. The State retained the first \$2 million per occurrence with an annual aggregate retention of \$40 million for named windstorm and flood losses. After the annual aggregate retention, losses in excess of \$2 million per occurrence were commercially insured up to \$56.3 million for named windstorm and flood through February 14, 2023, and decreased to \$40.2 million for flood and \$38.6 million for named windstorm starting February 15, 2023. For perils other than named windstorm and flood, losses in excess of \$2 million per occurrence were commercially insured up to \$168.7 million through February 14, 2023, and increased to \$184.8 million starting February 15, 2023; and losses exceeding those amounts were retained by the State. No excess insurance coverage is provided for workers’ compensation, general and automotive liability, Federal Civil Rights and employment action coverage; all losses in these categories are completely self-insured by the State through the State Risk Management Trust Fund established pursuant to Chapter 284, Florida Statutes. Payments on tort claims are limited to \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per occurrence as set by Section 768.28(5), Florida Statutes. Calculation of premiums considers the cash needs of the program and the amount of risk exposure for each participant. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage during the past 3 fiscal years.

Pursuant to Section 110.123, Florida Statutes, University employees may obtain healthcare services through participation in the State group health insurance plan or through membership in a health maintenance organization plan under contract with the State. The State’s risk financing activities associated with State group health insurance, such as risk of loss related to medical and prescription

drug claims, are administered through the State Employees Group Health Insurance Trust Fund. It is the practice of the State not to purchase commercial coverage for the risk of loss covered by this Fund. Additional information on the State’s group health insurance plan, including the actuarial report, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of State Group Insurance.

12. Litigation

The University is involved in several pending and threatened legal actions. The range of potential loss from all such claims and actions, as estimated by the University’s legal counsel and management, should not materially affect the University’s financial position.

13. Functional Distribution of Operating Expenses

The functional classification of an operating expense (instruction, research, etc.) is assigned to a department based on the nature of the activity, which represents the material portion of the activity attributable to the department. For example, activities of an academic department for which the primary departmental function is instruction may include some activities other than direct instruction such as research and public service. However, when the primary mission of the department consists of instructional program elements, all expenses of the department are reported under the instruction classification. The operating expenses on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position are presented by natural classifications. The following are those same expenses presented in functional classifications as recommended by NACUBO:

<u>Functional Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$ 65,612,211
Research	14,410,262
Public Services	17,236,256
Academic Support	30,453,066
Student Services	10,971,594
Institutional Support	24,667,520
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	12,279,657
Scholarships, Fellowships, and Waivers	23,677,684
Depreciation	9,946,721
Auxiliary Enterprises	23,967,499
Total Operating Expenses	<u><u>\$ 233,222,470</u></u>

14. Discretely Presented Component Units

The University has three discretely presented component units as discussed in Note 1. These component units comprise 100 percent of the transactions and account balances of the aggregate discretely presented component units’ columns of the financial statements. The following financial information is from the most recently available audited financial statements for the component units:

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Direct-Support Organizations			Total
	University of West Florida Foundation, Inc.	West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.	UWF Business Enterprises, Inc.	
	6-30-23	6-30-23	6-30-23	
Assets:				
Current Assets	\$ 15,614,726	\$ 2,361,744	\$ 1,018,961	\$ 18,995,431
Capital Assets, Net	43,514,277	4,041,478	3,498,962	51,054,717
Other Noncurrent Assets	124,459,045	834	1,864,080	126,323,959
Total Assets	183,588,048	6,404,056	6,382,003	196,374,107
Liabilities:				
Current Liabilities	3,552,025	133,659	536,914	4,222,598
Noncurrent Liabilities	31,510,734	-	7,304,986	38,815,720
Total Liabilities	35,062,759	133,659	7,841,900	43,038,318
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,471,900	-	1,868,341	3,340,241
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	11,318,230	4,041,478	3,498,962	18,858,670
Restricted Nonexpendable	72,635,258	-	-	72,635,258
Restricted Expendable	59,508,340	210,449	-	59,718,789
Unrestricted	3,591,561	2,018,470	(6,827,200)	(1,217,169)
Total Net Position	\$ 147,053,389	\$ 6,270,397	\$ (3,328,238)	\$ 149,995,548

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	Direct-Support Organizations			Total
	University of West Florida Foundation, Inc.	West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.	UWF Business Enterprises, Inc.	
	6-30-23	6-30-23	6-30-23	
Operating Revenues	\$ 19,193,933	\$ 1,513,979	\$ 1,175,217	\$ 21,883,129
Depreciation Expense	(3,216,256)	(260,923)	(133,261)	(3,610,440)
Operating Expenses	(10,792,206)	(1,005,349)	(921,782)	(12,719,337)
Operating Income	5,185,471	247,707	120,174	5,553,352
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):				
Nonoperating Revenues	12,189,307	124,926	359,484	12,673,717
Interest Expense	(1,225,326)	-	-	(1,225,326)
Other Nonoperating Expenses	(6,207,873)	-	(3,015)	(6,210,888)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	4,756,108	124,926	356,469	5,237,503
Other Revenues	1,226,410	-	-	1,226,410
Increase in Net Position	11,167,989	372,633	476,643	12,017,265
Net Position, Beginning of Year	135,885,400	5,897,764	(3,804,881)	137,978,283
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 147,053,389	\$ 6,270,397	\$ (3,328,238)	\$ 149,995,548

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OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability

	2022	2021	2020	2019
University's proportion of the total other postemployment benefits liability	0.91%	0.96%	0.94%	0.89%
University's proportionate share of the total other postemployment benefits liability	\$ 71,180,458	\$ 101,210,756	\$ 96,712,405	\$ 112,729,335
University's covered-employee payroll	\$ 81,526,596	\$ 87,391,552	\$ 94,633,730	\$ 91,294,267
University's proportionate share of the total other postemployment benefits liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	87.31%	115.81%	102.20%	123.48%

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
0.79%	0.79%	0.77%
\$ 83,357,000	\$ 85,002,000	\$ 91,051,000
\$ 94,792,234	\$ 84,509,945	\$ 80,338,474
87.94%	100.58%	113.33%

**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability –
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**

	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>	<u>2019 (1)</u>
University's proportion of the FRS net pension liability	0.126970839%	0.133552560%	0.143558225%	0.149445112%
University's proportionate share of the FRS net pension liability	\$ 47,243,356	\$ 10,088,378	\$ 62,220,251	\$ 51,466,816
University's covered payroll (2)	\$ 81,332,999	\$ 86,958,969	\$ 92,298,070	\$ 90,132,197
University's proportionate share of the FRS net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	58.09%	11.60%	67.41%	57.10%
FRS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the FRS total pension liability	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, State university system optional retirement program members, and members in DROP because total employer contributions are determined on a uniform basis (blended rate) as required by Part III of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes.

Schedule of University Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

	<u>2023 (1)</u>	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>
Contractually required FRS contribution	\$ 5,868,348	\$ 5,418,077	\$ 5,087,776	\$ 4,769,804
FRS contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(5,868,348)</u>	<u>(5,418,077)</u>	<u>(5,087,776)</u>	<u>(4,769,804)</u>
FRS contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
University's covered payroll (2)	\$ 86,651,220	\$ 81,332,999	\$ 86,958,969	\$ 92,298,070
FRS contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.77%	6.66%	5.85%	5.17%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, State university system optional retirement plan members, and members in DROP because total employer contributions are determined on a uniform basis (blended rate) as required by Part III of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes.

<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>	<u>2014 (1)</u>	<u>2013 (1)</u>
0.151231440%	0.145922896%	0.143843124%	0.136590124%	0.123943291%	0.101621006%
\$ 45,551,694	\$ 43,163,014	\$ 36,320,502	\$ 17,642,446	\$ 7,562,363	\$ 17,493,498
\$ 87,347,832	\$ 84,767,273	\$ 80,346,498	\$ 72,474,365	\$ 65,432,933	\$ 80,062,817
52.15%	50.92%	45.20%	24.34%	11.56%	21.85%
84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%	88.54%

<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>	<u>2014 (1)</u>
\$ 4,633,877	\$ 4,309,975	\$ 3,798,732	\$ 3,507,844	\$ 3,330,183	\$ 2,714,884
<u>(4,633,877)</u>	<u>(4,309,975)</u>	<u>(3,798,732)</u>	<u>(3,507,844)</u>	<u>(3,330,183)</u>	<u>(2,714,884)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 90,132,197	\$ 87,347,832	\$ 84,767,273	\$ 80,346,498	\$ 72,474,365	\$ 65,432,933
5.14%	4.93%	4.48%	4.37%	4.59%	4.15%

**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability –
Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**

	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>	<u>2019 (1)</u>
University's proportion of the HIS net pension liability	0.115350115%	0.127447389%	0.138974263%	0.141686519%
University's proportionate share of the HIS net pension liability	\$ 12,217,420	\$ 15,633,338	\$ 16,968,531	\$ 15,853,304
University's covered payroll (2)	\$ 41,660,088	\$ 44,973,100	\$ 47,765,677	\$ 46,974,798
University's proportionate share of the HIS net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	29.33%	34.76%	35.52%	33.75%
HIS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the HIS total pension liability	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%	2.63%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, and members in DROP.

Schedule of University Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan

	<u>2023 (1)</u>	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>
Contractually required HIS contribution	\$ 781,182	\$ 697,965	\$ 749,137	\$ 800,844
HIS contributions in relation to the contractually required HIS contribution	<u>(781,182)</u>	<u>(697,965)</u>	<u>(749,137)</u>	<u>(800,844)</u>
HIS contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
University's covered payroll (2)	\$ 46,377,074	\$ 41,660,088	\$ 44,973,100	\$ 47,765,677
HIS contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.68%	1.68%	1.67%	1.68%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, and members in DROP.

<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>	<u>2014 (1)</u>	<u>2013 (1)</u>
0.141160531%	0.140025649%	0.141032901%	0.128838678%	0.118618004%	0.113527947%
\$ 14,940,590	\$ 14,972,187	\$ 16,436,799	\$ 13,139,518	\$ 11,091,073	\$ 9,884,100
\$ 45,786,177	\$ 44,164,277	\$ 43,134,639	\$ 38,823,836	\$ 34,892,579	\$ 32,980,756
32.63%	33.90%	38.11%	33.84%	31.79%	29.97%
2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%	1.78%

<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>	<u>2014 (1)</u>
\$ 786,771	\$ 765,517	\$ 741,056	\$ 722,884	\$ 492,502	\$ 406,345
<u>(786,771)</u>	<u>(765,517)</u>	<u>(741,056)</u>	<u>(722,884)</u>	<u>(492,502)</u>	<u>(406,345)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 46,974,798	\$ 45,786,177	\$ 44,164,277	\$ 43,134,639	\$ 38,823,836	\$ 34,892,579
1.67%	1.67%	1.68%	1.68%	1.27%	1.16%

1. Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

Changes of Assumptions. The discount rate increased from 2.18 percent to 4.09 percent.

2. Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions. In 2022, the long-term expected rate of return decreased from 6.80 percent to 6.70 percent.

3. Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions. In 2022, the municipal rate used to determine total pension liability increased from 2.16 percent to 3.54 percent. In addition, the demographic assumptions for the Special Risk Class were updated to reflect plan changes and the election assumption for vested terminated members was updated from 20 percent to 50 percent to reflect recent experience.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the University of West Florida, a component unit of the State of Florida, and its aggregate discretely presented component units as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 8, 2024, included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units as described in our report on the University's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the University's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on

a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



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