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ECONOMY: FY 2004 Begins With A Bang Edward H. Boss, Jr., Chief Economist

The U.S. economy expanded at a phenomenal 7.2% annual rate in the first quarter of FY 2004 (third quarter of calendar 2003), according to the advance report on real Gross Domestic Product, GDP, released by the Commerce Department near the end of October (See Chart 1 below). This was the fastest growth rate recorded since 1984, and surprised most analysts who, while expecting a resurgence as a result of the tax cuts and child credits received in the quarter, nevertheless were shocked at the magnitude of the gain.

Once again, the largest dollar gain came from increases in personal consumption spending as consumers put their tax refunds to work. Real consumption expenditures rose at an annual rate of 6.6% in the quarter, far surpassing last quarter's 3.8% rate, led by another large gain in durable goods purchases, such as autos, an acceleration in non-durable goods spending, such as clothing, and a pick up in service spending as well. This surge in demand precipitated a further depletion in business inventories, which fell by \$35.8 billion in the quarter. Indeed, without the unexpected drop in inventories, which subtracts from GDP, real growth would have been an even stronger... 7.8% for the quarter.



rowth wasn't confined to the J consumer. In addition to another strong gain in housing, sharp spending gains were recorded for business in the form of equipment and software purchases, and a further expansion in U.S. exports. At the same time. real federal government expenditures increased a slight 1.4% rate compared with an increase of 25.5% in the previous quarter, with national defense spending unchanged, and nondefense spending rising at a 4.1% rate during the quarter. Real state and local expenditures increased 1.3%, in contrast to a 0.2% decrease in the previous non-essential spending quarter. as continued to be held back by severe budget constraints.

Undoubtedly the most encouraging item in the GDP report was the expansion in business spending, which has been the missing link so far in this recovery. Overall business spending rose at an annual rate of 11.5% on top of a 4.3% rise the quarter before. This follows declines in this category in nine out of the previous ten quarters, or put another way, the first signs of improvement in business spending and investment in more than two years. All of the increase in business spending took the form of new equipment and software purchases. Still soft was new investment in buildings needed for long-term expansion.

Despite the reported surge in growth last quarter, the question remains

whether this was a one-time occurrence or whether it represents sustainable growth that can be continued in the quarters ahead. The key lies in new job creation.

Without new jobs the fiscal effects of the recent tax cuts will soon run their course. Fortunately, there are some signs emerging that suggest the job picture may be improving. New initial jobless claims fell on Thursday, October 30th, to 386.000, the fourth straight week that claims have held below 400,000 level that many economists say suggest expansion rather than contraction. And, while one month does not represent a trend, September's increase of 57,000 in payroll employment, reversing declines in previous months, was encouraging. The increase in business spending and involuntary fall in business the inventories last quarter suggest the need to replenish stocks of goods that should, in turn, spark the need for increased production and workers.

In conclusion, it is highly unlikely that the surge in real economic growth recorded last quarter is sustainable at that accelerated rate in the quarters ahead. Even so, the report has sent many forecasters back to their drawing boards, raising their estimates of yearly growth expectations once again. The key to the ultimate strength in the economy, however, is dependent upon new job creation and what transpires in the months ahead.

INDICATORS OF ILLINOIS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY						
INDICATORS Unemployment Rate (Average) Annual Rate of Inflation (Chicago)	<u>September 2003</u> 7.1% 10.4%	<u>August 2003</u> 6.8% 2.6%	<u>September 2002</u> 6.7% 2.2%			
		% CHANGE	% CHANGE			
	LATEST	OVER PRIOR	OVER A			
	MONTH	MONTH	YEAR AGO			
Civilian Labor Force (thousands) (September)	6,447	0.1%	1.4%			
Employment (thousands) (September)	5,989	-0.1%	0.9%			
New Car & Truck Registration (September)	68,041	1.6%	-10.2%			
Single Family Housing Permits (September)	4,210	0.0%	11.0%			
Total Exports (\$ mil) (August)	2,082	-1.0%	-5.8%			
Chicago Purchasing Managers Index (October)	55.0	7.4%	19.3%			

REVENUE

Federal Sources Continue to Surge -**Remaining Sources Continue Mixed** Jim Muschinske, Revenue Manager

October general revenue receipts, excluding Pension Contribution Fund transfers, rose \$243 million. The increase once again was due entirely to higher federal sources. As in prior months, absent those federal gains, other revenue sources were mixed, with half experiencing gains while the other half suffered losses. If \$148 million in Pension Contribution Fund transfers are included, overall general funds revenues were up \$391 million. October had the same number of receipting days as the same month last year.

Thile overall receipts were up, a number of sources experienced monthly declines. Gross personal income tax receipts were down \$22 million (down \$40 million net of Despite certain economic refunds). measures demonstrating a strong third quarter, those indicators have yet to translate into jobs and subsequent income tax revenues. Cigarette tax revenues fell by \$7 million due to

timing, while inheritance tax dropped another \$4 million. Finally, interest on investments dipped \$3 million for the month.

The other sources were either flat or generated gains. Sales tax receipts recorded a \$21 million increase. while gross corporate income tax gained \$10 million (\$6 million net of refunds). Insurance taxes and fees rose by \$2 million and liquor taxes managed a \$1 million increase.

Overall transfers declined \$55 million in October. While lottery transfers were up \$7 million and riverboat transfers and receipts up \$2 million, the monthly decrease was attributed to other transfers that fell by \$64 million. The decline in other transfers was due to a large insurance tax protest transfer that took place in October of last fiscal year. The monthly fall-off would have been even more marked if not for approximately \$10 million in transfers (see page 5) stemming from "administrative chargebacks". As mentioned earlier. federal sources experienced another stellar month as receipts rose by \$322 million. The increase reflected the

second and final \$211 million installment of the expected federal flexible grant, as well as related spending on reimbursable expenditures, i.e. Medicaid.

Year to Date

Through the first third of the fiscal year, excluding revenues attributed to shortterm borrowing and Budget Stabilization and Pension Contribution funds transfers, receipts are up \$889 million over the same period of last fiscal year. However, all of that increase is attributed to the growth in federal sources. Federal sources aside, base growth for the most part has continued to be non-existent.

Most of the economically related sources continue to struggle and, despite better economic news, have yet to post any meaningful gains. Only sales tax, with year-to-date growth of \$35 million, has made any progress. A couple of relatively smaller sources have done well thus far in FY 2004, as insurance taxes and fees are up \$14 million and corporate franchise taxes up \$4 million.

While recently passed legislation decoupled the State from the federal phase-out of inheritance taxes, due to a

natural lag in estate settlements, receipts are still on a declining trend, off \$38 million. Gross corporate income taxes are down \$7 million (down \$16 million net of refunds). Gross personal income taxes are down \$2 million, but due to higher refund percentages enacted this fiscal year, net receipts are down \$89 million. Other sources total declines of \$7 million.

Through the first four months, overall transfers are up \$5 million. While lottery transfers are down \$4 million and other transfers off \$30 million, those declines were more than offset by a \$39 million increase in riverboat transfers and receipts as the result of the increased wagering and admission tax. Finally, as mentioned, federal sources are up dramatically for the year-- \$980 million. That remarkable increase is due to \$422 million in flexible federal grants, a slightly higher Medicaid reimbursement rate, and a concerted effort to spend down the Medicaid payment cycle.

With base revenues up \$889 million or 12.2% over the first third of the fiscal year, on first glance it continues to appear that the revenue picture is markedly improved. However, on closer inspection, it is clear that, absent gains experienced by federal receipts, base revenues continue to struggle. And, as stated in earlier briefings, until the employment picture begins to improve, it will be very difficult to reverse that trend.

Chargebacks in FY 2004 FUND # FUND NAME 10/20030021 \$229,000.00 Financial Institution Fund 0022 General Professions Dedicated Fund \$469,250.00 Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund 0044 \$12,250.00 0057 IL State Pharmacy Disciplinary Fund \$188,500.00 0089 Subtitle D Management Fund \$78,500.00 0093 IL State Medical Disciplinary Fund \$125,750.00 0096 Cemetery Consumer Protection Fund \$11,575.00 0147 \$15,750.00 Coal Mining Regulatory Fund 0151 Registered CPA Administration & Disciplinary Fund \$47,250.00 0167 Registered Limited Liability Partnership Fund \$7,000.00 0195 IPTIP Administrative Trust Fund \$135,639.00 0207 Pollution Control Board State Trust Fund \$36,258.00 0222 State Police DUI Fund \$22,250.00 \$106,250.00 0224 Asbestos Abatement Fund 0245 Fair & Exposition Fund \$83,050.00 0248 Racing Board Fingerprint License Fund \$6,019.00 \$59,974.00 0251 Dept. of Labor Special State Trust Fund 0257 AML Reclamation Set Aside Fund \$59,000.00 0259 Optometric Licensing & Disciplinary Committee Fund \$47,250.00 0265 State Rail Freight Loan Repayment Fund \$15,000.00 0274 Self-Insurers Administration Fund \$18,746.00 0280 IL Racing Board Grant Fund \$22,188.00 0285 \$12,500.00 Long-Term Care Monitor/Receiver Fund 0290 Fertilizer Control Fund \$21,500.00 0292 \$11,250.00 Securities Investors Education Fund 0295 SOS Interagency Grant Fund \$68,443.00 0298 Natural Areas Acquisition Fund \$169,750.00 0323 Motor Vehicle Review Board Fund \$13,250.00 0362 Securities Audit and Enforcement \$328,750.00 0369 Feed Control Fund \$35,000.00 \$75,000.00 0372 Plumbing Licensure & Program Fund 0378 \$50,039.00 Insurance Premium Tax Refund Fund 0390 IL Habitat Bndowment Trust Fund \$26,538.00 0436 Safety Responsibility Fund \$45,227.00 0482 Unclaimed Property Trust \$1,355,505.00 0514 State Asset Forfeiture Fund \$88,250.00 0520 Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund \$30,250.00 0529 \$19,034.00 IL State Board of Investments Fund 0562 Pawnbroker Regulation Fund \$7,500.00 0571 Bnergy Bfficiency Trust Fund \$155,250.00 0573 \$15,750.00 Petroleum Resources Revolving Fund 0577 Community College Health Insurance Security Fund \$155,845.00 0617 CDB Contributory Trust \$2,744,346.00 0637 State Police Wireless Service Fund \$55,750.00 0650 Municipal Boonomic Development Fund \$14,917.00 0669 Airport Land Loan Revolving Fund \$20,500.00 0732 \$71,250.00 SOS DUI Administration Fund \$71,220.00 0745 State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund 0770 Digital Divide Blimination Fund \$250,000.00 0774 Oil Spill Response Fund \$25,423.00 0823 \$69,750.00 IL State Dental Disciplinary Fund 0828 Hazardous Waste Fund \$1,040,000.00

CHARGEBACKS

TOTAL

Library Trust Fund

Hazardous Waste Research Fund

DNR Special Projects Fund

Self-Insurers Security Fund

Bavironmental Protection Trust Fund

Deferred Lottery Prize Winners Trust Fund

Design Professionals Administration & Investigation Fund

Radioactive Waste Facility Development & Operation Fund

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\$20,000.00

\$179,250.00

\$107,468.00

\$74,000.00

\$163,096.00

\$625,082.00

\$87,000.00

\$340,380.00

\$10,440,512.00

Quarterly Update for Fee and Penalty Increases

Mike Moore, Revenue Analyst

As a follow up to the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission's recently published report on the fee and penalty increases contained in P.A 93-0032 (S.B. 1903), the Commission requested that agencies affected by this legislation submit quarterly reports to assist the Commission in tracking these new revenues. In the first quarter of FY 2004, agencies reported to the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission that there was \$55.8 million in new revenue collected as a result of Public Act 93-0032 (S.B. 1903). Agencies reported that for FY 2004 there would be approximately \$302 million in new revenue as a result of the fee and penalty increases. In order to achieve that estimate, a total of \$246.2 million remains to be collected. The chart below breaks down the funds reported by individual agencies.

P.A 93-0032 (S.B 1903)

Agency	1st Quarter/New Revevue	Estimated Agency Totals	Funds remaining to achieve agency estimate for FY 2004
Environmental Protection Agency	\$16,750,269.00	\$49,800,000.00	\$33,049,731.00
Illinois Commerce Commission	\$3,080.00	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,396,920.00
Industrial Commission (1)	\$19,376,614.00	\$30,600,000.00	\$11,223,386.00
Department of Insurance	\$3,444,520.00	\$19,400,000.00	\$15,955,480.00
ISP/State Treasurer (2)	\$3,534.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$4,996,466.00
Dept. of Natural Resources (3)	\$30,000.00	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,070,000.00
Ofc. of the State Fire Marshall (4)	\$0.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,100,000.00
Office of Banks and Real Estate	\$436,500.00	\$25,800,000.00	\$25,363,500.00
Department of Revenue	\$12,795,518.00	\$33,700,000.00	\$20,904,482.00
Secreatary of State	\$2,517,086.00	\$121,400,000.00	\$118,882,914.00
Department of Agriculture	\$5,850.00	\$2,200,000.00	\$2,194,150.00
Capitol Development Board	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,500,000.00
Dept. of Financial Institutions	\$11,475.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,488,525.00
Department of Public Health	\$417,624.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,082,376.00
Total FY 04 First Quarter/New	\$55,792,070.00	Agency Totals \$302,000,000.00	Total Remaining \$246,207,930.00

Revenue

(1) This total includes \$7.7 million that was collected by the Department of Insurance.

(2) Fee collection through the First Quarter was slow due to problems with implementing the collection of these fees. Those problems have been resolved and the Treasurer's Office reports collection has picked up.

(3) First Quarter totals here reflect only new revenues from on line boat registrations. The Department advised Commission that they have not been able to track new revenues from actual paper registrations as of yet. However, they will provide those numbers to the Commission as soon as possible.

(4) OSFM fees have not yet went in to effect.

GENERAL FUNDS RECEIPTS: OCTOBER FY 2004 vs. FY 2003

(\$ million)

D	OCT.	OCT.	\$	%	
Revenue Sources	FY 2004	FY 2003	CHANGE	CHANGE	
State Taxes	ф г . 1. 1	ф г .со	(\$22)	2.004	
Personal Income Tax	\$541	\$563	(\$22)	-3.9%	
Corporate Income Tax (regular)	25	15	\$10	66.7%	
Sales Taxes	526	505	\$21	4.2%	
Public Utility Taxes (regular)	98	98	\$0	0.0%	
Cigarette Tax	33	40	(\$7)	-17.5%	
Liquor Gallonage Taxes	11	10	\$1	10.0%	
Vehicle Use Tax	3	3	\$0	0.0%	
Inheritance Tax (Gross)	21	25	(\$4)	-16.0%	
Insurance Taxes and Fees	6	4	\$2	50.0%	
Corporate Franchise Tax & Fees	12	12	\$0	0.0%	
Interest on State Funds & Investments	3	6	(\$3)	-50.0%	
Cook County IGT	54	54 19	\$0 \$0_	0.0%	
Other Sources	19				
Subtotal	\$1,352	\$1,354	(\$2)	-0.1%	
Transfers					
Lottery	53	46	\$7	15.2%	
Riverboat transfers & receipts	62	60	\$2	3.3%	
Other	25	89	(\$64)	-71.9%	
Total State Sources	\$1,492	\$1,549	(\$57)	-3.7%	
Federal Sources	\$570	\$248	\$322	129.8%	
Total Federal & State Sources	\$2,062	\$1,797	\$265	14.7%	
Nongeneral Funds Distribution:					
Refund Fund					
Personal Income Tax	(\$63)	(\$45)	(\$18)	40.0%	
Corporate Income Tax	(\$8)	(4)	(\$4)	100.0%	
Subtotal General Funds	\$1,991	\$1,748	\$243	13.9%	
Short-Term Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	
Budget Stabilization Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	
Pension Contribution Fund Transfer	\$148	\$0	\$148	N/A	
Total General Funds	\$2,139	\$1,748	\$391	22.4%	
IEFC SOURCE: Office of the Comptroller: Some to				3-Nov-03	

GENERAL FUNDS RECEIPTS: YEAR TO DATE FY 2004 vs. FY 2003 (\$ million)

CHANGE FROM % **Revenue Sources** FY 2004 FY 2003 FY 2003 CHANGE State Taxes Personal Income Tax \$2,353 \$2,355 (\$2) -0.1% -3.1% 222 Corporate Income Tax (regular) 229 (\$7) Sales Taxes 2,102 2,067 \$35 1.7% -0.9% Public Utility Taxes (regular) 327 330 (\$3) 0.0% Cigarette Tax 133 133 \$0 43 42 \$1 2.4% Liquor Gallonage Taxes Vehicle Use Tax 13 13 \$0 0.0% Inheritance Tax (Gross) 63 101 (\$38) -37.6% Insurance Taxes and Fees 80 66 \$14 21.2% Corporate Franchise Tax & Fees 49 45 \$4 8.9% 22 25 -12.0% Interest on State Funds & Investments (\$3) Cook County IGT 130 130 \$0 0.0% -1.5% 65 Other Sources 64 (\$1) 0.0% Subtotal \$5,601 \$5,601 \$0 **Transfers** 161 165 (\$4) -2.4% Lottery Riverboat transfers & receipts 259 220 \$39 17.7% Other 284 314 (\$30) -9.6% \$6,305 \$6,300 0.1% \$5 **Total State Sources** Federal Sources \$2,223 \$1,243 \$980 78.8% Total Federal & State Sources \$8,528 \$7,543 \$985 13.1% Nongeneral Funds Distribution: **Refund Fund** 46.3% (\$275) (\$188) (\$87) Personal Income Tax 14.5% Corporate Income Tax (\$71) (\$62) (\$9) Subtotal General Funds \$8,182 \$7,293 \$889 12.2% Short-Term Borrowing \$0 \$700 (\$700) N/A **Budget Stabilization Fund Transfer** \$226 \$226 \$0 0.0% **Pension Contribution Fund Transfer** \$669 \$0 \$669 N/A **Total General Funds** \$9,077 \$8,219 \$858 10.4% SOURCE: Office of the Comptroller, State of Illinois: Some totals may not equal, due to rounding. IEFC 3-Nov-03

GENERAL FUNDS GROWTH NEEDED TO MEET ESTIMATE FY 2004 ESTIMATE vs. FY 2003 ACTUAL

(\$ million)

Revenue Sources	Sept-05 ESTIMATE FY 2004	FYTD 2004	AMOUNT NEEDED FY 2004 EST.	FYTD 2003	GROWTH NEEDED	% CHANGE
State Taxes	11 2004	2004	r <u>1 2004 E5</u> 1.	2003		CHANGE
Personal Income Tax	\$8,220	\$2,353	\$5,867	\$2,355	\$243	4.3%
Corporate Income Tax (regular)	1,095	¢2,333 222	\$873	¢2,333 229	\$91	11.6%
Sales Taxes	6,265	2.102	\$4.163	2.067	\$171	4.3%
Public Utility Taxes (regular)	1,000	327	\$673	330	(\$3)	-0.4%
Cigarette Tax	400	133	\$267	133	\$0	0.0%
Liquor Gallonage Taxes	125	43	\$82	42	\$1	1.2%
Vehicle Use Tax	35	13	\$22	13	\$1	4.8%
Inheritance Tax (Gross)	225	63	\$162	101	\$26	19.1%
Insurance Taxes and Fees	332	80	\$252	66	\$5	2.0%
Corporate Franchise Tax & Fees	150	49	\$101	45	\$4	4.1%
Interest on State Funds & Investments	75	22	\$53	25	\$12	29.3%
Cook County IGT	400	130	\$270	130	\$45	20.0%
Other Sources	1,403	64	\$1,339	65	\$1,055	371.5%
Subtotal	\$19,725	\$5,601	\$14,124	\$5,601	\$1,651	13.2%
Transfers						
Lottery	540	161	\$379	165	\$4	1.1%
Riverboat transfers & receipts	717	259	\$458	220	\$124	37.1%
Other	915	284	\$631	314	\$356	129.5%
Total State Sources	\$21,897	\$6,305	\$15,592	\$6,300	\$2,135	15.9%
Federal Sources	\$4,950	\$2,223	\$2,727	\$1,243	\$30	1.1%
Total Federal & State Sources	\$26,847	\$8,528	\$18,319	\$7,543	\$2,165	13.4%
Nongeneral Funds Distribution:						
Refund Fund						
Personal Income Tax	(\$965)	(\$275)	(\$690)	(\$188)	(\$240)	53.3%
Corporate Income Tax	(356)	(71)	(\$285)	(62)	(\$74)	35.1%
Subtotal General Funds	\$25,526	\$8,182	\$17,344	\$7,293	\$1,851	11.9%
Short-Term Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700	(\$975)	N/A
Budget Stabilization Fund Transfer	\$226	\$226	\$0	\$226	\$0	N/A
Proceeds from Pension Obligation Bonds	\$1,600	\$669	\$931	\$0	\$631	N/A
Total General Funds	\$27,352	\$9,077	\$18,275	\$8,219	\$1,507	9.0%
IEFC						3-Nov-03