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REPORT SUMMARY

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Student Financial Services Bureau
Department of Treasury

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The Student Financial Services Bureau's (SFSB's) mission is to excel in assisting citizens to pursue postsecondary education by providing equality of access to student financial resources and information. SFSB consists of four divisions, one of which is the Office of Scholarships and Grants (OSG). As of June 30, 2009, OSG had 23 full-time equated employees involved in administering its scholarship and grant programs.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of OSG's efforts to evaluate its State-funded scholarship and grant programs.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that OSG's efforts were moderately effective in evaluating its State-funded scholarship and grant programs. We noted one reportable condition (Finding 1).

Reportable Condition:

The Department of Treasury did not identify desired State-funded scholarship and grant program performance-related goals and student outcomes. In addition, the Department did not collect student outcome-related data or evaluate the outcome-related effectiveness of its State-funded scholarship and grant financial aid programs (Finding 1).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 1 finding and 2 corresponding recommendations. The Department of Treasury's preliminary response indicates that it agrees conceptually with both recommendations provided that such authority is assigned and the necessary data becomes available.

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