NOTE 19: RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

MCNC

MCNC (formerly the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina) is a legally separate non-profit corporation fostering the advancement of education, innovation and economic development throughout North Carolina by providing high quality network infrastructure and network-based services. It is managed by a Board of Directors ranging from 13 to 20 members. Six of the members are appointed by the Governor. Another six members serve ex officio as follows: four are chancellors of universities in the University of North Carolina System, a component unit of the State; one is the president of MCNC; and one is designated by the Board of Trustees of Duke University. These Governor-appointed members and ex officio members may elect up to eight other board members. Any appointed director may be removed from office by the Governor for cause. Any elected director may be removed by the Board of Directors at will.

Centennial Authority

The Centennial Authority (Authority) is a legally separate organization created by the 1995 General Assembly to study, design, plan, construct, own, promote, finance, and operate a regional facility on land owned by the State. Prior to this legislation, the General Assembly authorized the construction by North Carolina State University (NCSU) of a facility known as the Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA). In fiscal year 2003, a naming rights agreement was executed to change the name of the ESA to the RBC Center. As a result of this agreement, NCSU will receive $13.18 million over a 10-year period beginning in fiscal year 2003. The RBC Center houses entertainment shows and is home to two sports teams, the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes and NCSU men's basketball. The Authority is governed by a 21 member board comprised of 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, four members appointed by the Wake County Board of Commissioners, four members appointed by the Raleigh City Council, two members appointed jointly by the mayors of all the cities in Wake County, and the Chancellor of NCSU (or the Chancellor's designee). A member may be removed by the appointing authority for cause.

The Authority entered into a ground lease with the State of North Carolina to lease land for the RBC Center for a period of 99 years at an annual rent of $1. NCSU entered into a use agreement with the Authority. Both parties agreed that NCSU shall be the primary and preferred user of all areas of the RBC Center. NCSU is required to pay the greater of 10% of gross ticket revenues or $46 thousand for each men's and $20 thousand for each women's basketball game to compensate the Authority for facility rental and operating expenses. Rent and expense payments for miscellaneous events will be negotiated on an event by event basis based on the availability of the RBC Center and the anticipated attendance. In fiscal year 2008, the University entered a capital improvement plan agreement with the Authority to pay $6 million in quarterly installments over the next 15 years.

North Carolina Capital Facilities Finance Agency

The North Carolina Capital Facilities Finance Agency provides the benefits of tax-exempt financing to non-profit institutions providing elementary and secondary education, private institutions of higher education, and various other entities for special purpose projects serving a public interest (see Note 21). The agency is governed by a seven member board comprised of two members appointed by the General Assembly, three members appointed by the Governor, and the State Treasurer and the State Auditor, both of whom serve ex officio.