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Year-to-Date Revenues Meet Treasury Expectations

TRENTON – Revenue collections through the end of March are meeting Treasury's revised forecasts as the state enters the critical fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff said. Total revenues for the first nine months of the year have come in at 0.7 percent higher than forecasts, which were updated at the time of the Governor's Budget Address on Feb. 22. For the month of March alone, revenues were 6.7 percent ahead of expectations.

"While the March figures are reassuring, the April and May figures will give a clearer picture of how the state is faring as we adopt a new budget," Sidamon-Eristoff said. "Because of the April filing deadline for income tax, revenue collections during these two months are much higher than during other months."

Income taxes, the biggest source of state revenue, are running 2.3 percent above year-to-date expectations. A higher-than-expected number of refunds in April could reduce or reverse the year-to-date gains, Sidamon-Eristoff cautioned. The sales tax, historically the second-biggest source of revenue, is 0.7 percent above forecasts, and the corporation business tax is 7 percent below forecasts.

"It's cause for some concern that we have been so dependent on the income tax for revenue gains in fiscal 2012," Sidamon-Eristoff. "A more even, broad-based increase in all types of revenue would be more reassuring."

For the month of March alone, income tax collections were 62.8 percent higher than estimates, but corporation business tax collections were 34.6 percent below expectations. Sales taxes were 5.5 percent higher than revised forecasts.

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REVENUE SOURCE

BUDGET VS EARNED FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2011

(\$ Thousands)

	MARCH				Variance Over/(Under)		% Variance Over/(Under)	
Revenue Source		Budget	Actual		Budget		Budget	
Gross Income	\$	6,738,700	\$	6,891,967	\$	153,267	2.3%	
Sales		5,689,400		5,727,619		38,219	0.7%	
Corporation Business		1,319,100		1,226,905		(92,195)	(7.0%)	
Lottery		665,600		676,691		11,091	1.7%	
Motor Fuels		376,200		391,578		15,378	4.1%	
Motor Vehicle Fees (b)		222,800		237,808		15,008	6.7%	
Transfer Inheritance		460,200		457,241		(2,959)	(0.6%)	
Casino Revenue		193,800		196,782		2,982	1.5%	
Insurance Premium		269,900		247,216		(22,684)	(8.4%)	
Cigarette (a)		27,600		34,503		6,903	25.0%	
Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		162,100		162,331		231	0.1%	
Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		83,700		84,418		718	0.9%	
Alcoholic Beverage Excise		60,400		61,017		617	1.0%	
Realty Transfer		130,400		132,873		2,473	1.9%	
Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)		12,800		12,637		(163)	(1.3%)	
Public Utility				7		7	-	
Total	\$	16,412,700	\$	16,541,593	\$	128,893	0.8%	
All Other (c)		2,574,700		2,574,700		-	-	
Total Revenues	\$	18,987,400	\$	19,116,293	\$	128,893	0.7%	

(a) Pursuant to P.L. 06-37, revenue collections of \$396.5 million from the cigarette and tobacco products wholesale sales tax are deposited in the Health Care Subsidy Fund. Pursuant to P.L. 04-69 \$0.0325 per cigarette is dedicated to pay debt service on the Cigarette Securitization Bonds.

(b) Pursuant to P.L. 03-13, \$230.8 million of FY 2011 Motor Vehicle Fee collections are dedicated to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

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REVENUE SOURCE BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL MARCH 2011 (\$ Thousands)

	MARCH				Variance Over/(Under)		% Variance Over/(Under)	
Revenue Source	Budget		Actual		Budget		Budget	
Gross Income	\$	244,000	\$	397,177	\$	153,177	62.8%	
Sales		690,000		728,219		38,219	5.5%	
Corporation Business		266,000		173,856		(92,144)	(34.6%)	
Lottery		81,000		92,157		11,157	13.8%	
Motor Fuels		43,400		58,837		15,437	35.6%	
Motor Vehicle Fees (b)		67,000		82,030		15,030	22.4%	
Transfer Inheritance		50,500		47,512		(2,988)	(5.9%)	
Casino Revenue		18,100		21,055		2,955	16.3%	
Insurance Premium		125,200		102,474		(22,726)	(18.2%)	
Cigarette (a)		27,600		34,503		6,903	25.0%	
Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		19,200		19,418		218	1.1%	
Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		8,200		8,896		696	8.5%	
Alcoholic Beverage Excise		-		275		275	-	
Realty Transfer		10,500		12,966		2,466	23.5%	
Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)		1,500		1,350		(150)	(10.0%)	
Public Utility		-		-		-	-	
Total	\$	1,652,200	\$	1,780,725	\$	128,525	7.8%	
All Other (c)		277,500		277,500		-	-	
Total Revenues	\$	1,929,700	\$	2,058,225	\$	128,525	6.7%	

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE CASH COLLECTIONS Fiscal 2011 - MARCH 2011 versus 2010

(\$ Thousands)

MARCH %			%		 MARCH - YTD				%
 2010		2011	Change		2010			2011	Change
\$ 567,432	\$	633,577	11.7%	Gross Income Tax	\$ 6,386,828	(c)	\$	6,629,967	3.8%
493,384		555,219	12.5%	Sales	4,848,075		:	5,037,619	3.9%
264,647		173,856	(34.3%)	Corporation Business	1,240,197			1,226,905	(1.1%
81,545		92,157	13.0%	Lottery	672,498			676,691	0.6%
32,090		53,837	67.8%	Motor Fuels	345,533			348,178	0.8%
19,179		82,030	327.7%	Motor Vehicle Fees (b)	214,304			237,808	11.0%
52,869		47,512	(10.1%)	Transfer Inheritance	419,550			457,241	9.0%
25,125		21,055	(16.2%)	Casino Revenue	219,411			196,782	(10.3%
112,733		102,474	(9.1%)	Insurance Premium	272,882			247,216	(9.4%
21,614		34,503	59.6%	Cigarette (a)	21,614			34,503	59.6%
15,738		16,518	5.0%	Petroleum Products Gross Receipts	141,545			143,131	1.1%
6,718		8,896	32.4%	Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions	59,361			84,418	42.2%
7,027		9,575	36.3%	Alcoholic Beverage Excise	61,029			61,017	(0.0%)
17,129		16,966	(1.0%)	Realty Transfer	120,380			122,373	1.7%
2,012		1,350	(32.9%)	Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)	11,491			12,637	10.0%
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\$ 1,719,242	\$	1,849,525	7.6%	Total Major Revenues	\$ 15,034,698	(c)	\$ 15	,516,493	3.2%

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- (c) For comparative purposes, the 2010 YTD Gross Income Tax has been adjusted. Due to a formula error, \$111.858 million was recorded in June 2009 that should have been recorded in July 2009. The July Gross Income Tax withholding collections are allocated to June and July based on the number of work days that pertain to June versus July. To accurately reflect the correct allocation between June and July 2009, YTD 2010 Gross Income Tax has been increased by \$111.858 million.