

The annual yield of the Index in 2002 averaged 5.03%, lower than 2001 and for more than two decades. Volatility, as seen in the "Low-to-High-Spread" below, remained low. The variance of 0.68% between the high and low rates in 2002 indicates the relative stability of the tax-exempt market.

20 G.O. Bond Buyer Index - Annual Averages

	<u>Year Low</u>		<u>Year High</u>		<u>Low-to-High Spread</u>	<u>Average Annual Yield</u>
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>		
1992	Jul 30	5.89%	Mar 19	6.79%	0.90%	6.43%
1993	Oct 20	5.20%	Jan 14	6.19%	0.99%	5.69%
1994	Feb 03	5.25%	Nov 17	7.06%	1.81%	6.15%
1995	Dec 07	5.35%	Jan 05	6.66%	1.31%	5.95%
1996	Feb 15	5.33%	Jun 13	6.12%	0.79%	5.75%
1997	Dec 23	5.14%	Apr 03	5.88%	0.74%	5.51%
1998	Oct 01	4.82%	Apr 30	5.32%	0.50%	5.07%
1999	Jan 08	4.96%	Dec 29	6.00%	1.04%	5.48%
2000	Dec 28	5.14%	Jan 20	6.09%	0.95%	5.71%
2001	Nov 08	4.91%	Apr 26	5.34%	0.43%	5.15%
2002	Oct 10	4.66%	Mar 21	5.34%	0.68%	5.03%

A second indicator of the volatility of the municipal market is the difference in the average monthly yield. As shown below, 2002 volatility was generally low with certain periods being very active.

20 G.O. Bond Buyer Index - Monthly Average

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
January	5.72%	5.04%	5.01%	6.07%	5.09%	5.16%
February	5.64%	5.01%	5.03%	6.00%	5.17%	5.10%
March	5.76%	5.21%	5.10%	5.83%	5.13%	5.28%
April	5.88%	5.23%	5.07%	5.75%	5.27%	5.21%
May	5.70%	5.19%	5.18%	6.00%	5.29%	5.18%
June	5.54%	5.11%	5.37%	5.80%	5.20%	5.08%
July	5.35%	5.15%	5.39%	5.63%	5.19%	5.02%
August	5.41%	5.09%	5.58%	5.51%	5.03%	4.95%
September	5.39%	4.98%	5.69%	5.55%	5.09%	4.73%
October	5.39%	4.93%	5.92%	5.59%	5.04%	4.87%
November	5.33%	5.03%	5.86%	5.54%	5.03%	4.95%
December	5.19%	4.97%	5.95%	5.23%	5.24%	4.84%
Monthly Average Differential ..	0.12%		0.10%	0.07%	0.13%	0.08%
						0.10%

The Bond Buyer Index was reported at 4.95% on January 17, 2003. This compares to 4.79% during the last week of 2002.