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## **TREASURER NAPIER LEADS CONNECTICUT IN HISTORIC BOND SALE OF \$300 MILLION**

*Largest competitive sale in State history*

(Hartford)—Connecticut Treasurer Denise L. Nappier today led the Treasury in a history-making transaction by conducting the largest competitive bond sale that the state has ever done. The sale was held in the Office of the Treasurer at 11:30 a.m.

Lehman Brothers bid successfully for \$300 million of General Obligation bonds at a True Interest Cost (TIC) of 4.998%. Nappier was extremely pleased with the results of the sale. "It shows you what old-fashioned competition can do," she said. "We received three very aggressive bids that show the value of Connecticut bonds and the confidence the investment community has in the state."

Treasurer Nappier said the competitive sale was an outstanding success, especially for the state to get a total rate below 5%, given recent increases in interest rates. The Lehman Brothers bid was a mere 7-hundredths of a point lower than that of the next closest bid which was submitted by Morgan Stanley at 5.005%. Merrill Lynch submitted the third highest bid.

For Connecticut residents, the sale translates to good news where it counts—in the pocketbook. It means that the cost of borrowing is extremely low for taxpayers for the 20 year life of the bond issue. In addition, the bonds will yield an improvement to the quality of life for Connecticut citizens, financing state building projects, local school construction and capital grants to Connecticut municipalities.

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