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**ALBERTA MENDENHALL OF HAMDEN NAMED ASSISTANT TREASURER
TO LEAD TREASURY'S SECOND INJURY FUND DIVISION**

*Treasurer Denise Nappier also names Tom Corrigan as Deputy;
New leaders will build on record of success in Treasury division*

State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier has announced the appointment of Alberta Mendenhall of Hamden as Assistant State Treasurer, responsible for leading the Treasury's Second Injury Fund division. Nappier also named Thomas Corrigan of West Hartford as Deputy Assistant Treasurer.

Mendenhall, who had been serving as Deputy Assistant Treasurer, succeeds Joseph Harper, who will be assuming a new position as Executive Assistant to Central Connecticut State University President Richard L. Judd. Harper, a former State Representative and State Senator, had joined the Treasurer's Office as Assistant Treasurer in 1999.

"Alberta brings superior credentials to the position of Assistant Treasurer, and I am pleased to appoint an individual with front-line experience and solid expertise to lead the division," Nappier said. "She has an outstanding track-record in the public and private sector and has been an integral part of the accomplishments of this administration."

Mendenhall joined the Treasurer's Office in 1999, and was named Deputy Assistant Treasurer in 2000. She has played a key leadership role in developing and implementing management reforms and tighter fiscal controls in the Second Injury Fund division which have stabilized costs borne by Connecticut businesses, and resulted in no rate increases in each of the past two years.

Prior to joining the Treasurer's Office, Mendenhall worked for Berkeley Risk Administrators, the third party administrator that handles the State of Connecticut workers' compensation program. Mendenhall holds a Master's degree in Management from Cambridge College in Massachusetts and holds professional certification in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Human Resource Management, Radio & Television Broadcasting, and Broadcast Journalism. She currently serves on the Town of Hamden's Legislative Council representing the Third District, the first African American to hold such a seat in the town's history.

"Under Treasurer Nappier's leadership, we have been implementing solid, professional business practices and effective fiscal controls, which clearly had been lacking. I look forward to continuing that work, in the best interests of the businesses and taxpayers of our state," Mendenhall said.

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Corrigan also brings considerable managerial experience to the Treasurer's Office, having served as Assistant Secretary of the State and Deputy Commissioner of the State Department on Aging during a lengthy career in public service. Most recently, he was a planning analyst in the Department of Social Services. He has also worked as a representative of the Connecticut State Employees Association at the State Capitol.

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"I am very excited about the new leadership team in the Second Injury Fund division, and I know they will build on the great work that has been achieved during the past two years," Nappier said.

Nappier also praised Harper's work as Assistant Treasurer during the past two years, and wished him well in his new endeavor.

"Joe Harper made a tremendous contribution to the Treasurer's Office at a time of transition in the Second Injury Fund. The people of Connecticut are better off for his service, and I am personally grateful for his work, and the skill with which it was handled. Our loss is certainly Central Connecticut's gain, and I wish him every success in the future."

Mendenhall's appointment as Assistant Treasurer was effective this week; Corrigan joined the Treasurer's Office this week as well.