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CONNECTICUT TREASURY PLANS TO ISSUE \$175 MILLION IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS NEXT WEEK

Issue to Benefit Clean Water Program, Colleges and Universities, other State Purposes

Connecticut State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that the Treasurer's Office is planning to sell approximately \$175 million of General Obligation Bonds during the week of December 3, 2001.

The tax-exempt fixed rate bonds will be structured from 3 to 10 years and carry ratings of Aa2/AA/AA. The proceeds of the issue will be used to fund the State's portion of the Clean Water Program, to fund improvements at Connecticut colleges and universities and other state building projects. The sale will be preceded by a two-day retail order period beginning Monday, December 3, 2001. Final pricing is scheduled for Wednesday December 5, 2001.

Treasurer Nappier noted that Connecticut based investment-banking firm Advest, Inc. will serve as senior manager for the transaction, the first time that the firm has been senior manager for a State of Connecticut General Obligation bond sale.

"Advest has done solid work as co-manager of past general obligation bond issues and has served as senior manager for our UCONN 2000 program as well as a complex financing for the fuel cell energy plant at the Connecticut Juvenile Training Facility earlier this year. Advest has earned the opportunity to step up to the role of senior manager for a major State general obligation bond sale. Their appointment is consistent with my commitment to use Connecticut-based firms whenever possible," Nappier said.

The 2001 calendar year has been a record year for bond issuance for the State of Connecticut. The Treasurer's Office managed the sale of about \$4.6 billion of bonds for general state purposes, the transportation improvement program, the Bradley Airport terminal expansion, the Clean Water program, the UCONN 2000 program, an energy plant for the Connecticut Juvenile Training Facility and to securitize electric utility stranded costs. Many of the bonds issues also included the refinancing of existing debt to lower

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interest rates producing a total debt service savings for Connecticut taxpayers of over \$90 million.

The issue is the Treasury's fourth General Obligation bond issue during 2001. Earlier this year, the State issued \$100,000,000 in February, \$904,575,000 in June, and \$832,835,000 in November. The June and November sales included refundings which will save taxpayers \$53.7 million in debt service payments over the life of the bonds.

For next week's planned issue, Advest, Inc. will be the bookrunning senior manager and Belle Haven Investments, Lehman Brothers and Ramirez & Co., Inc. will serve as co-senior managers. P. G. Corbin & Company, Inc. is the State's financial advisor. Day, Berry & Howard is disclosure counsel for the State and Hunton & Williams is tax counsel.

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