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UConn Bonds Generate Strong Demand From Individual Investors

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that orders by individual investors for the \$228 million UConn 2000 Bond sale have exceeded 54 percent of the total available. On Friday July 12th and today, \$123.5 million of retail orders were placed.

This strong interest from individual investors outdid the last sale of UConn 2000 bonds in 2011, when orders by individual investors totaled \$111 million over two days, representing 52 percent of the total available.

Treasurer Nappier stated, "We are delighted to see consistent public demand for Connecticut bonds as worthy investments. By giving individual investors priority during the retail order period, we provide them a compelling opportunity to generate tax-exempt investment income. And it's a win-win: the State benefits as well from this low-cost source of financing for infrastructure improvements at UConn."

Nationally, more than 60 percent of municipal bonds are owned by individuals, either directly or through mutual funds. The marketing of Connecticut bonds to individual investors is designed to ensure that Connecticut citizens have an opportunity to buy bonds that are exempt from federal and state income taxes, and that are attractive vehicles for savings for retirement, college and other personal financial goals.

The UConn bonds are being issued pursuant to the UConn 2000 Infrastructure Improvement Program, a \$4.6 billion, 29-year program to renew, rebuild and enhance the University's campuses. A portion of the proceeds will be used to refund existing bonds in order to generate budget savings. Refunding bonds allows the State to lower the cost of existing debt, and during the Nappier administration, approximately \$837 million has been saved as a result of similar refundings.

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Beginning on Tuesday, July 16th, the remaining \$104.5 million of UConn 2000 Bonds will be available to institutional investors, and the bond closing is scheduled for July 31st. In advance of the sale, the major rating agencies last week reaffirmed the credit ratings for the UConn 2000 bonding program: Moody's Investors Service (Aa3); Standard & Poor's (AA); and Fitch Ratings (AA).

"Today, the brisk pace of retail orders supports our belief in the solid value of State bonds," Nappier said.

More information on the sale is available at www.buyctbonds.com.