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STATE TREASURER NAPIER AND UCONN PRESIDENT HERBST ANNOUNCE HISTORIC INVESTOR DEMAND FOR UCONN BONDS IN ADVANCE OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier, joined by UConn President Susan Herbst, announced today that orders from individual investors for the \$202 million UConn 2000 Bond sale exceeded \$168 million -- the highest level on any UCONN bond sale in the 18-year history of this highly successful bonding program.

Treasurer Nappier stated, "UConn bonds, like the school and its great sport teams, are winners in the market place! Today's successful sale is a testament to the energy surrounding UConn, and the confidence investors have shown will translate into important investments in the University's infrastructure at very favorable terms, which will help further the State's economic development. We are pulling for both the men's and women's teams as they head to their championship games."

President Herbst stated, "The timing of this bond sale coincides with tremendous excitement about the University of Connecticut as an institution and UConn basketball in particular. We are thrilled by the pride and support shown for UConn and look forward to continued achievement by the university, both on and off the court."

"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 provided them a compelling opportunity to generate tax-exempt investment income," said Treasurer Nappier.

The bonds were offered to retail investors over a two-day retail order period which started Friday, April 4th, and continued through today. The balance of the bonds was offered to institutional investors later in the day. The bonds are scheduled to close on April 22, 2014.

The bonds were issued to provide \$120 million of new funding for critical investments at the UConn Health Center (\$76.4 million) and the University of Connecticut (\$43.6 million) at an overall interest cost of 3.34 percent. Key projects being funded include renovation of the UConn Health Center's main building, incubator lab space in the UConn Health Center Research Towers, continued construction of the new John Dempsey hospital and improvements to classrooms and dormitories across the University campuses. Additional bonds were issued at an overall interest cost of 1.31 percent to refinance existing bonds to lower interest rates for savings. The refunding bonds will provide \$8.5 million in future debt service savings.

Marketing to investors included a broad print and digital component that featured newspaper ads, e-mails announcing the sale directly to individuals with interest in bond sales, and public radio announcements. In advance of the sale, three major rating agencies reaffirmed the credit ratings for the UConn 2000 bonding program: Moody's Investors Service (Aa3); Standard & Poor's (AA); and Fitch Ratings (AA-).

Wells Fargo Bank led the underwriting syndicate. Pullman & Comley LLC and the Law Office of Joseph Reid are co-bond counsel. McKenna Long and Aldridge and Lewis & Munday are co-underwriters' counsel. First Southwest and Public Financial Management are financial advisors for the UConn 2000 bonding program.

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

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