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**CONNECTICUT'S LATEST BOND SALE
TAKES ADVANTAGE OF EXTREMELY LOW RATES**

TREASURER NAPIER'S REFUNDING GENERATES SAVINGS OF \$5.4 MILLION

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced that the sale of \$569.7 million of Connecticut's General Obligation Bonds, which closed yesterday, provided funds for capital projects at extremely low interest rates and generated savings of \$5.4 million over the life of bonds refunded.

"The rates that are prevailing in today's markets allow us to finance capital projects at very low cost, and those projects provide for much needed jobs to help turn our economy around. And, every dollar that we save today matters as the State looks to trim its budget during these challenging economic times," said Treasurer Nappier.

Since Treasurer Nappier took office in 1999, her active debt refinancing program has resulted in total debt service savings to the state budget - and Connecticut taxpayers - of more than \$776.9 million over the life of the bonds.

The State issued \$500 million of General Obligation new money bonds and \$69.7 million of General Obligation refunding bonds with maturities extending out twenty years. With an overall interest cost of 2.47%, the new money bonds were offered in two structures -- 2012 Series D SIFMA Index bonds (\$220 million) and 2012 Series E current interest bonds (\$280 million) - in order to maximize efficiency and increase investor demand. In addition, the refunding bonds (2012 Series F) will produce \$5.4 million in future debt service savings.

The state's credit ratings were also affirmed for this sale by all four major rating agencies - Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Kroll. "The solid bond price performance we've seen in this sale, coupled with the tremendous response from investors, are proof of Connecticut's strong credit," Treasurer Nappier said.

Of note, this bond sale featured a broader retail advertising campaign including traditional print ads as well as new animated internet banner ads on New York and Connecticut newspaper websites. Bonds were offered to individual investors over a two-day retail order period, which netted \$88 million in retail orders.

Siebert Brandford Shank served as senior manager of the underwriting syndicate. Acacia Financial Group and A.C Advisory, Inc. served as co-financial advisors to the State. The four rating agencies reaffirmed the State's credit ratings with stable outlooks: Aa3 by Moody's and AA by Standard & Poor's, Fitch Ratings and Kroll Ratings.

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