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**CONNECTICUT PENSION FUNDS GROW \$2.3 BILLION
IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF FY 2013**
10-MONTH RETURN ON COURSE TO REACH 14.3 PERCENT

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that the State's pension funds, known collectively as the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds ("CRPTF"), generated an investment return of 12.07 percent for the 2013 fiscal year through March 31, 2013, a strong rebound over the previous year.

The net market value of the CRPTF grew by \$2.3 billion since June 30, 2012 with assets valued at approximately \$26.3 billion. The \$2.3 billion net increase stems from a \$2.9 billion rise in investment returns offset by approximately \$600 million in net beneficiary payments to plan participants.

The CRPTF's robust results were led by the equity markets, with domestic and international developed markets up 17.71 percent and 22.46 percent, respectively. The emerging international markets posted a 13.11 percent gain for the fiscal year through March 31. Additionally, there were strong fixed income performances by the High Yield Bond Fund and the Emerging Market Debt Fund, with returns of 9.88 percent and 8.85 percent, respectively.

Treasurer Nappier stated, "Two significant risks were removed from the market: The uncertainty associated with the 'fiscal cliff' and the European policy makers' commitment to preserve the European Union. This has markedly improved the tone of the global equity markets, and the CRPTF has benefited from the surge in market values. The strong investment returns for fiscal year to date have solidly supported the performance of the portfolio over nearly all time horizons. All boats have risen in this strong tide."

Nappier added: "The news was even better last month. Unaudited numbers show an investment return of 14.3 percent for the fiscal year to April 30, and a net market value of the CRPTF of \$26.7 billion. Still, I expect the economy will continue to grow at a measured pace. I don't expect to see a repeat of the very strong returns such as the ones posted for the one and three year horizon going forward, but rather an environment of more reserved market growth."

The one-year investment performance as of March 31st was 9.83 percent, and the three-year investment performance was 8.23 percent. For Fiscal Year 2012, the investment return was negative 0.9 percent, as the economy continued to deal with the aftermath of the Great Recession.

The CRPTF includes six state pension plans and nine trust funds, the majority of which is comprised of the State Employees' Retirement Fund (SERF), the Teachers' Retirement Fund (TERF) and the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund (MERF). SERF, TERF and MERF posted results of 12.28 percent, 12.22 percent and 10.32 percent for the fiscal year through March 31, respectively. The CRPTF provides pension fund benefits to more than 194,000 state and municipal workers and retirees.

In addition to SERF, TERF and MERF, the CRPTF comprises assets held on behalf of the Probate Court Retirement Fund, Judges' Retirement Fund, State's Attorneys' Retirement Fund, Soldiers' Sailors' & Marines' Fund, Endowment for the Arts, Agricultural College Fund, Ida Eaton Cotton Fund, Andrew Clark Fund, School Fund, Hopemead Fund, Police & Fireman's Survivors' Benefit Fund, and Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund.

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