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LARGEST STATE PENSION FUNDS EARN IN EXCESS OF 14% IN 2013

Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds Generate Investment Gains of \$3.58 Billion

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that the State's two largest pension funds -- the Teachers' Retirement Fund ("TRF") and the State Employees' Retirement Fund ("SERF") -- generated robust investment returns, net of expenses, for the 2013 calendar year of 14.23 percent and 14.11 percent, respectively. In doing so, they essentially matched their benchmarks and far exceeded their actuarial investment assumptions of 8.5 percent and 8 percent.

Treasurer Nappier called the pension funds' performance excellent news, and said that "the investment results affirm our ongoing investment strategy to position the pension fund portfolios for long term growth and financial strength."

The substantial performance of TRF and SERF helped to propel the overall value of the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds ("CRPTF"), which include six pension plans and nine trust funds, to its highest market value ever posted.

Buoyed by strong equity gains, the overall CRPTF added \$3.58 billion of market value to pension assets in 2013. After net withdrawals of \$636 million including benefit payments, fees and expenses, the CRPTF ended the calendar year with assets of \$28.23 billion -- a \$2.94 billion net increase from the previous year.

To further illustrate the long term growth and the recovery from the Great Recession, the market value of the CRPTF increased \$8 billion, or 40 percent, over the past five years.

The solid performance results of the CRPTF were led primarily by the vigorous domestic and international developed equity markets, which returned 33.85 percent and 26.10 percent, respectively, for the 2013 calendar year. The real estate portfolio continued its rebound and posted an investment return of 11.52 percent.

In addition to SERF and TRF, the CRPTF is comprised of assets held on behalf of the Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund; Probate Court Retirement Fund; State 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 State of Connecticut Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund. All together, these additional funds make up roughly 9 percent of the CRPTF.

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