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## TREASURER DENISE L. NAPPIER ANNOUNCES NEW PAYMENT DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR STATE GRANTS AND LOANS

Hartford, Conn. – State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that starting December 1, 2011, all recipients of State grants and loans funded by state bonds will receive payments through a more efficient computerized paperless system.

Automated Clearing House (ACH), commonly known for its use with direct deposit of payroll, will allow municipalities, school districts, nonprofits and others to receive State aid payments via electronic fund transfer.

"Like any household that goes from writing checks at their kitchen table each month and then switching to paying those same bills by using their home computer, this state-wide modernization initiative will save time, money and effort for all involved," Treasurer Nappier said.

Under the current system, payments to grants and loan recipients are made through accounts in the State's Tax Exempt Proceeds Fund (TEPF). As part of the transition to the ACH payment system, TEPF accounts will be liquidated and disbursed to recipients by December 31, 2011. Municipalities, school districts and other organizations currently receiving grants or loans must provide current bank account information to the Office of the State Comptroller in order to access the new ACH payment system.

"These enhancements will result in a streamlined payment delivery system for the State and for recipients of grants and loans," Treasurer Nappier said. "In addition to being more timely and cost effective, this system will also allow grant and loan recipients Internet access to their accounts on the State's CORE-CT system, thereby allowing them to track funds from all State agencies."

The new system will change the way the Connecticut delivers about \$700 million of state bond funds to almost 300 cities, towns and nonprofits each year. While most

other types of state aid are still being delivered by check, the Office of the Comptroller has an ongoing initiative to convert those payments to ACH as well.

Treasurer Nappier's office sent letters this week to all existing TEPF account holders announcing the change and providing the ACH form and instructions for the new payment system. Copies of the ACH form and instructions are also available on the Office of the State Comptroller's website at: <a href="http://www.osc.ct.gov/adp/vss/index.html">www.osc.ct.gov/adp/vss/index.html</a>.

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