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State Issues \$1 Billion in Certificates to Speed Payment on Outstanding Bills

SPRINGFIELD – May 14, 2009. Governor Pat Quinn today announced that the state has issued \$1 billion in General Obligation certificates to pay community organizations and vendors more quickly for services that have already been performed.

“We have an obligation to the community organizations and vendors who provide services for the state to get them paid as quickly as possible. These are difficult economic times for all of us, so it’s absolutely critical that our citizens aren’t unduly impacted as we work to get the state back on long-term, sound financial footing,” Governor Quinn said.

The State’s notes priced strongly at an interest rate of 1.86 percent. The transaction was divided into two maturities. There were six bidders on the April 2010 maturity and seven bidders on the May 2010 maturity. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. was the winning bidder for the entire offering. The deal is expected to close on May 21, 2009.

The state plans to issue another \$1.25 billion in bonds in June for a total of \$2.25 billion.

When the Governor unveiled his Fiscal Year 2010 budget on March 18, 2010, he highlighted the need for the state to pay its bills on time. Today’s deal is one way the state is helping to address this issue by providing additional money to pay vendors for services that have already been provided.

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