



## State of Tennessee

*Secretary of State Tre Hargett  
State Comptroller Justin P. Wilson  
State Treasurer David H. Lillard, Jr.*

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### **STATE COMPLETES SALE OF MORE THAN \$235M IN TAX-EXEMPT BONDS AND MORE THAN \$54M IN TAXABLE BONDS**

State officials completed the sale of \$235,890,000 in General Obligation 2009 Series C (tax-exempt) bonds and \$54,110,000 in General Obligation 2009 Series D (taxable) bonds this week.

The Series C bonds, which mature over a 20-year period, with a true interest cost of 3.59%, will retire some of the state's short-term debt as well as finance a variety of capital projects.

The Series D bonds, which mature over a 20-year period, will refund the 2004 Series B bonds as well as provide funding for other capital projects. The true interest cost of the Series D bonds is 4.92%.

Board members received a report on the bond sale during the Funding Board meeting Thursday afternoon.

"I'm very pleased with this transaction," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson, whose office oversees the state's bond financing responsibilities. "Public Financial Management Inc., our financial advisor, believes this sale represents a fair and favorable deal for the taxpayers of Tennessee."

The bonds were purchased for retail buyers by bank trust departments and money managers and by large institutional investors as part of a negotiated sale on December 1st. Barclays Capital served as senior underwriter on the transaction with Morgan Stanley & Co., Morgan Keegan & Co., Duncan Williams Inc., Wiley Brothers Aintree Capital and Mesirow Financial serving as Co-Managers.

The Funding Board members are: Comptroller Wilson, Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Treasurer David H. Lillard Jr., Finance and Administration Commissioner David Goetz and Gov. Phil Bredesen.

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