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ANNAPOLIS (April 27, 2009) -- Maryland State Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp announced that Standard & Poor's (S&P), one of three major rating agencies, has rated the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) as AAAm, the highest money market fund rating assigned by S&P.

MLGIP, created in 1982 under the State Treasurer's administrative control, provides all local government units of the State an investment vehicle similar to a money market fund for short-term investment of funds. The intent is to preserve the capital value of the dollars invested, provide a competitive rate of return and offer a readily available source of daily liquidity.

The fund's investment vehicles include short-term US Treasury obligations; federal agency paper; banker acceptances; commercial paper (limited to 10 percent of the total portfolio); corporate notes; other money market funds and repurchase agreements collateralized by US treasuries.

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the MLGIP comprised 294 participants. The fund balance as of June 30, 2008 was \$2,420,372,782. The actual yield for fiscal year 2008 was 4.04 percent.

Participants include cities and towns; volunteer fire companies; libraries, registers of wills; community colleges; boards of education and counties.

Mary Christine Jackman, investment director in the State Treasurer's Office, said, "Our continued retention of the AAAm rating means that our State's local government investment pool is viewed as being very stable

with limited exposure to principal losses caused by credit, market and/or liquidity risks. We all know that the financial market for the past 18 months has been chaotic. Our consistently prudent and conservative approach has proved most effective in good and bad markets.”

In 1995, the State Treasurer formed an advisory committee consisting of nine current participants appointed by the Treasurer. This committee, which meets semi-annually to review the MLGIP’s investments, performance structure and strategy, discusses the current interest rate environment and economic conditions and offers suggestions to Treasurer Kopp and Ms. Jackman.

PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. serves as the investment fund manager, administrator and marketer for the investment pool.
