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ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

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Treasurer's Note

Investing in People

As Illinois Treasurer, I am the state's chief investment and banking officer. The office invests approximately \$30 billion on behalf of taxpayers, college savers, and units of local government.

However, I firmly believe we must invest in people. Investing in people creates the building blocks of better neighborhoods and communities. This leads to job creation and stronger local economies.

Many are familiar with our most visible investments because they are designed to help people who take the proactive steps to help themselves. The Bright Start and Bright Directions college savings programs have earned top honors by independent analysts. Ag Invest is a linked-deposit program that has been helping family farmers and locally owned financial institutions since 1983. Our unclaimed property division has returned record amounts of forgotten money and property for four consecutive years.

However, some of our lesser-known efforts are as equally vital.

The Illinois Funds follows a simple concept: the greater the investment, the greater the return. Local government leaders pool investment dollars to access higher-returning investments. The Illinois Funds complements, not replaces, local banking relationships.

ABLE – Achieving a Better Life Experience – makes it possible for people with disabilities and their families to save and invest for expenses without losing means-tested benefits such as SSI, SSDI, and Medicaid. Earnings and withdrawals are tax-free when spent on qualified expenses including housing, health and wellness, education and training, therapy, and basic living expenses.

The Community Uplift Program helps business owners obtain loans at below-market rates to fund business growth that will lead to more jobs or

operational efficiencies. It is a linked-deposit program similar to Ag Invest with a focus on struggling communities, especially in small towns in rural Illinois.

Fallen Heroes honors the men and women of Illinois who gave their lives to ensure the safety and prosperity of our fellow Americans. This college scholarship fund assists dependents of members of the Armed Forces as well as police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders who have died while serving our state or country.

Helping people who want to help themselves has been a hallmark of the treasurer's office since I first walked through the doors. I believe it is wise to invest money in a manner that supports individual growth and community development while meeting our primary investment objectives of safety, liquidity, and return on investment. These programs do exactly that. Learn more by visiting www.illinoistreasurer.gov

Sincerely,
Michael W. Frerichs
Illinois State Treasurer



Your Money

The Illinois Funds

The Illinois Funds is a \$5.4 billion investment pool for units of local government that has been operated by the Illinois Treasurer's Office since 1975.

By pooling money with other units of local government, The Illinois Funds offers a way for local leaders to access greater investment returns than they currently achieve.

It is important to know:

- The Illinois Funds complements – not replaces – local banking relationships.
- Investments can be overnight or long-term.
- No minimum investment.

- Money cannot be swept by the General Assembly and used for some other purpose.
- The Illinois Funds annually receives a AAAM score from [Standard and Poor's](#).

The Illinois Funds offers local officials a responsible way to invest on behalf of their community. For more information, please call the treasurer's office toll free at (800) 947-8479 and press option 2.



ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE CREAM OF THE CROP PHOTO CONTEST

June 26, 2019

Cream of the Crop Deadline

The Cream of the Crop Photo Contest deadline is June 26, 2019.

The contest encourages young photographers to share their vision of agriculture in our state.

The treasurer's office is accepting electronic submissions from Illinois students, ages 8-18. Top photographs will be chosen in three age-based categories: ages 8-10, 11-14, and 15-18. Each student can submit up to two photos.

The photo contest is part of the Ag Invest program and offers an opportunity for Illinois students to submit their most innovative or scenic picture that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. Winning photos will be featured in Ag Invest marketing materials and at the 2019 Illinois State Fair.

Ag Invest is one of the nation's largest agricultural linked-deposit programs. It helps hundreds of Illinois farmers and agriculture professionals. The treasurer's office, through the Ag Invest program, partners with eligible lenders to offer farmers and ag businesses annual and long-term, low-interest loans which can be used for operating costs, equipment purchases, construction-related expenses, and livestock purchases.

To read the rules, terms, and legal conditions associated with this contest, visit our website at www.CreamoftheCropContest.com or contact Rebecca Huston at 217.558.6217.



Quarterly Earnings Report

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer is dedicated to protecting all funds under its control, ensuring the liquidity of all investments, and consistently producing earnings at or above industry standards.

The issuance of Quarterly Earnings Reports is integral in meeting the Treasurer's underlying objectives to maintain transparency, efficiency, and preservation of public trust.

The following tables summarize investment earnings activities and balances for the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2019 (December 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019):

Table 1 – Asset Totals
(Numbers rounded)

Program Area	Asset Total (as of March 31, 2019)	Asset Total (as of December 31, 2018)
State Investments	\$13.6 billion	\$14.6 billion
IPTIP Investments	\$5.4 billion	\$5.4 billion
College Savings Program	\$11.4 billion	\$10.4 billion
TOTAL	\$30.4 billion	\$30.4 billion

Table 2 – Quarterly Investment Earnings

(Numbers rounded)

Program Area	Gross Earnings (Q3 FY 2019)	Gross Earnings (Q2 FY 2019)
State Investments	\$77.6 million	\$79.0 million
IPTIP Investments	\$33.6 million	\$33.9 million
TOTAL	\$112.2 million	\$112.9 million