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## **The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Posts Record Investment Gains of 24.3%**

**Baton Rouge** – The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) has posted an investment return of 24.3% for the fiscal year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). Historically, this is the plan's highest fiscal year return.

Peer comparison for the fiscal year end is not yet available; however, the most recent comparison for the 1-year period ending March 31, 2011, places LASERS in the top 2% ranking for public funds greater than \$1 billion according to Wilshire's Trust Universe Comparison Service (TUCS). TUCS is the most widely accepted benchmark for the performance of institutional assets and represents the largest database of any peer-comparison service in the industry. LASERS expects the 24.3% fiscal year return to rank favorably among peers as well.

Of the \$9.3 billion LASERS portfolio, over one quarter is managed internally by a highly qualified staff, saving the System \$6 million a year in fees and management costs. LASERS asset allocation has resulted in over \$3.3 billion being added to the fund since March 1, 2009.

"We believe LASERS is well positioned to take advantage of a variety of investment opportunities," said LASERS Executive Director Cindy Rougeou "Investment returns fund the majority of the benefits our members receive. This is certainly good news in a somewhat volatile economy."

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