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Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Posts Fiscal Year Returns ~ Continues to outperform long-term targets and benchmarks ~

Tallahassee, FL – The State Board of Administration of Florida released preliminary investment performance figures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 showing the FRS Pension Plan earning 3.67%, beating its benchmark by 143 basis points and ending the year with a market value of \$148.0 billion.

The year's return increases the total to six years of positive returns since the end of the financial crisis, four of which were double digit returns. All asset classes earned positive returns during the fiscal year, led by the Private Equity asset class earning 14.61%. Real Estate, Strategic Investments, Fixed Income, Global Equity, and Cash & Cash Equivalents each earned 11.92%, 6.77%, 1.99%, 1.92% and 0.21% respectively.

"We continue to be pleased with our performance, especially the value added by our staff which is estimated to be approximately \$2.0 billion over the benchmark return for the year. Growth rarely occurs smoothly, so we focus on long-term performance. Performance for the 20-, 25- and 30 year periods has exceeded the actuarial assumed rate of return, generating returns of 8.11%, 8.74% and 9.32% respectively." said Ash Williams, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer for the SBA, attributing the long-term performance to "prudence, patience, and diversification."

	Managed Return	Benchmark Return	Value Added
One-Year	3.67%	2.24%	1.43%
Three-Year	11.24%	10.25%	0.99%
Five-Year	11.01%	10.15%	0.86%
Ten-Year	6.86%	6.29%	0.57%
Fifteen-Year	5.33%	4.80%	0.53%
Twenty-Year	8.11%	7.75%	0.36%
Twenty Five-Year	8.74%	8.40%	0.34%
Thirty-Year	9.32%	9.40%	-0.08%

Florida Retirement System Investment Plan

The FRS Investment Plan, established to provide Florida's public employees with a flexible alternative to the traditional pension plan, also posted year-end gains in returns and participation. The one-year return based on aggregate employee fund selection was 2.58%, beating a benchmark of 2.08%. The benchmark is based on the weighted aggregate of the performance of various indices representing each member's chosen asset allocation.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, 24% of newly hired employees elected to join the Investment Plan, and 5,068 Pension Plan members used their second election to switch to the Investment Plan resulting in a record high 163,456 member accounts. The Plan's year-end assets were \$9.14 billion.

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The State Board of Administration is a body of Florida's state government that provides a variety of investment services to various governmental entities. These include managing the assets of the Florida Retirement System, the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME), the Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, and over 30 other mandates.