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Discussions focus on the economic and financial issues facing states

COLUMBUS - Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel is proud to be hosting the State Financial Officers Foundation (SFOF) financial summit in Columbus this week. State treasurers and chief financial officers from across the country are convening in Columbus to discuss important fiscal issues like public pension reform, municipal bankruptcy, and public finance.

"I am proud to host State Treasurers from across the country in Columbus this week to showcase our state and discuss important financial issues facing states. Ohio has a great fiscal story to tell, going from an \$8 billion deficit to more than a billion dollar surplus in just three years," said Treasurer Mandel. "I believe that many of the initiatives that we have undertaken to increase transparency, modernize outdated banking systems, and launch new local government investment programs are examples of best practices that can and should be replicated across the country."

SFOF is a non-partisan, non-profit organization of state treasurers and chief financial officers that promotes fiscally responsible public policy and serves to educate the public, media and policy makers about the role of finance in a free market economy. The foundation promotes educational forums that help state financial officers develop and exchange solutions to complex financial issues facing states.

"In Ohio, Treasurer Mandel has restored integrity to a scandal plagued office, leveraged technology to launch new initiatives that benefit local governments and taxpayers, and conservatively managed his budget and billions in state investments through turbulent economic times," said SFOF President Derek Kreifels. "Josh Mandel sets the example for how a state treasurer office should be run. He's steady, trustworthy and fiscally responsible. We appreciate his state hosting our 2014 spring financial meeting."

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