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"Treasurer's Transparency Project" Puts 2011 Salary Data Online as Part of New OhioTreasurer.gov Website that Encourages Investment in Ohio, Improves Constituent Assistance and Eases Online Payments

COLUMBUS ‐ Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel launched the new OhioTreasurer.gov website today that for the first time in Ohio government history includes a fully searchable state employee salary database with updated 2011 figures. This is the first time that an Ohio elected official has posted such comprehensive information online in such a user-friendly and searchable manner. The website has been designed to improve online services for Ohioans, including portals for increased government transparency, investment in Ohio bonds, constituent assistance, expanded online learning and easier access to ePayments. Ohioans may also view the new website in mobile format on their smartphones.

"The new OhioTreasurer.gov website features a comprehensive and searchable state salary database for the first time in Ohio government history as part of my desire to make government more accessible and accountable to Ohioans. The goal of these transparency initiatives is to help Ohioans follow their tax dollars and see how their hard-earned money is being spent. The site was designed to leverage technology and improve online services for all Ohioans. The new OhioTreasurer.gov website aims to help our state government keep up with the best private sector practices by utilizing technology to become more customer-focused and responsive to the needs of Ohio taxpayers and constituents," said Treasurer Mandel.

"I am very proud of the many new features on the new OhioTreasurer.gov site. The new investor site will provide valuable information to institutional investors and Ohioans who are interested in buying Ohio bonds. I believe government should serve the people, which is why there is a strong focus on using online constituent services to assist Ohioans with any problems, issues or questions. We are also highlighting ePayment options and making online information more accessible to taxpayers, including those with smartphones."

The Treasurer's website, OhioTreasurer.gov, has new and expanded features for Ohio taxpayers, businesses and constituents who interact with the state, including:

Treasurer's Transparency Project: The Treasurer's Transparency Project features a fully searchable salary database that contains information on public workers across Ohio, including updated 2011 payroll information on state worker salaries, as well as historical salary data on local employees, higher-education officials, teachers, and federal workers. The website also includes an interactive Ohio map providing data and statistical information about counties across the state including population, median incomes, home values, and tax rates. Visitors can also easily search through state properties and unclaimed funds, or find information on state finances, investments and cash on hand.

Invest in Ohio Portal: For the first time, the Ohio Treasurer's office is launching a web portal specifically for investors interested in learning more about Treasurer's office bond issuances and investment opportunities. This section will provide updated information about recent and upcoming bond sales, state financial reports, ratings from the major agencies, facts and figures on bond profiles and yield curves, and the latest Ohio investment news.

"Ask Josh" Constituent Service Center: The website has a renewed focus on constituent services. There is an "Ask Josh" module on the homepage and on subpages that provides answers to frequently asked questions and encourages Ohioans to



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submit online questions and requests for assistance to the Treasurer's office. Users can also submit questions or seek assistance through direct messages via Facebook at: www.facebook.com/OhioTreasurer or Twitter at: www.twitter.com/OhioTreasurer.

Featured ePayments and Forms Sections: Options for making ePayments and finding government forms are highlighted to make it easier for taxpayers and Ohioans who conduct business with the Treasurer's office and the state in general.

Expanded Online Learning Options: The site features expanded online learning opportunities, including the ability for public funds managers to take three online courses through the Treasurer's Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM).

Mobile Site for Smartphone Access: More people use smartphones to access information and conduct business every day, which is why the Treasurer launched a mobile site to allow for quick and user-friendly access to OhioTreasurer.gov from virtually anywhere.

Visit the new OhioTreasurer.gov to view these and other new features, and become a friend of the Ohio Treasurer's office on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/OhioTreasurer or follow the office on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/OhioTreasurer.

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