

THE RSA: 20 Years on Water Street, NY

The Boards of Control and the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) staff are pleased to present the 37th Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

The RSA currently manages 23 funds with aggregate assets of approximately \$35.1 billion. For fiscal year 2013, the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) assets totaled \$20.7 billion, the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) assets totaled \$10.0 billion, and the Judicial Retirement Fund (JRF) assets totaled \$255 million. The annualized return was 14.93% for the TRS, 14.60% for the ERS and 14.05% for the JRF.

Market performance during fiscal year 2013 was fairly stable, with equity markets performing well "The stronger over the course of the year; domestic and international equithe RSA can make ties returned over 21% during this time period. Fixed in-Alabama the stronger come markets did not experience the significant gains of the RSA will be." the past three years as interest rates were somewhat volatile. Returns within this sector DAVID GUBRONNER were essentially flat for the fiscal year. Markets have continued to be somewhat reactionary around macroeconomic events as they have been the last few years, but we continue to see fundamentals influencing performance as well as the improvement of company earnings and balance sheets.

Last fiscal year, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail celebrated its 20th anniversary. Now, this year, 55 Water Street, New York City's largest office tower, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with the RSA. This anniversary is particularly meaningful as the effects of Hurricane Sandy and the flooding that ensued are still being felt throughout the area. The New York City staff worked tirelessly in the weeks after "Sandy" to get the building reopened.

Since 1993, 55 Water Street has been one of the RSA's strongest performing assets. This investment is currently valued at \$1.4 billion and generated roughly \$70 million in net profit during 2012 alone,

prior to "Sandy." There is no debt on the building and it is currently 93.3% leased. 55 Water Street is the second largest privately-owned office building in America.

Renovation continues on the historic Van Antwerp Building in Mobile, which the RSA purchased early in the fiscal year. This building is ten stories high and over 58,000 square feet. BBVA Compass will relocate its Mobile headquarters to the 105-year-old building in mid-2014, occupying three floors. The Van Antwerp Building is one of Mobile's oldest struc-

tures and joins RSA's stable of Port City holdings that include the RSA Battle House

> Tower, the RSA Trustmark Building, the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel and The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa.

Lastly, several of the RSA's properties were honored again this year by earning national recognition for guest satisfaction. Marriott International, *Travel + Leisure* magazine and *U.S News & World Report* all ranked several of the RSA hotels and resorts at or near the top of

the list in their respective annual surveys. The staff will continue to purchase and develop investments that will facilitate the mission of the RSA. Our aim is to serve the interests of our members by preserving the excellent benefits and soundness of the Systems while providing these at the least expense to the state of Alabama and all Alabama taxpayers. With the continued cooperative efforts of the Boards of Control, the RSA staff, and the Legislature, this goal will be achieved.

David G. Bronner







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LEGAL In fiscal year 2013, the RSA Legal Division addressed issues involving pension law, fiduciary and trust law, tax law, health insurance law, litigation, securities law, contract law, construction law, commercial real estate law and employment law, among others.

Litigation has been and continues to constitute a significant part of legal staff's duties. The RSA legal staff worked with and continues to work with the Attorney General's Office and other state agencies' legal counsel to defend the RSA's interests in several cases involving challenges to legislative changes to the pension benefit plans. In addition, the RSA legal staff successfully defended a variety of benefits and other miscellaneous cases, some of which raised novel theories of recovery. On the affirmative side, the legal staff has pursued recoveries to the funds experienced as a result of the BP oil spill. As in years past, the RSA also participated in securities fraud litigation, which can result in considerable recoveries.

Another important area of practice for the RSA legal staff was addressing issues central to the administration of the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Program (PEEHIP). The legal staff assisted in reviewing and implementing the Affordable Care Act and the administrative regulations issued pursuant to that law. Legal staff was frequently called upon to interpret and advise on the implementation of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Health (HITECH) and their regulations relating to the privacy and information. Moreover, in these difficult economic times, is unaffiliated with TRS.

cost-cutting measures implemented in PEEHIP have resulted in litigation as vendors compete for health care dollars.

The RSA legal staff also assisted the RSA's real estate holdings and other investments. This assistance included providing legal advice on general operational issues and on construction projects, including pursuing litigation when necessary.

To provide the RSA with assistance in the foregoing areas, the RSA legal staff dedicated its time, effort, and resources to legal research, litigating in the Alabama courts, and contract review, negotiations and drafting. The RSA legal staff stands ready to assist the RSA in meeting any new challenges that may arise for public pensions and health insurance programs and to maintain and enhance the RSA's service to its members.

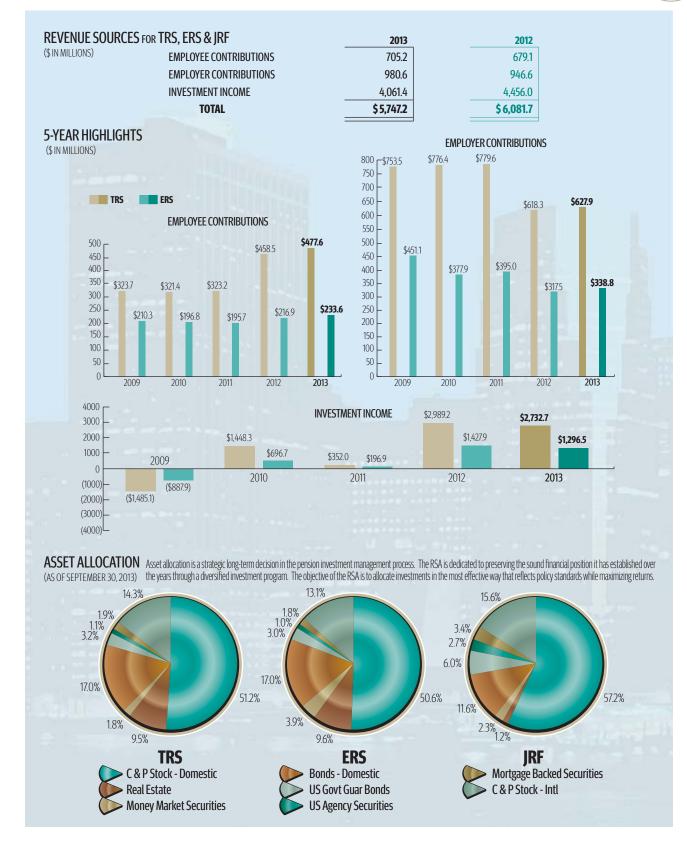
LEGISLATION The 2013 Regular Legislative Session began on February 5, 2013, and ended on May 20, 2013. The Legislature passed the General Fund Budget (Act 2013-263) and the Education Trust Fund Budget (Act 2013-264), ERS, TRS, and PEEHIP were funded at the requested rates.

Act 2013-239 (SB303) altered the membership of the TRS Board of Control. The Act added two members to be filled from public four-year institutions of higher education and substituted one of those positions for the ex officio position of Executive Secretary of the Alabama Education Association. In addition, the Act amended the election procedures to provide Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act | that the elected members of the Board shall be elected only by members from the same category within TRS. Furthermore, the security of PEEHIP members' and their dependents' health | Act requires such elections to be conducted by a third party who

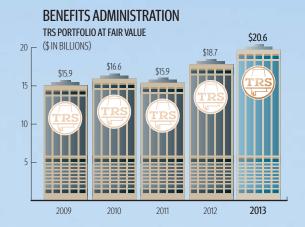


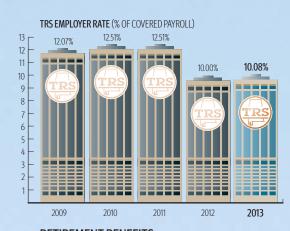
The Retirement Systems of Alabama 2013 Financial Highlights

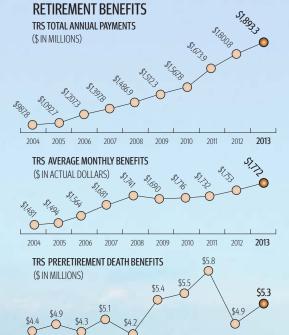
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		TRS	ERS	JRF		
	NEW MEMBERS	10,455	9,086	47		
	WITHDRAWN MEMBERS	6,111	5,059	7		
	SERVICE RETIREMENTS	3,281	1,967	33		
	DISABILITY RETIREMENTS	395	302	0		
	NEW BENEFICIARIES	351	287	5		
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	ACTIVE	128,733	79,946	335	209,014	
	DROP	3,030	1,517	333	4,547	
	RETIRED			275		
		80,553	42,107	375	123,035	
	TOTAL	212,316	123,570	710	336,596	
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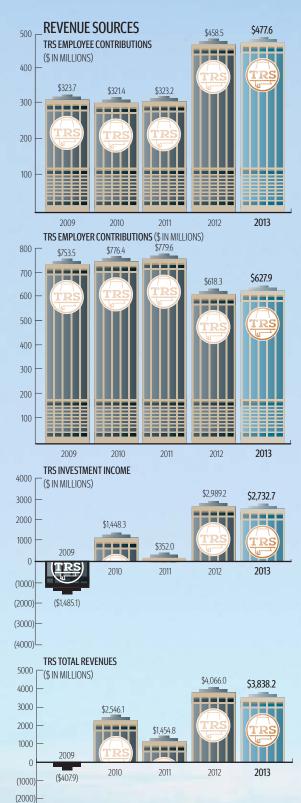
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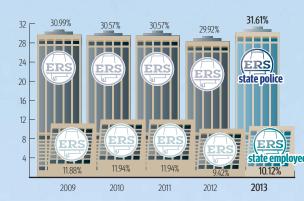
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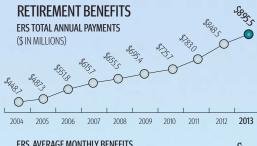
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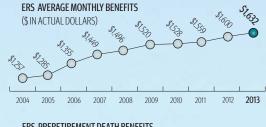
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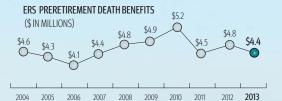


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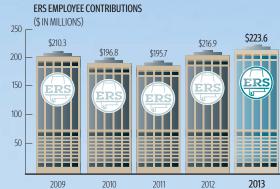






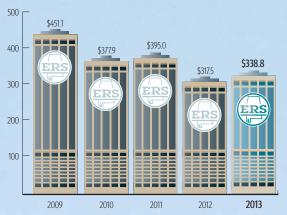


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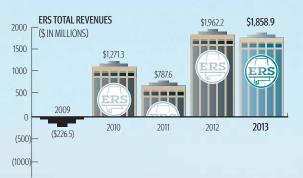


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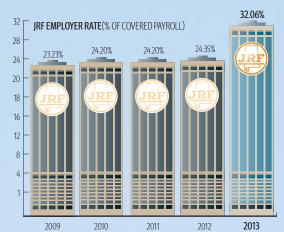




Judicial Retirement Fund The Judicial Retirement Fund of Alabama (JRF) provides retirement allowances and other specified benefits for supreme court justices, court of appeals judges, circuit court judges, district court judges, and probate judges.

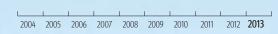
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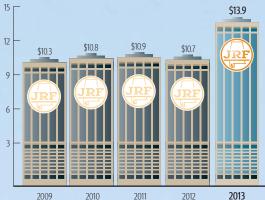


REVENUE SOURCES





JRF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (\$ IN MILLIONS)







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Public Employees' Individual Retirement Account Fund

RSA-1 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Established in 1986 to allow members of the RSA and certain other eligible public employees to defer receipt of a percentage of their salary, thereby deferring payment of taxes on that income.

RSA-1 HIGHLIGHTS					
12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING	INCOME YIELD (IN%)	MARKET VALUE CHANGE (IN %)	TOTAL RETURN (IN%)	TOTAL NET ASSETS (\$ IN MILLIONS)	PARTICIPATING MEMBERS
SSEPTEMBER 30, 2009 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	5.54	5.21	10.75	1,016.2	32,243
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.79	-8.77	-5.98	172.8	14,739
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	4.32	3.69	8.01	1,125.9	33,162
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.21	7.71	9.92	206.6	15,520
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	4.01	0.38	4.39	1,196.4	33,624
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.02	-0.98	1.04	223.1	16,170
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.79	1.67	5.46	1,301.2	34,039
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.29	27.51	29.80	293.0	16,203
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.57	-3.68	-0.11	1,294.4	34,199
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.34	16.76	19.10	369.1	16,889

PEIRAF DEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Public Employees' Individual Retirement Account Fund (PEIRAF) was established to allow public employees to conveniently and economically receive the fullest benefits offered by the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA) of 1981 as it relates to individual retirement accounts. PEIRAF has operated as a fixed income portfolio since its creation in 1982. Funds are invested in fixed income investments such as corporate bonds, U.S. agency obligations, government national mortgage association securities, and commercial paper.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 prohibited contributions to deductible voluntary employee contribution plans, such as PEIRAF, for years after 1986. Accordingly, the PEIRAF Board of Control discontinued receiving contributions to this plan after December 31, 1986. However, the PEIRAF continues to reinvest the interest earnings of existing PEIRAF member accounts.

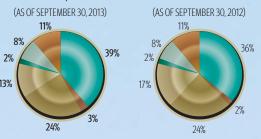
RSA-1/INVESTMENT ALLOCATION STOCK FUND







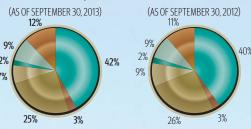
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PEIRAF / INVESTMENT ALLOCATION





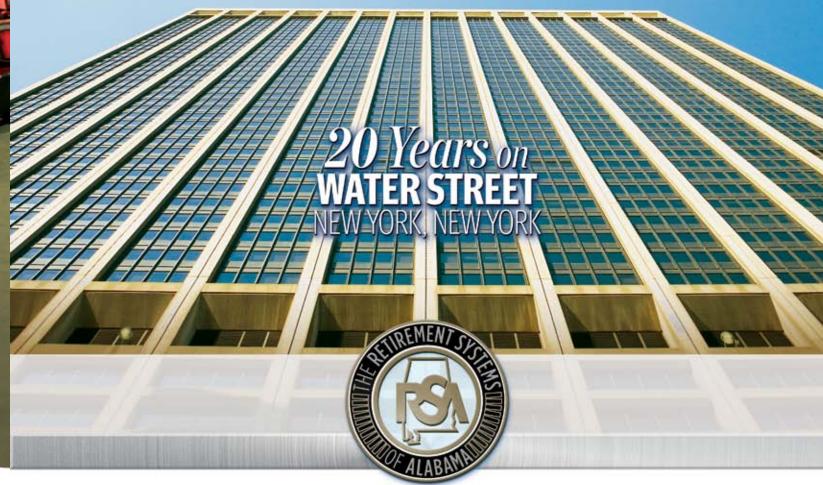




As Water Street's flagship building in Manhattan's Financial District, 55 Water Street is on the global economic stage. Not only is this RSA investment providing outstanding returns for retired Alabama educators, state workers, and judges, it is also contributing to state, national, and global economic growth.

The RSA seeks to continue to promote healthy growth by working for the betterment of all. This kind of healthy growth protects the vulnerable, provides opportunity for the willing, and encourages the strong to further achievement.

Over 20 years ago, when 55 Water Street was purchased by the RSA, Dr. Bronner claimed, "The stronger the RSA can make Alabama, the stronger the RSA will be." Today, it might be said that the stronger the RSA can make America, the stronger we will all be.



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In 1993, the RSA acquired 55 Water Street. Before Hurricane Sandy, the RSA had invested \$623 million in the building, with it earning the RSA over \$497 million in dividends. It generated \$70 million in net profit last year alone. The annualized return from 1993-2013 was 11.08%. There is no debt on the building.

However, at one time, many doubted that 55 Water Street would ever be an asset for the RSA. Before the purchase, the owner of 55 Water Street was not earning enough cash to make interest payments on the building, 55 Water Street had a negative reputation which was driving away tenants, and the building had asbestos contamination. On top of that, the RSA had invested \$100 million in the building.

Instead of seeing a loss, Dr. Bronner saw an opportunity and offered a debt-forequity swap with the owner and the

promise to buy, for 29 cents on the dollar, all additional notes held by those not wishing to retain equity in the building. This offer included the guarantee that the RSA would provide \$21 million for asbestos removal and much-needed renovations. When the hard work was done, the RSA had purchased a building for \$202 million that was valued, in 1993, at \$600 million. Today, 55 Water Street is currently appraised at \$1.4 billion and is one of the RSA's strongest performing assets.

Acquiring

"When something is very bleak, we've often had great success with it."

~ DAVID G. BRONNER





In the mid-1990s, Harry Bridgwood was a police detective, 55 Water Street was a new acquisition of the RSA, and Dr. Bronner and Manhattan's District Attorney Robert M.

Morgenthau shared a problem: corruption in the city's garbage-hauling industry. Bridgwood was brought in undercover as manager of 55 Water Street with the goal of gathering information and evidence on mob activity in the commercial carting business. He gathered evidence for two-and-a-half years.

The cartel, which prosecutors say was led by well-known organized crime families, was overcharging clients \$500 million a year. The five-year investigation led to the indictment of 34 individuals, 34 companies, and 4 trade waste associations. New York City's biggest trash hauler went to jail.

After the trial, Dr. Bronner was so impressed with how Bridgwood handled the actual management of 55 Water Street, he offered him the job of Executive Vice President of New Water Street Corporation, the legal entity that owns and handles 55 Water Street on behalf of the RSA.

From 1996 until 2013, Harry Bridgwood managed 55 Water Street with skill, determination, and integrity saw her through various crises such as September 11, 2001, and Hurricane Sandy.

Defending



Rebuilding

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The Elevated Acre

Accessible via elevator or stairs from the sidewalk on Water Street, the Elevated Acre is one of the few privately-owned parks in New York City that is available for public use. Located approximately 40 feet in the air over the East River waterfront, the Elevated Acre consists of an outdoor lawn and garden, a seven-tiered amphitheater, a Brazilian hardwood boardwalk, and an illuminated rectangular glass beacon that is lit every evening and can be seen from Brooklyn Heights, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. The Elevated Acre is a popular lunch and break spot for New Yorkers and is utilized for local performances and events.



Enriching

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated to the New Yorkers who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Marked by seven flag poles and a water element, the eastern entrance to the Vietnam Veterans Plaza showcases the memorial wall. Excerpts from letters, diaries, and poems written by Americans during the Vietnam Era have been etched into the green glass covering the granite memorial wall. Memorial panels dedicated

The Vietnam Veterans

to specific individuals and a stainless steel map of Vietnam may be viewed before the entrance to the 125-foot-long, 10-foot wide Walk of Honor which guides visitors past 12 granite pylons bearing the names of the 1,741 New Yorkers who lost their lives during the war. As owners of 55 Water Street, the RSA is dedicated to the preservation of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza in honor of the sacrifice made by our veterans.



Honoring

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When full, 55 Water Street holds between 17,000-18,000 people. The building is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Multiple redundancies are in every major operating system from electric, HVAC, and telecom, to life safety and security.

The 80 elevators, which are equipped with security cameras and card readers, have emergency power supplies, enabling them to operate in a power outage.

The on-site garage offers access 24/7, has self or valet parking with access to the building through the garage, and has various payment options and rates. Car washing and detailing is available as is a locksmith service, battery charging, tire air pump and gas service for emergency situations.

Cafe' 55 is 55 Water Street's ground floor, 17,000-square-foot food court consisting of 7 independent food stations.

They are open for breakfast and lunch.



Accommodating

Conserving

PERSPECTIVE

To put the size of 55 Water Street in perspective, the 23-story, 375 foot RSA Tower on 201 Monroe Street is the tallest building in Montgomery, Alabama. Standing 687.01 feet with a 54-story south tower and a 16-story north tower, 55 Water Street is the biggest and tallest building on the East River in New York.

The RSA Tower was built in 1997 by the RSA.

23 stories

375 feet tall

tallest building in Montgomery, Alabama

613,660 square feet of rentable office space

the building is sited on a 2.5 acre lot

Relating



687.01 feet tall

54 stories

the second largest (3.8 million square feet) privately owned building in the U.S.

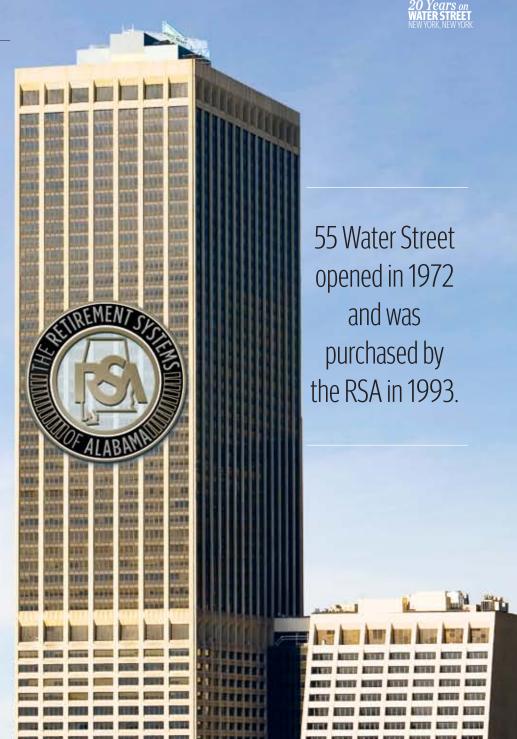
(Chicago's Willis Tower, formerly the Sears Tower, is the largest)

3,812,963 square feet of rentable office space

> the building is sited on a **3.7** acre double lot

a 6-story, **520**-car

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55WATER STREET

Leasing History

Total Building Rentable Square Footage: 3,812,963



As of the Building Acquisition Date of March 5, 1996			
Tenant	RSF	Bldg %	
Depository Trust Chase Bank SIAC	921,917 1,182,399 115,505	24.2% 31.0% 3.0%	
Totals at Building Acquisition	2,219,821	58.2%	
Leasing after Building Acquisition			
Tenant	RSF	Bldg %	Date
Chubb Group	156,676	4.1%	1997
McGraw-Hill Companies	1,071,233	28.1%	1999
Liberty Mutual	62,852	1.6%	2002
Emblem Health	555,915	14.6%	2003
Teacher's Retirement Systems of NYC	157,702	4.1%	2003
Cafe' 55	20,658	.5%	2004
NY County District Attorney	25,031	0.7%	2004
RR Donnelley	142,428	3.7%	2006
GFI Group	88,747	2.3%	2007
Clearbridge Advisors	97,420	2.6%	2007
Sullivan & Cromwell	66,948	1.8%	2007
NYC Dept. of Transportation	430,456	11.3% 5.0%	2008
Depository Trust Liberty Mutual	189,330 130,449	3.4%	2009 2013
NYC Health & Hospitals	221,180	5.4% 5.8%	2013
Totals after Building Acquisition	3,417,025	89.6%	2013
Chase Bank Lease Expired in 2002	(1,169,619)	-30.7%	2002
SIAC Lease Expired in 2012	(115,505)	-3.0%	2012
DTCC Lease Expired in 2012	(793,289)	-20.8%	2012
Total Major Expired Leases since Acquisition Totals Leased at 12/31/13	(2,078,413) 3,558,433	-54.5% 93.3%	
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"The average return for RSA's funds for the last 25 years is about 8.2%. And, although the market went through the worst period of returns in its history during the last 10 years, that trend ended in 2009. The fiscal year 2012, the RSA's returns were over 18%. In fact, RSA returns for the more than three-year period from October 1, 2009, through the end of February 2013, have averaged over 10% per year, well above RSA's 8% benchmark."

~ DAVID G. BRONNER



Leading



Economic Development in the Shoals

In 2013, FreightCar America, Inc. sub-leased approximately 25% of the Navistar, Inc. manufacturing plant in Cherokee, AL. The plant in the Barton Riverfront Industrial Park was built in 2007 by Canadian-based National Steel Car. The company struggled financially due to a downturn in the railcar industry, and the Retirement Systems of Alabama stepped in to take over operations at what became known as National Alabama. It was leased to Navistar in 2011 to manufacture medium and heavy buses, defense trucks, and mid-range diesel engines. Last year, Navistar announced that it would build a new truck at the facility, but plans have been put on hold.

Now, FreightCar plans to build up to 7,000 railcars annually at the plant. When fully operational, the FreightCar plant in Alabama will have 400-500 employees. FreightCar is responsible for 70 percent of the coal cars produced in the United States and plans to diversify its product, with the Barton plant at the center of that plan. FreightCar America CEO Ed Whalen commented, "We appreciate very much the support that we have received from the State of Alabama, the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the Shoals Economic Development Authority, and many others from the greater Shoals area as we begin operations here."

Advancing



Growing





Equity Activity

Looking back at the stock market the past 12 months, one could conclude that investors have been pleasantly surprised by the returns. FY2013 was not dissimilar to the past couple of years where there were a handful of macro events that kept investor sentiment in check. Global growth has cooled, with noticeable slowdowns in some of the emerging market countries and continued sluggishness in Europe. We had geopolitical issues (Syria, Iran) and continued bipartisan feuding in Washington, not to mention the prospect of the Fed winding down QE3. Through all of this, the market continued to grind higher.

We had a couple of growth scares, one in the spring and another in late summer, yet corporate profitability has continued to grow. One of the noticeable aspects of this has been the somewhat dour tone that managements have displayed around the quarterly earnings reports. It has become somewhat systematic of managements to reset the bar on forward guidance and then slightly beat numbers. This has been good as it has tempered Wall Street expectations, as well as it has weighed on investor sentiment.

What lies ahead is especially interesting at this point. Inflation remains below most central bank targets, and on the whole, we are still experiencing global central bank easing. Most recessions are caused or coincide with Fed tightening, and the prospect of Fed tightening in the near future is pretty remote.

Valuations on stocks are not as attractive as this time last year, as P/E multiples have expanded a couple of points. But, on a relative basis, stocks are attractive vs. bonds. We have continued to be a net seller and maintain roughly the same equity weighting which is at the high end of our allocation range. We have also continued to put in place some hedges on parts of the portfolio to protect gains we have experienced. We have been underweight emerging markets for years, and that underweighting paid off this year as emerging markets on average severely lagged returns in developed markets.

Recently, we have seen less correlation in stocks, which bodes well for stock picking. The past few years have definitely benefited indexing strategies which we employ widely within the equity portfolio. Looking ahead, we look to shift some money from index to active strategies if correlations remain low.

For the year, the RSA domestic equity portfolios increased 21.46%, 21.38%, and 20.40% for TRS, ERS, and JRF funds, respectively. International equity returns were a mixed bag with developed markets doing very well and emerging markets lagging. Total international equity returns were positive with TRS up 21.54%, ERS up 21.33%, and JRF up 21.29%. The combined total return for the overall equity portfolios were 21.50%, 21.39%, and 20.61% for TRS, ERS, and JRF, respectively. Three-, five-, and ten-year annualized global equity returns were 14.21%, 9.36%, and 8.15% for TRS, 14.24%, 9.38%, and 8.15% for ERS, and 14.57%, 9.78%, and 7.72% for JRF, respectively. ▶

Fixed Income Activity

At the beginning of fiscal year 2013, the Federal Open Market Committee had recently announced its third round of quantitative easing (QE3), an open-ended commitment to purchase agency mortgage-backed securities until economic conditions warrant otherwise. Spreads within the mortgage-backed sector tightened dramatically and risk assets in general performed very well during this time.

In October, the risk-taking trend continued with positive economic data and marked improvement within the housing sector. Mortgage investors did take some money off the table after the massive spread tightening in September, pushing MBS spreads 30bps wider in the month. It appears these profits were reinvested into corporate debt as the asset class outperformed by approximately 150bps during the month.

During the first few weeks of November, market sentiment shifted and risk aversion prevailed. Political uncertainty in regards to the election and fiscal cliff, coupled with third quarter revenue misses, encouraged investors to deploy capital into safer assets. The rally in government debt proved to be short-lived with the increasing probability of a fiscal cliff compromise.

Policymakers also enacted a \$45 billion treasury program to go along with the \$40 billion in mortgages being purchased on a monthly basis. Spread product

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Investments

10-YEARS

8.09

8.08

5-YEARS

10.24

10.21

Fixed Income Activity FISCAL YEAR 2013 (continued)

across all sectors outperformed treasuries during the month of December.

Interest rates continued to increase into the new calendar year, with the 10-year treasury hitting 2% for the first time since last April. This move came on the heels of better economic data and a favorable solution to the major parts of the fiscal cliff. This environment produced solid returns in equities and sizable outperformance within the high-yield market. Corporate supply in January was fairly robust, reaching \$115 billion in high-grade issuance. Financials, once again, outgained its industrial and utility counterparts within the corporate sector.

Rising political risks in Europe, magnified by the Italian election results, provided a brief pause in investor optimism in the following weeks. Investment grade debt marginally outperformed government securities during this period, but returns for the most part were rate-driven with little spread movement. Agency and mortgage-backed securities underperformed due to their smaller interest rate sensitivities.

In mid-March, after being downgraded by Moody's to junk status, the Cypriot Government agreed to deal with European policymakers and the International Monetary Fund. This agreement allowed the country to restructure its much-maligned banking sector and save it from a disorderly bankruptcy.

On the domestic front, a weak payroll report for the month of March and lower-than-expected growth for the first quarter provided a perfect storm for a dramatic drop in treasury yields. The intermediate and long-end of the curve rallied approximately 40bps in short order, resulting in April becoming the best performing month of the fiscal year.

During the month of May, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, caught investors by surprise stating, "the Fed could reduce bond purchases in the next few meetings if data supports it," in his testimony to Congress. This idea of tapering was interpreted as the first signal of a possible change in monetary policy. This action led to an abrupt increase in interest rates and a roughly 30bp backup in mortgage spreads as the largest player in the MBS market appeared to be stepping away from the table. The bearish trend continued in June as the head of the Federal Reserve reinforced this notion that if the

data is consistent with policymakers' forecasts then it "would be appropriate to moderate the monthly pace of purchases later this year."

Corporate supply volumes came to a halt as higher yields and elevated volatility kept issuers at bay. Agency and mortgage-backed investors fared better than corporate debt holders during this sell-off due to their lower duration profiles. Consensus had become that the 33-year bull market in fixed income that produced high single-digit returns annually was finally coming to an end.

By early September, the 10-year treasury yield had eclipsed 3% from the 1.6% area reached just four months earlier. It appears that the Federal Reserve took notice of the damage it had inflicted on the fixed income market over the last couple of months and opted to stay the course in its current easing program. The decision not to taper its purchases of treasury and mortgage-backed securities at the September meeting further confused economists and investors alike. The inaction by policymakers came in the midst of an uninspiring payroll report, coupled with uncertainties surrounding the debt ceiling and a potential government shutdown.

At the end of the day, these concerns and a still fragile housing recovery carried more weight at the Fed than the market had anticipated. The bond market received the news favorably, resulting in positive returns across all asset classes. The mortgage market benefited the most unsurprisingly, posting an excess return of 70bps.

In actuality, none of the things that have transpired over the course of this fiscal year should come as a total surprise. The unwinding of the Fed's multi-year quantitative easing programs will come to fruition at some point in time despite the delay. Regardless, short-term rates will remain low for an extended amount of time to ensure that economic growth stays on a positive trajectory. If there is any doubt, there shouldn't be, as one of the more dovish board members of the Federal Reserve, current Vice Chair Janet Yellen, is set to take the reigns early next year.

For the fiscal year, the total annual returns for the public domestic fixed income portfolios were (.62%) for the TRS and (.65%) for the ERS and (.33%) for the JRF. The five-year annualized returns were 7.09% for the TRS and 7.09% for the ERS and 7.19% for the JRF. The ten-year annualized returns were 5.89% for the TRS and 5.89% for the ERS and 5.77% for the JRF.

Maturity Structure

The management of maturities for the bond portfolio is an integral part of the RSA's objective of providing a stable cash flow to meet retirement benefit needs. The RSA has historically structured its purchases in longer-term securities with intermediate call protection or average lives in order to meet its retirement obligations.

MATURITY STRUCTURE (IN %)

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		TRS			ERS	
YEARS TO MATURITY	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011
0 TO <5	26.0	29.0	27.0	26.0	30.0	27.9
5 TO <10	19.0	20.0	22.9	18.0	19.0	21.7
10 TO <30	54.0	50.0	48.6	55.0	50.0	49.0
= OR >30	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.4

Quality Evaluation

The RSA continued its long-standing policy of investing in high quality fixed income products. Bond ratings, however, provide only a starting point in the evaluation of the relative investment qualities of a bond. Times have changed dramatically over the past decade and few companies today have a rating of AAA to A. Many companies are now rated BAA or lower.

QUALITY EVALUATION (IN %)

			TRS			ERS		
1	RATING	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011	
	AAA	26	28	29	25	27	27	
1	AA	1	2	4	1	2	4	
	A	9	8	8	8	8	8	
	BAA	13	15	14	13	14	14	
	ВА	1	2	2	1	2	2	
	NOT RATED	50	45	43	52	47	45	
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Investment Returns / 2013

r the period	ended Sep	tember 30,	2013	(Percent)

JRF	20.40	16.54	10.53	8.10
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL EQUITY				
TRS	21.54	8.04	6.55	8.52
ERS	21.33	7.98	6.54	8.51
JRF	21.29	7.88	6.89	N/A

21.46

3-YEARS

16.24

16.16

TOTAL FIXED INCOME AND ALTERNATIVES

TOTAL DOMESTIC EQUITY

TRS	5.63	7.72	3.19	4.08
ERS	5.82	7.88	2.41	3.68
JRF	0.52	3.74	6.12	5.61

TOTAL RSA RETURNS

TRS	14.93	11.45	6.68	6.29
ERS	14.60	11.40	6.17	5.97
JRF	14.05	10.89	8.74	7.06

BENCHMARKS

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S&P 500	19.34	16.27	10.02	7.57	
DJIA	15.59	14.94	9.93	7.74	
MIDCAP 400	27.68	17.45	13.08	10.84	
SMALLCAP 600	31.51	20.68	12.40	11.14	
MORGAN STANLEY EAFE	23.77	8.47	6.35	8.01	
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS	0.98	-0.33	7.22	12.80	
CITIGROUP BIG	-1.67	2.85	5.41	4.72	
BARCLAYS	-1.68	2.86	5.41	4.59	

"I have the perspective of over 40 years' experience as CEO of the RSA. I have seen incredible swings in market conditions, from the astronomical interest rates of the late 1970s and early 1980s to the dot com bust in the late 1990s to the more recent housing crisis. I understand that the RSA must be operated with an understanding of the past and a view towards the horizon, not based on panic arising from short-term and temporary conditions."

~ DAVID G. BRONNER







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Financial Statements | Teachers' Retirement System

STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012			STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSE FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013		
		(\$ IN THOUSANDS)			(\$ IN THOUSANDS)
	2013	2012		2013	2012
ASSETS			ADDITIONS		
CASH	\$ 26,140	\$ 19,611			
	+ ==,=::	<u> </u>	CONTRIBUTIONS		
RECEIVABLES			Employee	\$ 474,241	\$ 456,518
Employee contributions	37,717	36,553	Employer	627,892	618,306
	,	′	Transfers from Employees'	0.045	0.010
Employer contributions	50,937	50,397	Retirement System	3,345	2,016
Investment sales	14,605	30,786	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS INVESTMENT INCOME	1,105,478	1,076,840
Real estate investment	1,038	1,072	From investing activities		
Dividends and interest	69,232	75,943	Net increase in fair value		
			of investments	2,090,646	2,349,955
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	173,529	194,751	Interest and dividends	638,766	634,695
			Total investment income from investing activities	2,729,412	2,984,650
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE			Less investment expenses:	5,712	5,260
Domestic equities	10,514,970	8,784,801	Net investment income		
Domestic fixed income	4,762,920	4,809,707	from investing activities	2,723,700	2,979,390
International equities	2,951,446	2,504,647	From securities lending activities		
Real estate	1,963,274	1,919,222	Securities lending income	12,753	13,670
Short-term	378,156	669,681	Less securities lending expenses:		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	20,570,766	18,688,058	Borrower rebates	401	433
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	20,070,700		Management fees	3,346	3,465
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1 100 000	1.011.110	Total securities lending expenses	3,747	3,898
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1,166,230	1,211,112	Net income from securities lending activities	9,006	9,772
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT			Total net investment income	2,732,706	2,989,162
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	96,071	99,848	TOTAL ADDITIONS	3,838,184	4,066,002
TOTAL ASSETS	22,032,736	20,213,380			
			DEDUCTIONS		
LIADILITIEC			Retirement allowance payments	1,893,321	1,800,805
LIABILITIES			Return of contributions and death benefits	55,891	49,453
			Transfers to Employees' Retirement System	1,823	1,937
Accounts payable and other liabilities	4,948	4,619	Administrative expenses	12,591	11,555
Investment purchases	38,095	45,064	Depreciation	4,312	4,344
Other postemployment benefit obligations	3,091	2,459	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	1,967,938	1,868,094
Securities lending collateral	1,166,230	1,211,112	NET INCREASE	1,870,246	2,197,908
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,212,364	1,263,254	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	2,070,240	2,207,000
NET ACCETS HELD IN TRUCT			Beginning of the year	18,950,126	16,752,218
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 20,820,372	\$ 18,950,126	END OF THE YEAR	\$ 20,820,372	\$ 18,950,126

Employees' Retirement System | Financial Statements



STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012			STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSE FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013		
.,		(\$ IN THOUSANDS)	(\$1		
	2013	2012	ADDITIONS	2013	2012
ASSETS			ADDITIONS		
CASH	\$ 4,461	\$ 3,320	CONTRIBUTIONS		
			Employee	\$ 221,823	\$ 214,933
RECEIVABLES			Employer	338,819	317,520
Employee contributions	17,997	18,178	Transfers from Teachers' Retirement System	1,823	1,937
Employer contributions	29,798	27,392	ŕ		
Investment sales	7,612	15,341			
Real estate investment	519	536	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	562,465	534,390
Dividends and interest	32,536	35,810	INVESTMENT INCOME From investing activities		
Dividends and interest	02,000		Net increase in fair value		
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	00 160	07.257	of investments	984,714	1,114,737
IUIAL RECEIVADLES	88,462	97,257	Interest and dividends	310,220	310,748
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE			Total investment income from investing activities	1,294,934	1,425,485
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE			Less investment expenses:	2,549	2,256
Domestic equities	5,056,820	4,245,713	Net investment income		
Domestic fixed income	2,266,097	2,306,928	from investing activities	1,292,385	1,423,229
International equities	1,309,366	1,112,997	From securities lending activities	F 700	C 445
Real estate	955,067	933,431	Securities lending income Less securities lending expenses:	5,780	6,445
Short-term	389,145	467,012	Borrower rebates	186	174
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	9,976,495	9,066,081	Management fees	1,519	1,642
			Total securities lending expenses	1,705	1,816
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	500,085	557,759	Net income from securities		
			lending activities	4,075	4,629
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT			Total net investment income TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,296,460	1,427,858
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	47,760	49,595	TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,858,925	1,962,248
TOTAL ASSETS	10,617,263	9,774,012	DEDUCTIONS		
			Retirement allowance payments	895,475	848,464
			Return of contributions and death benefits	44,837	40,746
LIABILITIES			Transfers to Teachers' Retirement System	3,345	2,016
			Transfers to Judicial Retirement Fund	242	164
Accounts payable and other liabilities	2,875	2,999	Administrative expenses	9,767	10,616
Investment purchases	19,122	21,936	Depreciation	2,015	1,981
Other postemployment benefit obligations	3,241	2,622	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	955,681	903,987
Securities lending collateral	500,085	557,759	NET INCREASE	903,244	1,058,261
TOTAL LIABILITIES	525,323	585,316	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS		
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST			Beginning of the year	9,188,696	8,130,435
FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 10,091,940	\$ 9,188,696	END OF THE YEAR	\$ 10,091,940	\$ 9,188,696



Financial Statements | Judicial Retirement Fund

		(\$ IN THOUSANDS)		(4	IN THOUSAND
	2013	2012		2013	20
ASSETS			ADDITIONS		
CASH	\$ 1,981	\$ 1,712			
			CONTRIBUTIONS		
RECEIVABLES			Employee	\$ 3,677	\$ 3,51
Employee contributions	168	161	Employer	13,903	10,74
Employer contributions	481	369	Transfers from Employees'	0.40	1.0
. ,			Retirement System Total contributions	242	14.40
Investment sales	1	228	INVESTMENT INCOME	17,822	14,42
Dividends and interest	965	1,025	From investing activities		
			Net increase in fair value		
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	1,615	1,783	of investments	25,207	32,11
			Interest and dividends	6,912	6,74
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE			Total investment income		
Domestic equities	144,746	122,145	from investing activities	32,119	38,86
Domestic fixed income	60,091	64,947	Net investment income		
International equities	39,348	33,357	from investing activities	32,119	38,86
Real estate	3,062	3,016	From securities lending activities		
Short-term	5,755	9,585	Securities lending income	184	21
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			Less securities lending expenses:		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	253,002	233,050	Borrower rebates	10	1
			Management fees	48	5
NVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	25,187	24,470	Total securities lending expenses	58	6
			Net income from securities	100	1.5
TOTAL ASSETS	281,785	261,015	lending activities Total net investment income	126	39,01
			TOTAL ADDITIONS	32,245 50,067	53,43
LIABILITIES			TOTAL ADDITIONS		33,40
Accounts payable and other liabilities	90	102	DEDUCTIONS		
nvestment purchases payable	116	535			
Other postemployment benefit obligations	32	27	Retirement allowance payments	29,112	27,18
Securities lending collateral	25,187	24,470	Return of contributions and death benefits	196	25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	25,425	25,134	Administrative expenses TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	280 29,588	25 27,69
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NET ACCETC HELD IN TRUCT			NET INCREASE	20,479	25,74
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 256,360	\$ 235,881	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST		
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			Beginning of the year	235,881	210,13
			END OF THE YEAR	\$ 256,360	\$ 235,88

Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Fund | Financial Statements



BALANCE SHEETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012			STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, & CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012					
	2	013	(\$ IN T	HOUSANDS) 2012			2013	(\$ IN THOUSANDS) 2012
ASSETS			_		OPERATING REVENUES	_		
CASH	\$ 7,	326	\$	6,800	Premiums	\$	742,514	\$ 742,224
RECEIVABLES						_		
Premiums	1,	901		1,836	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE OPERATING EXPENSES	_	742,514	742,224
Prescription drug rebates	4,	674		3,318	Claims		774,060	739,984
					Administrative		3,203	2,779
Interest		17	_	65	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	_	777,263	742,763
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	6,	592	_	5,219	OPERATING (LOSS)		(34,749)	(539)
DEPOSIT WITH CLAIMS-PAYING AGENT	1,	896		387	INVESTMENT REVENUES			
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	164,	625	_	203,447	Interest income	_	507	778
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 180,	439	\$	215,853	TOTAL INVESTMENT REVENUES	_	507	778
LIADILITIES					TOTAL (LOSS) / INCOME	_	(34,242)	239
ACCOUNTS DAYABLE	\$	240	\$	254	FUND FOULTY	_		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	*	249	Þ	254	FUND EQUITY Beginning of the year	_	150,188	149,949
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE		418		416	END OF THE YEAR	\$	115,946	\$ 150,188
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS REPORTED CLAIMS PAYABLE		627 662		494 26,117				
CLAIMS INCURRED BUT NOT REPORTED		537		38,384	TOTAL CLAIMS EXPENSE ACTIVE AND RET (\$ IN THOUSANDS)	IRED		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	64,	493	_	65,665	1,500,000 1,400,000 1,200,000 1,100,000 1,000,000 900,000	\$1,123,19	\$1,144,864	\$1,181,939 PEEHIP
FUND EQUITY-UNRESTRICTED					800,000 700,000	EEH		
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	115,	946		150,188	600,000 — 500,000 — 400,000 —			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 180,	439	\$	215,853	300,000 200,000 100,000 2009 2010	2011	2012	2013



Financial Statements | Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust

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STATEMENTS OF PLAN ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012			STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012					
		(\$ IN ⁻	THOUSANDS)			(\$ IN TH	HOUSANDS)	
	2013		2012		2013		2012	
ASSETS		_		ADDITIONS		_		
RECEIVABLES				CONTRIBUTIONS				
Prescription drug rebates	\$ 7,778	\$	3,968	Employee	\$ 98,215	\$	97,392	
Medicare Part D subsidy	-		5,350	Employer	310,444		307,206	
Interest and dividends	3,487		3,810	Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Medicare Part D retiree	28,340		-	
Investment sales receivable	3		1,343	drug subsidy	6,276		27,977	
Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP)	20,709		1,040	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	443,275		432,575	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	31,977	_	14,471	INVESTMENT INCOME				
DEPOSIT WITH CLAIMS-PAYING AGENT	684	_	200	From investing activities				
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	004		200	Net increase in fair value of investments	92.004		101,185	
	124 002		99,997	Interest and dividends	83,994 24,739		22,882	
Commercial paper	124,993		<i>'</i>	Total investment income	24,700		22,002	
Money market funds	27,139		41,173	from investment activities	108,733		124,067	
U.S. government guaranteed bonds	95,006		96,914	From securities lending activities				
U.S. agency securities	33,904		33,382	Securities lending income	756		814	
Mortgage-backed securities	47,682		46,862	Less securities lending expenses:	0.4		0.0	
Corporate bonds	132,449		120,910	Borrower rebates Management fees	24 199		22 209	
International securities	117,241		97,602	Total security lending expenses	223		231	
Common stocks	495,161	_	416,428	Income from securities			201	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,073,575	_	953,268	lending activities	533		583	
INVESTED SECURITIES	71 000		CE 211	Total investment income	109,266		124,650	
LENDING COLLATERAL	71,200		65,311	TOTAL ADDITIONS	552,541		557,225	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,177,436	<u> </u>	1,033,250					
LIADULTIEC				DEDUCTIONS				
LIABILITIES		_		BENEFITS	407,879		404,880	
REPORTED CLAIMS PAYABLE	\$ 9,625	\$	14,679	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	407,879		404,880	
INVESTMENTS PURCHASES PAYABLE	439		2,942	NET INCREASE	144,662	_	152,345	
MEDICARE PART D SUBSIDY PAYABLE	255		-	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER				
CLAIMS INCURRED BUT NOT REPORTED	20,977		20,040	POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS Beginning of the year	930,278		777,933	
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	71,200	_	65,311	END OF THE YEAR	\$ 1,074,940	\$	930,278	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	102,496		102,972	The Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan	n (PFFHIP) nrovidos h	nealth care fo	or active an	
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	\$ 1,074,940	\$	930,278	retired public education employees. Blue Cross and Plan and the Flexible Spending Account Plan; Southland	Blue Shield administe	ers the Hosp	pital Medica	

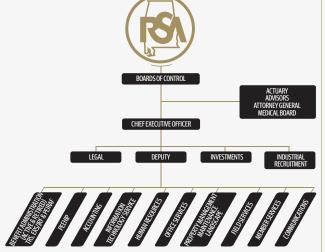
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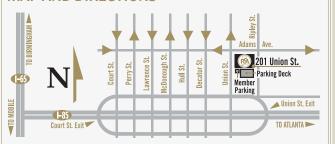
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FROM THE WEST

Follow Highway 80 to I-65. Follow I-65 North to Montgomery. Approaching Montgomery, stay in the right-hand lane and exit onto I-85 North to Atlanta. Continue in the right-hand lane; then take the first exit, which is Court Street. Stay on the service road until you reach Union Street. Turn left on Union Street. Continue on Union Street through two traffic lights. The RSA Headquarters is on the right side before Adams Avenue. Members may park in the open lot in front of the parking deck.

FROM THE EAST

Follow I-85 South to downtown Montgomery and take the Union Street exit on the right. Take the first right on the service road onto Union Street. Continue on Union Street through one traffic light. The RSA Headquarters is on the right before Adams Avenue. Members may park in the open lot in front of the parking deck.

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