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## State's critical financial data will be safe in a massive earthquake or other disaster

*Recent test illustrates importance of secure network at Oregon State Treasury*

SALEM – A massive tremblor will not shake the security and safety of Oregon's critical financial data.

Recently completed "disaster recovery" testing by the Oregon State Treasury verified the state's financial information is safe and business will continue, even in the event of a disaster that causes a catastrophic computer failure in Oregon.

The annual preparedness analysis is part of the rigor for the Treasury's secure and separate computer network, which protects public funds by allowing only limited access, maintaining electronic barriers against unauthorized break-ins, and backing up data at secure satellite locations.

"Oregonians can rest easier knowing that we are prepared and the state's financial data is secure," said State Treasurer Ben Westlund. "The safety of this information is critical."

The Treasury computer system handles millions of banking transactions annually for state agencies and local governments across the state, including cities, counties and school districts. The Treasury network protects investment trade secrets and monitors more than \$65 billion in investments, which are managed on behalf of public retirees, schoolchildren and other beneficiaries.

In 2008, financial transactions through the Treasury totaled more than \$160 billion.

In this year's test, data saved at a separate off-site location in Scottsdale, Ariz., was verified and used to restart the Oregon State Treasury's financial systems. The Department of Revenue also participated in the exercise, which showed no problems.

“We feel confident that during an emergency situation we can continue to provide financial resilience for the State,” said Bill Norfleet, business continuity planning coordinator for the Department of Revenue. “There are many facets to State Government but the financial underpinning has been addressed.”

The Arizona facility is run by SunGard Data Services, a disaster recovery industry leader which is under contract to provide data backup and recovery services.

“We validated our internal recovery procedures, and we verified that the Oregon State Treasury can support our customers remotely in the event we must bring up systems elsewhere,” said Ronald Pope, Chief Information Officer for the Oregon State Treasury

The Information Services division manages and maintains the technology functions of the Treasurer’s Office, which include security protocols, software management, networking, telecommunications and other computing resources.

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