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## **New Mexico ERB Investment Performance Shows Continued Strength**

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Santa Fe - The latest quarterly investment report for the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB) shows continued strong growth investment performance. For the first nine months of fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011), the fund gained \$1.3 billion from investment results.

"These results continue to validate our long term investment strategy", said Mary Lou Cameron, Chair of the Educational Retirement Board. "Our investment performance continues to strengthen the fund by growing the assets available to provide benefits for current and future retirees." This is an investment return of 18.5% and brings total assets of the fund up to \$9.5 billion.

This performance ranks in the 78th percentile of public pension funds with assets of \$1 billion or more in the nation over this time period. Given the Board's strategy of maintaining a lower risk portfolio through reduced equity allocations, this result is consistent with expectations in a strong bull market for stocks.

Over the past five years the fund returned 4.8% per year, ranking in the top 24% of the same group of public funds. While the five-year results are below the target return of 7.75% per year, capital markets have been very turbulent over this time period. For example, the S&P 500 index, a widely followed group of large U.S. stocks, returned only 2.6% over the same time period. Given the market environment with its continued volatility, ERB's investments have done well.

Quarterly investment reports are available at [www.nmerb.org/fundstatus.htm](http://www.nmerb.org/fundstatus.htm). For more information, contact Bob Jacksha, NMERB Chief Investment Officer, at (505) 827-8030.