



DAN RUTHERFORD

Treasurer

Dan Rutherford (Republican) was elected State Treasurer on Nov. 2, 2010. As a former state legislator and successful businessman in the private sector, Treasurer Rutherford understands the fiscal challenges facing Illinois. He believes the Treasurer's office must constantly monitor its programs as well as the public's needs to ensure that services are necessary, attractive and a responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

Treasurer Rutherford has streamlined the office's operations by closing six satellite offices and reorganizing staff, and slashed the use of taxpayer-funded fleet vehicles, cell-phones and landlines. These measures have allowed Rutherford to statutorily cut the office's general revenue operational budget to below that of the previous decade. Treasurer Rutherford also convened a volunteer committee of private-sector representatives to help him analyze programs, costs and service-delivery to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

The primary responsibility of the State Treasurer is to wisely invest public funds for the maximum return. As a result, Treasurer Rutherford's priorities are to assure taxpayers that all funds will be properly managed, and ensure that state investments are as protected as possible from market fluctuations. As the state's banker, Treasurer Rutherford is responsible for investing more than \$16 billion in taxpayer dollars. To that end, he has instituted a weekly review of Illinois' portfolio performance to prevent potential losses.

Treasurer Rutherford spearheaded the push for a second Technology Development Account (TDAII) in the office. The plan allows up to 2 percent of the state's portfolio to be invested in technology ventures that will boost business expansion and job growth in Illinois.

Both the Bright Start and Bright Directions college-savings plans have seen a resurgence in popularity under Rutherford's administration. From the end of 2010 through the first half of 2013, Bright Start assets increased by 41 percent, while Bright Directions assets increased by 75 percent.

In his office's Unclaimed Property Division, Treasurer Rutherford returned \$129 million to taxpayers in 2012, a 27 percent increase over the previous year.

Prior to becoming State Treasurer, Rutherford spent 18 years in the General Assembly, including 10 years in the House as a Representative for the 87th district and seven years in the Senate representing the 53rd Legislative District. He served as Assistant Minority Leader from 2009 until his election as Treasurer, and was named Legislator of the Year multiple times. He also was recognized for outstanding service by numerous economic, agricultural and conservation organizations.

Treasurer Dan Rutherford was born in Pontiac in 1955 and earned his B.S. degree in business administration from Illinois State University. He has spent more than 27 years as a businessman in the private sector and has traveled to every continent. As a conservationist, Rutherford has personally established wildlife habitats and planted thousands of trees and shrubs at his home in rural Livingston County.

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