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**Year-End Report Shows
Wisconsin Credit Unions Performed Well in 2010**

(Madison, WI) DFI Secretary Peter Bildsten said today that Wisconsin's 223 state-chartered credit unions continued to perform well overall in 2010 despite challenging economic times. He based his comments on key year-end financial indicators detailed in the newly published State of Wisconsin Office of Credit Unions Bulletin.

"I am happy to report that Wisconsin's credit unions functioned very well in 2010 even though they faced difficult market conditions," said Secretary Bildsten. "I congratulate them on their outstanding efforts. Wisconsin citizens can take comfort in knowing their credit unions are sound."

Total credit union assets increased to \$20.7 billion as of December 31, 2010. The total reflected a 5.71 percent growth rate and an increase of \$966 million over 2009. Net worth of credit unions increased 5.76 percent over 2009, an increase of \$89 million. Total net worth at year-end 2010 stood at \$2 billion, a net worth ratio of nearly 10 percent.

"I think the indicators for 2010 look very positive when you consider the environment," agreed Ginger Larson, Director of the Office of Credit Unions. "I am cautiously optimistic that they will continue in 2011."

Wisconsin credit unions reported earning of \$95 million in 2010. The figure includes deduction of the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF) premium expense and temporary corporate credit union stabilization fund assessment. The premium and assessment totaled \$43 million. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) administers the NCUSIF as a means of providing deposit insurance to protect deposits of credit union members at insured institutions in the U.S.

The 2010 net income ratio after the premium and assessment stood at 0.47 percent—remaining very similar to 2009 when it stood at 0.46 percent. The 2010 operating expense ratio climbed slightly to 3.67 percent compared to 3.54 percent in 2009.

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The indicators for loans and savings also reflected good overall performance. Loans increased by \$373 million in 2010 to a total of \$15.8 billion. Savings grew even more rapidly than loans with an increase of \$1.0 billion. The changes resulted in the loan to savings ratio declining from 90.7 percent in 2009 to 88 percent in 2010. Delinquent loans as a percentage of loans decreased from 2.01 percent in 2009 to 1.87 percent in 2010. Credit unions increased their allowance for loan losses from \$157 million at year-end 2009 to \$175 million at year-end 2010.

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