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# INTRODUCTORY SECTION



Dear Fellow IMET Participants:

We hereby submit to you the eleventh Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET), which covers the fiscal year of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. We are pleased to report that IMET met its investment objectives for the 1-3 Year Series in fiscal year 2007 which included allowing for a Councils of Government (COG) consulting fee to be paid for the first time in four years. Additionally, IMET was busy and productive with its other investment fund, the Convenience Fund, securing rate guarantees on the Convenience Fund that are superior to competition for 100% liquid funds. Fiscal year 2007 also brought a renewed use of IMET's arbitrage rebate calculation services to its membership, a service offered at no cost or low cost depending on member account balances.

The economy experienced some gyrations in fiscal 2007 with short-term rates flattening the yield curve earlier in the year due to increases in the federal funds rates. As rates stabilized, we saw rallies in the U.S. Treasury market and ended the year with a more traditional yield curve as rates began to increase on longer-term investments. Both inflation and recession have been concerns during fiscal 2007 as the floundering housing market and subprime debt issues became a reality for many lenders. The result has been dramatic volatility in the equity markets and the Federal Reserve Bank response of lowering the federal funds target rate. This interest rate environment, and resulting flight to safety, proved beneficial for investors in both the IMET Convenience Series as well as the IMET 1-3 Year Series. The IMET Convenience Series return is fixed to the federal funds target rate, which was at 5.25% for the majority of the year until the first drop in four years on September 18, 2007. The IMET Convenience Series finished the year with a rate of 4.75% as of September 30, 2007. Interest rates also proved beneficial for the IMET 1-3 Year Series, particularly as short-term rates stabilized and IMET's portfolio managers at JP Morgan Asset Management continued to look for value and return in duration of investments. Combined net assets for both series increased by 10.3 percent during the fiscal year from \$349,728,903 to \$386,933,372. IMET proudly welcomed 7 new members in fiscal 2007 and now serves more than 170 municipalities, pension funds, and other public agencies.

The 2007 fiscal year continued to bring operational change and improvement, as IMET completed its changeover to the new custodian and transfer agent and fund accounting service provider, Harris Bank and PMA Financial Network, respectively. As a result of these new partnerships, IMET has enhanced services to its members including:

• The Fund has a new online transaction and reporting system that allows participants to initiate deposits, withdrawals, and fund transfers online. Previously, participants had online information access exclusively -- without transaction capabilities.

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- Participants are now able to choose whether to receive transaction confirmations and account statements via U.S. mail, online access, or even via password protected email.
- IMET participants can now access the IMET Operations Desk at a very easy-to-remember toll free number: (888) 288-IMET.
- Transaction requests may be placed up to one year in advance, and county tax revenues can now be issued directly to an IMET Fund.

Our committees were active during the fiscal year. Our ongoing effort to provide the best service possible to IMET participants at a reasonable, pooled price has also led our New Products Committee in the investigation of a longer-term investment option as identified in our member survey and focus group meetings. The Personnel Committee performed a review of IMET's personnel and benefits package. The review resulted in improvements, particularly in benefits. We also continued to have at least one non-Trustee member on each Committee; a much appreciated and highly valuable volunteer resource for IMET.

IMET's 1-3 Year Series continues to qualify for the highest ratings available from Standard & Poor's rating service for its credit and market risk ratings. Standard & Poor's continues to assign IMET its 'AAAf' credit quality rating based on the extremely high quality of the fund's portfolio as well as the adviser's strong risk management and compliance oversight capabilities and 'S1' volatility rating due to its low sensitivity to changing market conditions.

In mid-fiscal 2007, IMET Executive Director, Michelle Saddler, departed IMET to pursue an exciting new opportunity with Lifelink Corporation as Director of International Adoption. Michelle left an enduring legacy of achievement, commitment, leadership, and friendship which IMET will always remember fondly. During the transition period that followed, IMET was pleased to welcome back Diane Lantz as Interim Co-Director to work along with IMET staff Deb Zimmerman and Marina Durso during the search for Michelle's replacement. In June, IMET enthusiastically introduced Laura F. Allen as the new Executive Director, only the third director in IMET's history. At the same time, the change has focused IMET on reaching out to our important partners, the Councils of Government (COG). The COG provide ongoing assistance and consulting services as valued business partners of IMET. The consulting COG are: the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, the Northwest Municipal Conference, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, the West Central Municipal Conference, and the Will County Governmental League. We owe our gratitude to all those who have contributed to IMET's development and success. In particular, we express our appreciation to our COG, our former Executive Directors Bill Stafford and Michelle Saddler, our former Board Chairs Dave Cook and Grace Turi, and to all our former Trustees.

Finally, in fiscal year 2007, IMET extended a warm goodbye and best wishes to long-time Board members and dedicated IMET supporters, Gary Holmes of the Village of Lemont and Leonard Flood of the Village of Lombard. Gary left his position as IMET's Vice Chair and was one of IMET's founding Trustees. Gary is remembered with admiration for his courage, vision, long-time dedication, and leadership during his twelve years of service on the IMET Board. Len retired from his position of Director of Finance and Treasurer in June and is recognized with appreciation after serving for seven years as a Trustee with the IMET Board. IMET is indebted to Len for his leadership, vision, and

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friendship. We are grateful to our former trustees, and we welcome the arrival of our new Board members. Chris Minick, Village Administrator for the Village of Plainfield, who was appointed by the Will County Governmental League to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Gary Holmes, and Gary Szott, Finance Director/Treasurer for the Village of Bloomingdale, who was appointed by the DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference to fill the vacancy created by Len Flood's retirement. We also congratulate Elizabeth Holleb, Director of Finance for the City of Highland Park, and Sue Stanish, Director of Finance for the Village of Willowbrook, who were appointed to the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Trustees.

Each member of the Board, each volunteer on IMET's standing committees, and each participant make IMET the strong, creative, and cooperative membership organization that it is and will continue to be. The IMET Board and staff look forward to continuing to work with IMET participants for the long-term success of the IMET fund. We are happy to offer IMET's services to all the public agencies in the State of Illinois.

In service with you,

Scott Bordui IMET Chair

Barra Valle

Laura F. Allen IMET Executive Director

Board of Trustees September 30, 2007

### ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN INVESTMENT FUND

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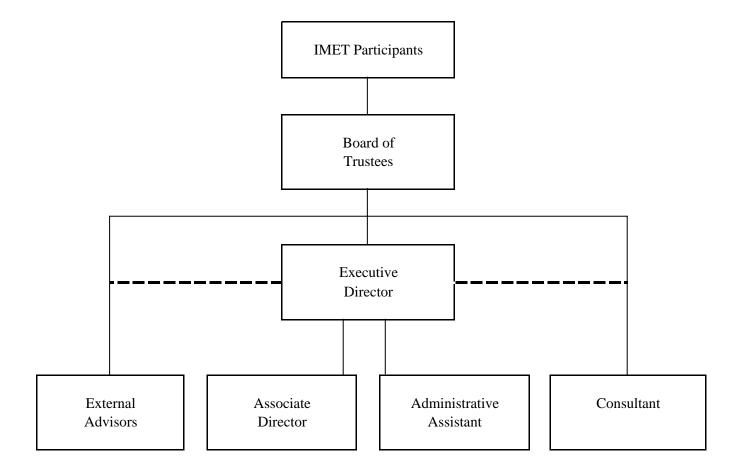
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Organizational Chart <u>September 30, 2007</u>

# FINANCIAL SECTION



ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Des Plaines, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying combining statement of net assets of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) as of September 30, 2007, and the related combining statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of IMET's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund as of September 30, 2007, and the changes in its net assets for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 6 and the schedule of funding progress on page 18 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise IMET's financial statements. The accompanying schedule of investments, listed in the table of contents as supplementary information, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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The Board of Trustees Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Des Plaines, Illinois

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The accompanying introductory and other statistical information sections, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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Certified Public Accountants

Northbrook, Illinois January 10, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year ended September 30, 2007

Management is pleased to provide this overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) for the years ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006. This information is intended to supplement the financial statements, which begin on page seven of the report.

#### Financial Highlights

The 2007 fiscal year saw a strong increase in assets, as total assets increased by \$37,215,272 to a balance of \$387,024,144 as of September 30, 2007. Total assets of the IMET 1-3 Year Series increased by \$1,684,506 to a balance of \$132,483,915 during fiscal year 2007, while total assets of the IMET Convenience Series increased by \$35,530,766 to a balance of \$254,540,229 as of September 30, 2007.

During fiscal year 2006, total assets of IMET (including the IMET 1-3 Year Series and the IMET Convenience Series) increased by \$57,192,268 to a balance of \$349,808,872 as of September 30, 2006. Total assets of the IMET 1-3 Year Series decreased by \$43,404,575 to a balance of \$130,799,409, while total assets of the IMET Convenience Series increased by \$100,596,843 to a balance of \$219,009,463 as of September 30, 2006.

Participants' equity in IMET was \$349,728,903 (\$130,764,704 in the IMET 1-3 Year Series and \$218,964,199 in the IMET Convenience Series) as of September 30, 2006 and \$386,933,372 (\$132,424,610 in the IMET 1-3 Year Series and \$254,508,762 in the IMET Convenience Series) as of September 30, 2007.

During fiscal year 2006 as well as fiscal year 2007, IMET's 1-3 Year Series successfully accomplished its investment objective of meeting or exceeding the return on the benchmark Lehman 1-3 Year Government Bond Index on a gross-of-fees basis. Although IMET's 1-3 Year Series did not outperform the 90 Day Treasury Bill rate for fiscal year 2006, fiscal 2007 saw IMET's 1-3 Year Series outperform the 90 Day Treasury Bill rate providing a net return to members of 5.60 percent. Due to a mostly stable interest rate environment with the rate declining in the last month of fiscal 2007, the IMET Convenience Series provided a stable investment option for members with a net 12 month return of 5.47 percent.

**Overview of the Financial Statements** 

The two basic financial statements of the Fund are the *Combining Statement of Net Assets* and the *Combining Statement of Changes in Net Assets*. The statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The *Combining Statement of Net Assets* is a measure of the Fund assets and liabilities at the close of the fiscal year. Total assets less liabilities equal net assets held in trust for IMET participants. The following table is a Condensed Statement of Net Assets for the years ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006.

	Condensed Statement of Net Assets											
		IMET 1-3 Year Series 2007		IMET 1-3 Year Series 2006	Co	IMET onvenience Series 2007	Co	IMET onvenience Series 2006		Total 2007		Total 2006
Total assets Total	\$ 13	2,483,915	\$ 13	0,799,409	\$ 25	4,540,229	\$ 21	9,009,463	\$ 38	7,024,144	\$ 34	9,808,872
liabilities	\$	59,305	\$	34,705	\$	31,467	\$	45,264	\$	90,772	\$	79,969
Total net assets	\$ 13	2,424,610	\$13	0,764,704	\$ 25	4,508,762	\$ 21	8,964,199	\$ 38	6,933,372	\$ 34	9,728,903

The *Combining Statement of Changes in Net Assets* shows purchases to and redemptions (withdrawals) from the Fund, as well as additions and deductions due to operations during the fiscal year. The net increase (or decrease) is the change in net assets owned by participants since the end of the previous fiscal year. The following table is a Condensed Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006.

	Condensed Statement of Changes in Net Assets											
		IMET 1-3 Year Series 2007		IMET 1-3 Year Series 2006	C	IMET Convenience Series 2007	C	IMET Convenience Series 2006		Total 2007		Total 2006
Total additions from operations Total operating expenses	\$ \$	7,531,491 406,101	\$ \$	5,287,789 408,103	\$ \$	12,907,429 412,780	\$ \$	8,925,306 455,349	\$ \$	20,438,920 818,881	\$ \$	14,213,095 863,452
Net additions from operations	\$	7,125,390	\$	4,879,686	\$	12,494,649	\$	8,469,957	\$	19,620,039	\$	13,349,643
Total distributions	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(12,494,649)	\$	(8,469,957)	\$	(12,494,649)	\$	(8,469,957)
Net additions (deductions) from capital share and individual account transactions	\$	(5,465,484)	\$ (	44,766,832)	\$	35,544,563	\$	100,574,901	\$	30,079,079	\$	55,808,069
Net increase (decrease)	\$	1,659,906	\$ (	39,887,146)	\$	35,544,563	\$	100,574,901	\$	37,204,469	\$	60,687,755
Net assets held in trust for participants: Beginning of year End of year		<u>30,764,704</u> 32,424,610		70,651,850		<u>218,964,199</u> 254,508,762		<u>118,389,298</u> 218,964,199	· ·	<u>349,728,903</u> 386,933,372		289,041,148 349,728,903

The *Notes to the Financial Statements* are a fundamental part of the financial statements and provide important information to augment the figures in the financial statements. The notes describe accounting policies and other financial information.

A *Schedule of Investments* is included to detail the types and amounts of investment instruments held by the IMET 1-3 Year Series.

#### Net Assets

During the year ended September 30, 2006, IMET's total net assets increased by \$60,687,755, to a total balance of \$349,728,903. This increase occurred as the Federal Reserve's policymaking Open Market Committee (FOMC) continued its tightening cycle and increased short-term interest rates six times during the 2006 fiscal year. These rising rates provided downward price pressure on the bond market and corresponding pressures on IMET 1-3 year investments. Many of the redemption transactions were, in fact, transfers from the IMET 1-3 Year Series to the IMET Convenience Series, as the IMET Convenience Series benefited each time the Federal Reserve increased short-term rates.

The interest rate environment stabilized for most of fiscal year 2007, as rates were kept constant until the end of fiscal 2007, when they were lowered once in September 2007. Total net assets of IMET increased by \$37,204,469 during fiscal year 2007. This net increase in total assets, in large part, was the result of participants investing bond proceeds and available short-term funds in IMET's shorter-term investment alternative, the IMET Convenience Series. However, some members sensed a buying opportunity towards the end of fiscal 2007 for the 1-3 Year Series when interest rates started to fall in September of 2007. Participants made net purchases in the IMET 1-3 Year Series of \$1,659,906 during fiscal year 2007, and participants made corresponding purchases in the IMET Convenience Series of \$35,544,563. The IMET Convenience Series was introduced in September 2003 in anticipation of a prolonged rising interest rate environment, and it provides participants with an additional investment alternative and greater predictability of returns.

#### **Operations**

During the current fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, total additions from operations consisted of \$18,792,132 in interest income and net appreciation in the fair value of investments of \$1,646,788. These amounts may be compared with \$14,191,945 of interest income and net appreciation in fair value of investments of \$21,150 during the prior fiscal year, for total additions of \$20,438,920 in fiscal year 2007 compared to \$14,213,095 in fiscal year 2006.

Operating expenses of IMET were \$818,881 for the current fiscal year compared with \$863,452 for the prior fiscal year.

#### Summary of IMET Operations

During fiscal year 2007, IMET fully completed the change over to new business partners for custody, fund accounting, and transfer agent services. PMA Financial Network was selected as the new provider of transfer agent and fund accounting services and Harris Bank was selected as IMET's new custodial bank. IMET's previous partner, Fifth Third Bank, provided fund accounting, transfer agent, and custodial services to IMET from April 2002 through October of 2006.

As a result of the new partnerships, IMET members are now able to execute deposits, withdrawals, and fund transfers online. Previously, participants had online access to information but did not have transaction capabilities. Under the new contractual arrangements, participants are now able to choose whether to receive transaction confirmations and account statements via U.S. mail, online access, or even via password protected email.

During fiscal year 2006, IMET achieved its investment objective of meeting or exceeding the return on the Lehman 1-3 Year Government Index on a gross-of-fees basis. IMET ended the fiscal year with a gross one-year return of 3.99 percent versus a one-year return of 3.82 percent for the Lehman Index, 3.71 for IMET's *net* 12 month return, and 4.50 percent for 90 Day Treasury Bills. The IMET Convenience Fund outperformed both the 1-3 Year Fund as well as the 90 Day Treasury Bill rate with a return of 4.64 percent to participants for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006.

In fiscal year 2007, the IMET 1-3 Year Fund outperformed both the benchmark and the 90 Day Treasury Bill rate, and provided a gross return of 5.90 percent versus 5.72 percent for the Lehman Index, 5.60 percent for IMET's *net* 12 month return, and 5.22 percent for 90 Day Treasury Bills. The IMET Convenience Fund rate held steady for most of fiscal 2007 with a decline in the rate once during the fiscal year in the month of September. IMET's Convenience Fund provided a return of 5.47 percent for fiscal year 2007.

For additional information regarding performance returns of IMET and asset allocation, please refer to the Other Statistical Information (Unaudited) section on page 25 of this report.

#### Requests for Information

Questions about any information provided in this report should be addressed to:

The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) ATTN: Executive Director 1616 E. Golf Road Des Plaines, IL 60016

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Combining Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2007

ASSETS		IMET 1 - 3 Year Series	 IMET Convenience Series	Total
Cash and short-term investments	\$	401,078	\$ 254,540,229 \$	254,941,307
Interest receivable		1,400,268	-	1,400,268
Securities sold receivable		41,752	-	41,752
Investments at fair value: U.S. Treasury note obligations		79,203,589	_	79,203,589
U.S. Government agency obligation		39,953,272		39,953,272
Mortgage backed securities		4,709,913	-	4,709,913
Money market mutual funds		6,774,043	 -	6,774,043
Total assets		132,483,915	 254,540,229	387,024,144
LIABILITIES				
Payables:				
Management fee		30,396	-	30,396
Administrative and other		28,909	 31,467	60,376
Total liabilities		59,305	 31,467	90,772
NET ASSETS Net assets held in trust for participants (units outstanding: 7,877,633 and 254,508,7 at September 30, 2007 for IMET 1-3 Year Series and IMET Convenience Series, respectively; equivalent to \$16.81 and \$1.00 per unit outstanding at September 30, 2007 for IMET 1-3 Year Series and IMET Convenience Series, respectively	62			
Total net assets	\$	132,424,610	\$ 254,508,762 \$	386,933,372

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Combining Statement of Changes in Net Asset Year ended September 30, 2007

		IMET 1 - 3 Year Series	IMET Convenience Series	Total
Additions from operations				
Investment income				
Interest	\$	5,884,703 \$	12,907,429 \$	18,792,132
Net appreciation in fair		1 (1 ( 700		1 ( ( 5 0 0
value of investments		1,646,788		1,646,788
Total additions from operations		7,531,491	12,907,429	20,438,920
Deductions from operations				
Operating expenses:				
Management and administrative service		254,613	412,780	667,393
Compensation and related expense		222,580	-	222,580
Professional services		44,818	-	44,818
Insurance		32,836	-	32,836
Audit		16,400	-	16,400
Marketing		38,013	-	38,013
Administrative and other		68,194	-	68,194
Less reimbursements for operating expense		(271,353)		(271,353)
Total operating expenses		406,101	412,780	818,881
Net additions from operations		7,125,390	12,494,649	19,620,039
Distributions				
Distributions of income to participants			(12,494,649)	(12,494,649)
Total distributions			(12,494,649)	(12,494,649)
Capital share and individual account transactions				
Proceeds from sale of units to participants		9,505,793	90,392,635	99,898,428
Distributions reinvested by participants		-	12,494,649	12,494,649
Cost of units redeemed by participants		(14,971,277)	(67,342,721)	(82,313,998)
Net additions (deductions) from capita				
share and individual account transaction	18	(5,465,484)	35,544,563	30,079,079
Net increase		1,659,906	35,544,563	37,204,469
Net assets held in trust for participants: Beginning of year		130,764,704	218,964,199	349,728,903
2-5				517,720,705
End of year	\$	132,424,610 \$	254,508,762 \$	386,933,372

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

#### NOTE A - NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) is a quasi-governmental investment fund created under the Illinois Municipal Code. IMET, which was formed on July 17, 1996, actively manages two investment funds for municipal treasurers, official custodians of municipal funds, and other public agencies in the state of Illinois. These funds are the IMET 1-3 Year Series and the IMET Convenience Series. IMET also offers arbitrage rebate calculation services for participants whose bond proceeds are subject to federal arbitrage restrictions.

The IMET 1-3 Year Series is designed as an investment vehicle for funds not required for immediate expenditure and which are available for investment in securities with average maturities and returns generally greater than those for money market instruments.

The objectives of the IMET 1-3 Year Series are to provide a high current yield while maintaining safety and liquidity and to offer participation in a diversified portfolio of high-quality fixed income instruments permitted for investment under the Public Funds Investment Act of the State of Illinois. The IMET 1-3 Year Series seeks to ensure the preservation of capital with the objective of obtaining an appropriate market rate of return in relation to the prevailing monetary environment as measured by the Lehman Brothers 1-3 year Government Bond Index.

The IMET Convenience Series was established on September 2, 2003 as an investment alternative exclusively for IMET participants. All IMET participants have immediate access to an IMET Convenience Series account; no additional application is needed. The IMET ConvenienceSeries is a fully collateralized, short-term money market instrument with one-day liquidity. It currently provides a return that is pegged to the federal funds target interest rate. It is intended for use as a short-term investment for funds that may or may not be needed for near-term disbursement.

The objective of the IMET Convenience Series is to provide a high current return while maintaining the safety and liquidity of public funds. The IMET Convenience Series serves as a companion vehicle to the IMET 1-3 Year Series and Arbitrage Rebate Calculation service. It provides a money market vehicle for the convenient investment of bond proceeds, for the temporary investment of longer-term intermediate funds, and/or for cash management and liquidity purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of IMET's accounting policies are described below.

#### 1. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

As defined by generally accepted accounting principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the financial reporting entity consists of a primary government as well as its component units, which are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based upon the required criteria, IMET has no component units and is not a component unit of any other entity.

#### 2. Cash and Short-term Investments

At September 30, 2007, the IMET 1-3 Year Series had \$401,078 segregated for administrative costs and future investment activity. These funds are invested in money market funds and included as cash and short-term investments on the statement of net assets.

#### 3. Security Valuation

Investments of the IMET 1-3 Year Series are reported at fair value based on market quotations obtained from a third-party provider. Securities for which quotations are not available are stated at fair value determined by the Board of Trustees.

The IMET Convenience Series' investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value based on the nature of the investment.

#### 4. <u>Security Transactions and Income</u>

Security transactions are accounted for no later than one business day after the securities are purchased or sold. Gains and losses on investments are realized at the time of the sale and the cost of securities sold is determined on the first-in, first-out basis. Interest income from fixed income and money market investments is accrued on a daily basis. Discounts and premiums on all fixed income securities are amortized or accreted on a constant-yield basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 5. Subscriptions and Redemptions

Participants may subscribe to either of the funds on any business day. Purchase instructions received by IMET before 12:00 noon are credited to accounts at the net asset value as of the close of business that day. Participants may redeem shares of the IMET 1-3 Year Series with five days' notice at the net asset value as of the close of business on the third business day following the day of notification. Participants may redeem from the IMET Convenience Series with one day notice at the net asset value as of the day following notification. Redemptions from the IMET Convenience Series that are requested by noon central time will be completed on the same day.

#### 6. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

In preparing IMET's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NOTE C - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At September 30, 2007, the bank balance and carrying amount of the IMET 1-3 Year Series' deposits were \$400,427 and \$401,078, respectively, representing the balance of cash and short-term investments. The deposits of the IMET 1-3 Year Series are insured, registered, or collateralized by securities recorded in the IMET 1-3 Year Series' name and held by the IMET 1-3 Year Series' agent.

At September 30, 2007, the bank balance and carrying amount of the IMET Convenience Series' deposits was \$254,540,229. The deposits of the IMET Convenience Series are insured, registered, or collateralized by securities recorded in the IMET Convenience Series' name and held by the IMET Convenience Series' agent.

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#### NOTE C - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The following table presents a summarization of the fair values and duration of the IMET 1-3 Year Series investments at September 30, 2007.

	-	Fair Value	Duration (in years)
U.S. Treasury note obligations	\$	79,203,589	1.69
U.S. Government agency obligations		39,953,272	1.67
Mortgage backed securities		4,709,913	2.76
Money market mutual funds	_	6,774,043	
Total investments	\$	130,640,817	1.63

#### 1. Interest Rate Risk

Through its investment policy, IMET manages its exposure to fair value losses of the IMET 1-3 Year Series arising from increasing interest rates by limiting the duration of its investment portfolio to within 25% of that of the Lehman Brothers 1-3 Year Government Bond Fund, under normal conditions. The duration for total investments represents the weighted average of the durations for the respective categories of investments. The duration for the Lehman Brothers 1-3 Year Government Bond Fund was 1.69 years as of September 30, 2007.

#### 2. Credit Risk

The investments in U.S. Treasury and Agency obligations carry the explicit guarantee of the United States Government. The investments in mortgage-backed securities are rated in the top rating category issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The investments in the Fidelity Institutional Money Market are not subject to credit risk categorization.

#### 3. Concentration of Credit Risk

IMET's investment policy for the IMET 1-3 Year Series does not restrict the allowable concentration of total assets invested in the securities of the United States Government or its agencies.

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#### NOTE D - FUND EXPENSES - IMET 1-3 YEAR SERIES

The total expenses, including consulting fees, for the IMET 1-3 Year Series were approximately 0.51% of the average daily net assets for the year ended September 30, 2007. The average daily net assets of the IMET 1-3 Year Series were approximately \$131.7 million for the year ended September 30, 2007. The contractually obligated expenses are described below.

#### 1. Fund Management

IMET pays a management fee to JP Morgan Asset Management, which acts as the investment advisor.

In accordance with the amended advisory agreement effective January 1, 2005, the management fee is calculated each day and paid monthly based upon the average daily net assets of the fund as follows:

	Fee Rate
Average daily net assets:	
Until Fund reaches \$500 million	0.105%
After Fund reaches \$500 million	0.080%

Effective May 1, 2002, IMET entered into an agreement with Fifth Third Bancorp to provide administrative services including fund accounting, transfer agent, and custody services. Effective April 1, 2003, the fee associated with these services was calculated at an annual rate of 0.04% for average daily net assets in excess of \$250 million and 0.05% of average daily net assets below \$250 million. The agreement with Fifth Third Bankcorp was terminated effective October 31, 2006.

Effective November 1, 2006, IMET entered into an agreement with PMA Financial Network, Inc. to provide administrative services including fund accounting and transfer agent services. The fee associated with these services is calculated at an annual rate of 0.06% of the average daily net assets within the fund.

Also effective November 1, 2006, IMET entered into an agreement with Harris, N.A. to provide custody services. The fee associated with these services is calculated at an annual rate of 0.01% of the average daily net assets within the fund.

For the year ended September 30, 2007, the IMET 1-3 Year Series incurred expenses of \$138,256 for services provided by JP Morgan Asset Management, \$5,472 for services provided by Fifth Third Bancorp, \$72,437 for services provided by PMA Financial Network, and \$12,072 for services provided by Harris, N.A.

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

#### NOTE D - FUND EXPENSES - IMET 1-3 YEAR SERIES (Continued)

#### 2. Consultant

The DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference, Northwest Municipal Conference, South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, West Central Municipal Conference, and the Will County Governmental League act collectively as the IMET 1-3 Year Series' Consultant. Services provided by the Consultant typically include identification and solicitation of potential investors. The IMET 1-3 Year Series pays the Consultant an annual fee in arrears equal to 0.02% of the IMET 1-3 Year Series' average daily net assets for each fiscal year, not to exceed \$125,000 in any fiscal year. No annual fee shall be payable for any fiscal year unless the assets of the IMET 1-3 Year Series exceed \$100 million for at least 31 consecutive calendar days during such fiscal year and the total return to fund participants for such fiscal year equals or exceeds the average 90-day Treasury bill rate during such fiscal year. For fiscal year 2007, the IMET 1-3 Year Series' return exceeded the average 90-day Treasury bill rate. Accordingly, the IMET 1-3 Year Series incurred consulting fees expense of \$26,376 for the year ended September 30, 2007.

#### 3. Administrative and Other Expenses

In accordance with the various agreements, the IMET 1-3 Year Series calculates a daily accrual, at a rate of 0.105% (0.125% for the month of October 2006), applied to the Series' net assets. The amounts accrued are deposited monthly in a money market fund and are withdrawn as needed to cover actual administrative expenses incurred to operate and market the IMET 1-3 Year Series, including the cost of the Executive Director and staff of IMET. To the extent that the accrued amounts exceed the actual expenses in any period, the IMET 1-3 Year Series may use these amounts to pay future expenses. The amount accrued in fiscal year 2007 totaled \$140,445. Amounts remaining in the money market fund are included in net assets, and, accordingly, the amount accrued and the related expense have been eliminated within the Statement of Net Assets of the 1-3 Year Series.

#### NOTE E - FUND EXPENSES - IMET CONVENIENCE SERIES

1. Fund Management

Effective May 1, 2002, IMET entered into an agreement with Fifth Third Bancorp to provide administrative services including fund accounting and transfer agent. Effective April 1, 2003, the fee associated with these services was calculated at an annual rate of 0.05% for average daily net assets. The agreement with Fifth Third Bankcorp was terminated effective October 31, 2006.

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

#### NOTE E - FUND EXPENSES - IMET CONVENIENCE SERIES (Continued)

#### 1. Fund Management (Continued)

Effective November 1, 2006, IMET entered into an agreement with PMA Financial Network, Inc. to provide administrative services including fund accounting and transfer agent services. The fee associated with these services is calculated at an annual rate of 0.06% of the average daily net assets within the fund.

For the year ended September 30, 2007, the IMET Convenience Series incurred expenses of \$132,517 for services provided by PMA Financial Network, Inc. and \$8,910 for services provided by Fifth Third Bancorp.

#### 2. Administrative and Other Expenses

In accordance with the carious operating agreements, the IMET Convenience Series calculates a daily accrual, at a rate of 0.09% (0.2% for the month of October 2006, and 0.19% for the months of November and December 2006), applied to the Series' net assets. The amounts accrued are deposited monthly in a separate money market fund and are withdrawn as needed to cover actual administrative expenses incurred to operate and market the IMET Convenience Series, including the cost of the Executive Director and staff of IMET. To the extent that the accrued amounts exceed the actual expenses in any period, the IMET Convenience Series may use these amounts to pay future expenses.

#### NOTE F - UNIT TRANSACTIONS

A summary of participants' unit transactions for the year ended September 30, 2007 is as follows:

	IMET 1 - 3 Year	IMET Convenience
	Series	Series
Unit transactions:		
Issued	583,905	90,392,635
Distributions reinvested	-	12,494,649
Redeemed	(920,159)	(67,342,721)
Change in units	(336,254)	35,544,563
Unit outstanding:		
Beginning of year	8,213,887	218,964,199
End of year	7,877,633	254,508,762

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

## NOTE G - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS - ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

IMET's defined benefit pension plan, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), provides retirement, disability, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. IMRF acts as a common investment and administrative agent for local governments and school districts in Illinois. The Illinois Pension Code establishes the benefit provisions of the plan that can only be amended by the Illinois General Assembly.

IMRF issues a financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained at www.imrf.org/pubs/pubs\_homepage.htm or by writing to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, 2211 York Road, Suite 500, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523.

Employees participating in IMRF are required to contribute 4.50% of their annual covered salary. The member rate is established by state statute. IMET is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer rate for calendar year 2006 was 15.68% of payroll. The employer contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the IMRF Board of Trustees. IMRF's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on a closed basis (overfunded liability amortized on open basis). The amortization period at December 31, 2006 was 31 years.

For December 31, 2006, IMET's annual pension cost of \$26,410 was equal to IMET's required and actual contributions. The required contribution was determined as part of the December 31, 2004 actuarial valuation using the entry age actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included: (a) 7.5% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), (b) projected salary increases of 4% a year, attributable to inflation, (c) additional projected salary increases ranging from 0.4% to 11.6% per year depending on age and service, attributable to seniority/merit, and (d) postretirement benefit increases of 3% annually. The actuarial value of IMRF assets was determined using techniques that smooth the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of investments over a five-year period with a 15% corridor. The assumptions used for the 2006 actuarial valuation were based on the 2002-2004 experience study.

Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2007

## <u>NOTE G</u> - <u>RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS - ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND</u> (Continued)

#### 1. Trend Information

Actuarial Valuation Date	_	Annual Pension Cost	Percentage of APC Contributed	_	Net Pension Obligation
12/31/2006	\$	26,410	100%	\$	-
12/31/2005		19,931	100%		-
12/31/2004		20,870	100%		-
12/31/2003		8,082	100%		-

IMET began participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund during the calendar year ended December 31, 2003. Accordingly, only four years of trend information have been presented.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 

Required Supplementary Information - Schedule of Funding Progress Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund September 30, 2007

Actuarial Valuation Date	(1) Actuarial Value of Assets	(2) Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age	(2) - (1) Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	(1) / (2) Funded Ratio	(3) Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((2-1)/3)
12/31/2006 \$	125,560	\$ 257,833 \$	132,273	48.70% \$	168,429	78.53%
12/31/2005	88,603	207,086	118,483	42.79%	161,387	73.42%
12/31/2004	49,367	135,388	86,021	36.46%	162,665	52.88%
12/31/2003	12,072	57,025	44,953	21.17%	62,993	71.36%

IMET began participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund during the calendar year ended December 31, 2003. Accordingly, only four years of information have been presented in the schedule of funding progress.

On a market value basis, the actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2006 is \$132,234. On a market basis, the funded ratio would be 51.29%.

The actuarial assumptions used to determine the actuarial accrued liability for 2006 are based on the 2002 - 2004 Experience Study.

The principal changes were

- The 1994 Group Annuity Mortality was implemented.
- For regular members, fewer normal and more early retirements are expected to occur.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Schedule of Investments IMET 1-3 Year Series

September 30, 2007

Units/ par value			Maturity	Market value
pai value	Description	Rate	Iviaturity	value
U.S. Treasury Note	e Obligations: 60.6%			
\$ 3,940,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.375%	2/15/2008 \$	3,928,929
\$ 3,940,000 3,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	5.625%	5/15/2008	3,026,730
4,500,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.125%	9/15/2008	4,460,985
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.125%	10/15/2008	4,954,300
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.875%	10/31/2008	5,043,750
3,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.750%	11/15/2008	3,024,840
3,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.375%	11/15/2008	2,979,840
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.250%	1/15/2009	4,956,650
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.875%	5/15/2009	5,071,500
1,500,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.875%	8/15/2009	1,524,135
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.875%	8/15/2009	5,080,450
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.375%	9/15/2009	4,946,500
3,500,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.375%	10/15/2009	3,460,065
3,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.375%	10/15/2009	2,965,770
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.625%	11/15/2009	5,064,850
3,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.500%	12/15/2009	2,969,520
3,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.625%	1/15/2010	2,977,020
1,500,000	U.S. Treasury Note	6.500%	2/15/2010	1,584,255
2,500,000	U.S. Treasury Note	6.500%	2/15/2010	2,640,425
2,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.000%	4/15/2010	2,000,160
2,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.500%	5/15/2010	2,025,160
2,000,000	U.S. Treasury Note	3.875%	9/15/2010	1,992,180
2,500,000	U.S. Treasury Note	4.375%	12/15/2010	2,525,575
				79,203,589
U.S. Government	Agency Obligations: 30.6%		_	,,,200,00
1,000,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	3.450%	12/28/2007	996,390
2,000,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	4.000%	5/15/2008	1,990,000
2,000,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	3.875%	6/15/2008	1,987,500
1,000,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	3.750%	8/15/2008	992,190
1,150,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	5.915%	8/25/2008	1,162,938
4,000,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	4.250%	9/12/2008	3,986,240
3,000,000	Federal Farm Credit Bank	3.625%	10/24/2008	2,970,930
1,265,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	3.080%	10/24/2008	1,245,633
2,000,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	4.625%	12/19/2008	2,002,500
4,000,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	5.250%	5/21/2009	4,051,240
1,100,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	3.290%	6/16/2009	1,078,352
1,500,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	6.625%	9/15/2009	1,561,875
1,500,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	6.625%	9/15/2009	1,561,875

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Schedule of Investments (Continued IMET 1-3 Year Series September 30, 2007

Units/ par value	Description	Rate	Maturity	Market value			
U.S. Government Agency Obligations (Continued)							
\$ 2,000,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	6.625%	9/15/2009 \$	2,082,500			
2,000,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	5.000%	12/11/2009	2,024,380			
500,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	4.450%	2/23/2010	497,815			
1,250,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	5.000%	3/12/2010	1,266,413			
1,500,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	5.000%	3/12/2010	1,519,695			
1,500,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	7.625%	5/14/2010	1,617,195			
1,110,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	4.750%	8/13/2010	1,119,024			
1,500,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	5.125%	8/23/2010	1,528,125			
1,130,000 1,500,000	Federal Home Loan Bank Federal Home Loan Bank	6.625% 4.750%	11/15/2010 12/10/2010	1,199,213 1,511,249			
1,500,000		4.73070	12/10/2010	1,311,249			
				39,953,272			
Mortgage Backe	d Securities: 3.6%		-				
61,562	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.500%	8/1/2009	62,253			
17,489	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.500%	9/1/2010	17,686			
26,193	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.500%	11/1/2011	26,675			
238,919	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	5.000%	4/1/2014	237,122			
92,803	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	6.500%	7/1/2014	95,326			
328,761	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.000%	12/1/2014	337,802			
293,620	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.000%	3/1/2016	301,695			
324,879	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.000%	9/1/2021	334,394			
264,710	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	6.549%	12/1/2027	267,651			
353,525	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	5.140%	1/1/2030	358,485			
1,242,427	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	4.311%	12/1/2034	1,223,082			
842,122	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	4.660%	3/1/2035	833,726			
56,729	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	9.500%	12/15/2024	62,294			
32,807	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.500%	5/20/2025	35,374			
13,616	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.000%	11/20/2026	14,423			
62,090	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.000%	11/20/2027	65,753			
4,065	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.000%	3/20/2028	4,306			
3,779	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.000%	8/20/2028	4,003			
9,376	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.000%	9/20/2028	9,931			
1,262	Government National Mortgage Assoc.	8.000%	11/20/2028	1,336			
414,951	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	5.457%	7/1/2037	416,596			

4,709,913

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Schedule of Investments (Continued) IMET 1-3 Year Series September 30, 2007

Units/ par value	Description	Rate	Maturity		Market value
Money Market I	Mutual Funds: 5.2%				
\$ 162,116	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	4.470%	None	\$	162,116
4,451	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	4.000%	None		4,451
167,882	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	3.950%	None		167,882
3,448,052	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	3.990%	None		3,448,052
473,904	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	3.990%	None		473,904
34,011	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	4.040%	None		34,011
12,542	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	3.730%	None		12,542
2,471,084	Fidelity Institutional Money Market	4.470%	None	_	2,471,085
				_	6,774,043
				\$	130,640,817

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**OTHER STATISTICAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)** 

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Select Comparative Data - IMET 1-3 Year Series September 30, 2007

IMET 1-3 Year Series Net Re			One Year * 5.60%	Three Year * 3.39%	Since Inception July 17, 1996 4.74%
IMET 1-3 Year Series Gross		5.90%	3.69%	5.09%	
Lehman Brothers 1-3 Year G Merrill Lynch 3-Month Treas	d Index	5.72% 5.22%	3.53% 4.11%	5.00% 3.96%	
* Annualized return ** Returns exclude expenses		Asset Composition by Type Money market			
Gross yield to maturity Duration Average maturity	Fund Profile 4.26% 1.50 years 1.63 years	Index Profile 4.20% 1.69 years 1.80 years	Mortgage backed 3.6% Agency 30.6%		
Sectors Treasury Agency Mortgage backed	Fund Profile 60.6% 30.6% 3.6%	Index Profile 65.9% 34.1%			Treasury 60.6%
Money market mutual funds	5.2%	-	Agenc	y and Mortgage	Backed Asset Composition
Quality AAA	Fund Profile 100%	Index Profile 100%	GNMA FHLB 40	Á	FHLMC 52.4%

# **INVESTMENT POLICIES**

Investment Policy - IMET 1-3 Year Series September 30, 2007

The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund ("*IMET*" or "*Fund*") is an actively managed investment fund for Illinois local governments. The IMET 1-3 Year Fund has a fluctuating net asset value and an average maturity of one-to-three years. Designed for public funds that may be invested for more than one year, IMET invests exclusively in U.S. government-backed securities (Treasuries and agencies).

## 1.0 Policy

It is the policy of IMET to invest public funds of Illinois governments in a manner which seeks to provide the best return while pursuing the preservation of capital. IMET is designed as an investment vehicle for funds not required to be spent immediately and available for investment in securities with maturities and returns generally greater than those for money market instruments. IMET will conform to Illinois state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

## 2.0 Funds

Monies invested in this Fund will be those of participating Illinois governments whose treasurers become members of the Fund. Any funds that an Illinois government can invest in under Illinois state statutes are eligible for investment in IMET. This is an intermediate investment fund, however, and short-term cash monies which are needed for immediate liquidity demands will not be encouraged to be invested in this Fund.

### 3.0 <u>Prudence</u>

The standard of prudence to be used for all investment activities shall be the following "prudent person" standards, as stated below, and shall be applied while conducting all investment transactions.

"Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable preservation of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."

### 4.0 Objective

This actively managed portfolio will be invested in certain fixed income securities and cash equivalents. In summary, the investment objectives of IMET are:

A. Preservation of Principal: Preservation of principal is the foremost objective of IMET. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.

Investment Policy - IMET 1-3 Year Series (Continued) September 30, 2007

## 4.0 <u>Objective</u> (Continued)

- B. Liquidity: IMET will seek to remain sufficiently liquid to allow for withdrawals by Fund members with five business days' notice of that withdrawal to the Fund, and will otherwise remain sufficiently liquid in accordance with prudent fund management.
- C. Return on Investment: IMET's assets will be invested with the objective of obtaining an appropriate market rate of return in relation to the prevailing monetary environment. See also "Performance Standards" herein.

## 5.0 <u>Delegation of Authority</u>

The Board of Trustees of IMET (the "*Board*") seeks to employ an investment advisor who possesses superior capabilities in the management of assets of the Councils of Governments' governmental bodies. The Board further requires the investment advisor selected and working on its behalf to meet the following set of conditions.

- A. To take, in its discretion, actions which in its best professional judgment are in the best interests of IMET, in accordance with this Investment Policy and the Investment Circular distributed by the Fund, to meet IMET investment objectives. Such actions include but are not limited to (A) the allocation of funds among alternative types of investments; (B) specific investment opportunities regarding the acquisition, retention, or disposition of investments; and (C) the recommendation of the addition, deletion, or modification of authorized investments.
- B. To execute all investment transactions on behalf of the Fund at the best net price, utilizing such brokers and dealers as they deem appropriate to obtain the best execution capabilities and/or valuable information with respect to the economy and the affairs of corporations at the lowest cost to the Fund.
- C. Additional responsibilities as detailed in each investment advisor's agreement with the Board.

## 6.0 Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Officers and employees of the Fund involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the IMET chairperson any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business with IMET, and they shall further disclose any large personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of IMET, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

Investment Policy - IMET 1-3 Year Series (Continued) September 30, 2007

## 7.0 <u>Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions</u>

The Board will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment advisor, administrative, and distributive investment services. The advisor will make investments only in those investments specifically authorized in the Public Investment Act of the State of Illinois (30 ILCS 235/1) (the "*Investment Act*"). The administrator shall perform its duties in conformance with the Declaration of Trust, By-Laws, and Investment Circular of the Fund. The distributor shall be competent and fully qualified under federal and state securities laws and the rules and regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or the National Association of Securities Dealers, as applicable, to engage in marketing and sales efforts.

A current audited financial statement is required to be on file for each financial institution which provides the above mentioned services.

### 8.0 <u>Authorized and Suitable Investments</u>

All investments shall be made in compliance with the Investment Act, including, without limitation, the definition of "agency" contained therein. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Fund intends to invest under normal market conditions at least fifty percent (50%) in (i) obligations issued or secured by the U.S. Government and/or its agencies and/or (ii) money market mutual funds that are permitted investments under the Investment Act. In extraordinary circumstances, such as when the investment advisor believes that market conditions indicate that the Fund should adopt a temporary defensive position, the Fund may invest up to one hundred percent (100%) in cash and/or such money market mutual funds.

The Fund portfolio is restricted to a maximum dollar weighted-average maturity of five years or less, under normal conditions. The net asset value will fluctuate on a daily basis according to the change in market value of its underlying portfolio obligations.

The following are additional investment restrictions:

(i) All fixed income securities (other than obligations of the U.S. or its agencies) at the time of purchase shall be rated at the highest rating classification established by at least two standard rating services (without regard to any refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise). However, issues that are reclassified after purchase so that they are no longer at the highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services may be sold by the advisor to the Fund after the date of the security's reclassification or held to maturity, in either case based on the investment advisor's discretion.

Investment Policy - IMET 1-3 Year Series (Continued) September 30, 2007

- 8.0 <u>Authorized and Suitable Investments</u> (Continued)
  - (ii) Mortgage pass-through securities must be issued by an agency of the United States government. There are three major types of such agency pass-throughs, guaranteed by three organizations: Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), and Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"). Pass-through securities or collateralized mortgage obligations of Fannie Mae are not permitted investments under Illinois law. In addition, privately structured and issued mortgage pass-through securities or collateralized mortgage obligations are not permitted investments.
  - (iii) All investments are required to be made in compliance with the Investment Act, including, without limitation, the definition of "agency" contained therein.

The following transactions are prohibited in the portfolio managed by the investment advisor.

- 1) Reverse repurchase agreements.
- 2) Common or preferred stocks.
- 3) Futures and options.
- 4) Margin purchases or intentional use of leverage.
- 5) Private or direct placements.
- 6) Commodities.
- 7) Direct ownership of real estate or mortgages.
- 8) Non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities.
- 9) Stripped mortgage-backed securities (i.e., interest-only (IO) and principal-only (PO) securities).
- 10) Convertible notes or bonds.

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### 8.0 <u>Authorized and Suitable Investments</u> (Continued)

- 11) Purchase, participation, or other direct interest in gas, oil, or other mineral exploration or development programs.
- 12) Collateralized mortgage obligations.
- 13) Lending of Fund securities.
- 14) Structured notes—however, the Portfolio may invest in federal government agency securities whose coupon rates are scheduled to "step up" (*i.e.* increase) one or more times before they mature.
- 15) Investments not allowed under the Investment Act.

The advisor shall indemnify and make whole the Fund and its shareholders for any losses incurred by the Fund as a result of the advisor's own or any subadvisor's gross negligence or its failure to comply with the provisions of the Investment Act as those provisions are communicated to the investment advisor in writing by IMET or by IMET's legal counsel.

### 9.0 <u>Safekeeping and Custody</u>

Securities purchased for IMET, as well as collateral for repurchase agreements, shall be delivered against payment and held in a custodial safekeeping account with the trust department of a bank acting as custodian. The bank will be designated by the Board and all transactions will be evidenced by safekeeping receipts or confirmations.

### 10.0 Diversification

Fixed income securities in the Fund will have the following characteristics:

- A) United States Treasury, agency, and agency mortgage pass-through securities may be used without limitation. Under normal market conditions, such obligations, along with money market mutual funds that are permitted investments under the Investment Act, will constitute at least 50% of the portfolio.
- B) Commercial paper investment, pursuant to Illinois law, must mature within 180 days from the date of purchase and cannot exceed 10% of the corporation's total commercial paper. The Fund will have no more than one-third of its monies invested in commercial paper.

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## 10.0 Diversification (Continued)

C) At no time may the portfolio own more than 5% of the outstanding amount of any one fixed income issue (other than securities of the United States Government or its agencies) or have more than 7% of its total assets invested in the securities (including cash equivalents) of any permissible fixed income issuer (other than securities of the United States government or its agencies) without prior notification and approval of the Board.

## 11.0 <u>Maturities</u>

Portfolio duration is to be maintained within 25% of that of the Lehman Brothers 1-3 Year Government Bond Index under normal conditions; *provided, however*, that the portfolio's dollar weighted-average maturity will not exceed five years under normal conditions. Individual securities may have remaining maturities of greater than five years, but in any event not greater than ten years from the date of the Fund's purchase thereof. The remaining life of any agency mortgage pass-through security will be determined based on the weighted-average life of the security.

### 12.0 Internal Control

The advisor shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be documented in writing. The controls shall be annually reviewed by their auditor and shall be designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from failure to comply with the provisions of the Investment Act, fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or imprudent actions by employees and officers of the firm. The advisor shall at all times have in place a fidelity bond or bonds covering the actions of its employees and officers relating to fraud, theft, dishonesty, and other willful acts which may result in the loss of Fund assets. Such bond or bonds shall be maintained in amounts not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$10,000,000 in the annual aggregate, covering its duties. The advisor will also maintain a fidelity bond against employee theft, dishonesty, and related risk, and cover its duties in an amount not less than \$10,000,000 in the annual aggregate.

### 13.0 Performance Standards

IMET's investment strategy is targeted active management. The performance objective for this portfolio is to meet or exceed the Lehman Brothers 1-3 Year Government Bond Index (the benchmark) prior to payment of Fund expenses.

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### 14.0 Reporting

The advisor shall report to the Board at least quarterly on:

- A) Performance as compared to the benchmark.
- B) Asset allocation and duration as compared to the benchmark.
- C) Any deviation from the guidelines herein established.
- D) Significant changes in the portfolio under their management during the quarter.
- E) Economic and investment outlook for the near and long term.
- F) Monthly purchase and sale transactions.
- G) Any change in key personnel.

### 15.0 Investment Policy Adoption

IMET's investment policy shall be adopted by resolution of the Board. The policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board and any modifications made thereto must be approved by the Board.

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The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund ("*IMET*" or "*Fund*") is an actively managed investment fund for Illinois local governments. IMET's Convenience Series ("Convenience Series") is a short-term vehicle for use exclusively by members of IMET. This policy applies to the investment of Convenience Series funds. The Convenience Series is designed as an investment vehicle for: a) near-term investment of funds intended for eventual placement into the IMET 1-3 Year Series, b) the investment of bond proceeds, and c) any purpose deemed necessary and beneficial by Fund participants.

## 1.0 <u>Governing Authority</u>

It is the policy of IMET to invest public funds of Illinois governments in a manner which seeks to provide the best return while pursuing the preservation of capital. The Convenience Series will conform to Illinois state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

### 2.0 Funds

Monies invested in this Convenience Series will be those of participating Illinois governments whose treasurers are members of the IMET. Any funds that an Illinois government can invest in under Illinois state statutes are eligible for investment in the Convenience Series.

### 3.0 Prudence

The standard of prudence to be used for all investment activities shall be the following "prudent person" standards, as stated below, and shall be applied while conducting all investment transactions.

"Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable preservation of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."

### 4.0 Objective

This portfolio will be invested in certain fixed income securities and cash equivalents. In summary, the investment objectives of the Convenience Series are:

A. Preservation of Principal: Preservation of principal is the foremost objective of the Convenience Series. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.

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### 4.0 <u>Objective</u> (Continued)

- B. Liquidity: The Convenience Series will seek to remain sufficiently liquid to accommodate Convenience Series members and will otherwise remain sufficiently liquid in accordance with prudent fund management.
- C. Return on Investment: The Convenience Series' assets will be invested with the objective of obtaining an appropriate market rate of return in relation to the prevailing monetary environment. See also "Performance Standards" herein.

## 5.0 <u>Delegation of Authority</u>

The Board of Trustees of IMET and of the Convenience Series (the "*Board*") seeks to employ financial institutions possessing established capabilities in the management of assets of the Councils of Governments' governmental bodies. The Board further requires the financial institution(s) selected and working on its behalf to meet the following set of conditions.

- A. To take, in its discretion, to the extent allowed by the financial institution's agreement with IMET, actions which in its best professional judgment are in the best interests of the Convenience Series, in accordance with this Investment Policy distributed by IMET, to meet Convenience Series investment objectives. Such actions include but are not limited to (A) the allocation of funds among alternative types of investments; (B) specific investment opportunities regarding the acquisition, retention, or disposition of investments; and (C) the recommendation of the addition, deletion, or modification of authorized investments.
- B. To execute all investment transactions on behalf of the Convenience Series at the best net price, utilizing such brokers and dealers as deemed appropriate to obtain the best execution capabilities and/or valuable information with respect to the economy and the affairs of corporations at the lowest cost to the Convenience Series.
- C. Additional responsibilities as detailed in each financial institution's agreement with the Board.

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#### 6.0 Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Officers and employees of the Convenience Series involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the Board chairperson any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business with IMET and the Convenience Series, and they shall further disclose any large personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the Convenience Series, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

### 7.0 Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions

The Board will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment advisor, administrative, and distributive investment services. The financial institution(s) will make investments only in those investments specifically authorized by the Public Investment Act of the State of Illinois (30 ILCS 235/1) (the "Investment Act") and by this Investment Policy. The financial institution(s) shall perform its duties in conformance with the IMET Declaration of Trust, the IMET By-Laws, and the Convenience Series Investment Policy. The distributor shall be competent and fully qualified under federal and state securities laws and the rules and regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or the National Association of Securities Dealers, as applicable, to engage in marketing and sales efforts.

A current audited financial statement is required to be on file for each financial institution which provides the above mentioned services.

### 8.0 Authorized and Suitable Investments

The investments permitted by this policy are those defined by the Investment Act, including, without limitation, the definition of "agency" contained therein. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Convenience Series intends to invest under normal market conditions at least fifty percent (50%) in (i) interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit, or interest-bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act, or (ii) money market mutual funds that are permitted investments under the Investment Act, or (iii) securities now or hereafter issued that constitute direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury which are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America as to principal and interest, or (iv) other similar obligations of the United States of America or its agencies. In circumstances when the investment advisor believes that market conditions indicate that the Convenience Series should adopt a defensive position, the Convenience Series may invest up to one hundred percent (100%) in bank obligations and/or such money market mutual funds.

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### 8.0 <u>Authorized and Suitable Investments</u> (Continued)

The Convenience Series portfolio is restricted to a maximum dollar weighted-average maturity of one year or less, under normal conditions. The Convenience Series will be managed so as to maintain a stable \$1.00 share price, although there is no guarantee that it will do so.

The following are additional investment restrictions:

- (i) All fixed income securities (other than obligations of the U.S. or its agencies) at the time of purchase shall be rated at the highest rating classification established by at least two standard rating services (without regard to any refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise). However, issues that are reclassified after purchase so that they are no longer at the highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services may be sold by the financial institution(s) maintaining the Convenience Series after the date of the security's reclassification or held to maturity, in either case based on the financial institutions' discretion.
- (ii) Mortgage pass-through securities must be issued by an agency of the United States government and must have a liquid market with a readily determinable market value. There are three major types of such agency pass-throughs, guaranteed by three organizations: Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), and Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"). Pass-through securities or collateralized mortgage obligations of Fannie Mae are not permitted investments under Illinois law. In addition, privately structured and issued mortgage pass-through securities or collateralized mortgage obligations are not permitted investments.
- (iii) All investments are required to be made in compliance with the Investment Act, including, without limitation, the definition of "agency" contained therein.

The following transactions are prohibited in the portfolio:

- 1) Reverse repurchase agreements.
- 2) Common or preferred stocks.
- 3) Futures and options.
- 4) Margin purchases or intentional use of leverage.
- 5) Private or direct placements.

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- 8.0 Authorized and Suitable Investments (Continued)
  - 6) Commodities.
  - 7) Direct ownership of real estate or mortgages.
  - 8) Non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities.
  - 9) Stripped mortgage-backed securities (i.e., interest-only (IO) and principal-only (PO) securities).
  - 10) Convertible notes or bonds.
  - 11) Purchase, participation, or other direct interest in gas, oil, or other mineral exploration or development programs.
  - 12) Collateralized mortgage obligations.
  - 13) Lending of Convenience Series securities.
  - 14) Structured notes—however, the Portfolio may invest in federal government agency securities whose coupon rates are scheduled to "step up" (*i.e.* increase) one or more times before they mature.
  - 15) Investments not allowed under the Investment Act.

The advisor shall indemnify and make whole the Convenience Series and its shareholders for any losses incurred by the Convenience Series as a result of the advisor's own or any subadvisor's gross negligence or its failure to comply with the provisions of the Investment Act as those provisions are communicated to the investment advisor in writing by the Convenience Series or by the Convenience Series' legal counsel.

9.0 <u>Collateralization</u>

Collateral will be pledged to the Convenience Fund with a market value equal to at least 105% of the obligations of the financial institution to the Convenience Fund's deposits which exceed the sum of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's insurance limitation. The financial institution will monitor the market value of pledged securities on at least a daily basis, and make adjustments as necessary.

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## 10.0 Safekeeping and Custody

Securities purchased for the Convenience Series, as well as collateral for repurchase agreements, shall be delivered against payment and held in a custodial safekeeping account with the trust department of a bank acting as custodian. The bank will be designated by the Board and all transactions will be evidenced by safekeeping receipts or confirmations.

## 11.0 Diversification

Fixed income securities in the Convenience Series will have the following characteristics:

- a) No more than 50 percent of the portfolio may be invested beyond 12 months, and the weighted-average maturity of the portfolio generally shall not exceed one year.
- b) The following instruments may be used without limitation:
  - i) Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit or interest-bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act.
  - ii) Money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, provided that the portfolio of any such money market mutual fund is limited to obligations of the U.S. Treasury and its agencies as defined by Illinois law.
- 12.0 <u>Maturities</u>

At least 50 percent of the Fund's investments are expected to mature in the short-term (397 days or less), and the dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity of the Convenience Series will not exceed one year under normal conditions. Individual securities may have remaining maturities of greater than one year, but in any event not greater than five years from the date of the Convenience Series' purchase thereof. The remaining life of any agency mortgage pass-through security will be determined based on the weighted-average life of the security.

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#### 13.0 Internal Control

The financial institution(s) shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be documented in writing. The controls shall be annually reviewed by their auditor and shall be designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from failure to comply with the provisions of the Investment Act, fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or imprudent actions by employees and officers of the firm. The financial institution(s) shall at all times have in place a fidelity bond or bonds covering the actions of its employees and officers relating to fraud, theft, dishonesty, and other willful acts which may result in the loss of Convenience Series assets. Such bond or bonds shall be maintained in amounts not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$10,000,000 in the annual aggregate, covering its duties. The financial institution(s) will also maintain a fidelity bond against employee theft, dishonesty, and related risk, and cover its duties in an amount not less than \$10,000,000 in the annual aggregate.

#### 14.0 Performance Standards

The Convenience Series' investment strategy is designed so that the Convenience Series may maintain a stable \$1.00 per share price, although there is no guarantee that it will do so. The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the parameters specified within this policy. The portfolio shall be designed with the objective of regularly meeting or exceeding the selected performance benchmark of Fed Funds gross of fees. This index is considered a benchmark for lower risk investment transactions and, therefore, comprises an appropriate standard for the portfolio's rate of return.

#### 15.0 Reporting

The financial institution(s) shall report to the Board at least quarterly on:

- a. Performance as compared to the benchmark.
- b. Asset allocation and duration as compared to the benchmark.
- c. Any deviation from the guidelines herein established.
- d. Significant changes in the portfolio under their management during the quarter.
- e. Economic and investment outlook for the near and long term.
- f. Monthly purchase and sale transactions.
- g. Any change in key personnel.

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### 16.0 Investment Policy Adoption

The Convenience Series' investment policy shall be adopted by resolution of the Board. The policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board and any modifications made thereto must be approved by the Board.