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CCM statement – overall assessment of key state-local issues for the 2013 General Assembly Session

“The General Assembly and the Governor worked hard to keep municipal aid as whole as possible and CCM sincerely appreciates those efforts, particularly during these extremely difficult fiscal times,” said Jim Finley, Executive Director and CEO of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM).

Budget highlights include retention and level-funding of the PILOT State Property, PILOT Colleges and Hospitals, and the Pequot-Mohegan Grant. Increased funding for the Clean Water Fund is also a real plus.

“CCM also appreciates the hard work of the House Speaker and the members of the M.O.R.E. Commission,” Finley noted. “Establishing a tax incidence analysis capability to evaluate changes to our state-local revenue system; and providing affordable access to, and an adequate municipal voice on, the state Nutmeg Network (which can be the platform for increased information sharing and regional cooperation) are of great benefit to towns and cities.

“We look forward to working closely with the Speaker as the M.O.R.E. Commission continues to (1) address the inequities of the property tax system, and (2) provide substantive relief from unfunded state mandates,” Finley noted.

“CCM also applauds the General Assembly for turning aside two new costly workers' compensation mandates for police and firefighters.

“Overall,” Finley concluded, “the session was a successful one for local governments – the new state budget continues to be a clear win for towns and cities and their local property taxpayers.”

