

Questions and Answers on Bond-Related Economic Issues

What is the impact of the current recession on Bond Sales?

GO Bonds are sold once a year - in August. At this point it is impossible to tell what August will bring, but we have no concrete reason to be concerned for the GO Bond market. According to our Treasury Office, we closed a commercial paper refunding transaction on Tuesday and our results did not differ significantly from the past 3 years.

What is the impact of the current recession on prices?

We have been seeing better prices on the construction side for the past six months. The main reason is the trend in materials cost, which overall decreased substantially over the last 2 quarters of 2008. Additionally, decreased demand in the private sector has increased competition among contractors for work and thus made pricing more competitive.

What might we see from the Obama Administration Stimulus Package?

24 transportation-related projects totaling \$164m were submitted to CAMPO for stimulus funding. CAMPO will forward the regional list. Very few bond projects are on the list.