



# Real Estate Information Standards (REIS)

## REIS NEWS

April, 2010

### **Highlights:**

- REIS Board welcomes Devon Olson, Utah Retirement System
- Performance Measurement Resource Manual approved by REIS Board
- REIS Board approves prospectus for changes to debt valuation standard

### **New REIS Board Member**

The NCREIF and PREA Boards (REIS sponsors) approved Devon Olson as a member of the REIS Board. Devon has served as Director- Real Estate at the Utah Retirement Systems for the last 17 years and has been active in the real estate industry for more than 35 years. Devon has recently served as chair of the PREA Plan Sponsor Council, is an MAI, holds the Counselor of Real Estate designation and is an adjunct professor of finance at Brigham Young University.

### **Performance Measurement Resource Manual**

The [REIS Performance Measurement Resource Manual](#) has been approved by the REIS Board following its public comment period. The Manual provides detailed calculation instructions on property, investment and fund level time-weighted returns, IRRs, equity multiples and other metrics and also provides a list of recommended performance disclosures and a sample performance presentation. The Manual will be updated annually.

### **Debt Valuation Standard**

During its April meeting, the REIS Board approved a [prospectus](#) to form a task force to draft an exposure draft to enhance the REIS standards with expanded disclosure requirements and performance attribution analysis surrounding the valuation of debt. In addition, the exposure draft will also include a recommendation to modify the REIS Standards to maintain the requirement to value debt on open-end funds and change the debt valuation requirement for closed-end funds and separate accounts to a recommendation. The existing standard requires all debt liabilities to be reported at fair value. Any change to the REIS standards requires public comment on an exposure draft and Board approval. Work has commenced and an exposure draft will be available for public comment during the third quarter. If approved, the changes will become effective for 2011 reporting.

### **Next REIS Council Meeting**

The next REIS Council meeting will be conducted via teleconference at Noon Eastern on May 19, 2010. All are welcome to attend. Call in information and materials for the meeting will be posted on the [REIS website](#).