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**NEW YORK CITY TRANSITIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY UPSIZES NEW MONEY BUILDING AID REVENUE BOND ISSUE TO \$650 MILLION AFTER STRONG INSTITUTIONAL DEMAND**

New York City Transitional Finance Authority (the "TFA") announced today the successful sale of \$650 million of new money Building Aid Revenue bonds (BARBs). The bonds were sold on a negotiated basis through the BARB underwriting syndicate led by book-running senior manager, Citi, with Goldman Sachs serving as co-senior manager on the sale.

Today's sale was upsized from the initial \$300 million offered to \$650 million based on strong retail and institutional demand. The TFA received \$217 million in retail orders during the two day retail order period which began on Friday January 9, 2009. During the institutional pricing today, the TFA received \$540 million of priority orders from institutions.

Yields on the bonds ranged from 2.05 % in 2011 to 5.55% in 2039 in the final pricing. Yields were reduced by 01 basis point in the 2034 and 2039 maturities during final pricing today.

Under legislation enacted last spring by the State of New York, the TFA is authorized to have outstanding up to \$9.4 billion of bonds to finance capital costs for the New York City Department of Education. TFA BARBs are payable from and secured by New York State building aid for educational purposes. The New York City Personal Income Tax and the New York City Sales Tax will not be pledged as additional security for the TFA BARBs.

Standard and Poor's rates the TFA BARBs at AA-, Fitch Ratings rates the TFA BARBs at A+, and Moody's Investors Service rates the TFA BARBs at A1.