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Voelker Appointed Deputy Secretary; Henning Promoted

MADISON, WI – The Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) announces the filling of two executive team positions; Deputy Secretary and Assistant Deputy Secretary.

John Voelker has been appointed Deputy Secretary by Secretary Robert Conlin. Voelker, a resident of McFarland and a 27-year veteran of state service, has served as Director and Chief Executive Officer of Wisconsin State Courts since 2003. Voelker will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of ETF's major program areas. He will assume his new duties on July 28.

Conlin also promoted Pam Henning, long-time head of ETF's Division of Management Services, to Assistant Deputy Secretary to oversee communications, legislative relations, policy development and organizational development. Henning, a resident of Marshall, has been with ETF since 1998 and in state service since 1991. Henning will also begin her new duties on July 28.

"As ETF continues to modernize its operations to meet the growing service demands of retirees, public employees, and state and local governments, John and Pam are ideally suited for the challenge," said Conlin. "They both possess extensive operational expertise, strong leadership skills and a firm commitment to improving the way we do business. I'm proud to have them on my executive team."

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The <u>Department of Employee Trust Funds</u> is the state agency that administers Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) benefits. The WRS has approximately \$94 billion in assets as of December 31, 2013. It is the 9th largest U.S. public pension fund and the 28th largest public or private pension fund in the world. WRS assets are professionally managed by the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. To learn more about the WRS, go to etf.wi.gov.