

**Investment Policy Statement  
Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Non-Qualified)  
Effective August 23, 2022**

***I. Purpose and Scope***

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement (“Policy”) is to set forth the investment objective, investment strategies, and authorized portfolio securities for the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (“Florida PRIME”). The Policy also describes the risks associated with an investment in Florida PRIME.

***II. Overview of Florida PRIME***

The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund was created by an Act of the Florida Legislature effective October 1, 1977 (Chapter 218, Part IV, Florida Statutes). The State Board of Administration (“SBA”) is charged with the powers and duties to administer and invest Florida PRIME, in accordance with the statutory fiduciary standards of care as contained in Section 215.47(10), Florida Statutes. The SBA has contracted with Federated Investment Counseling (the “Investment Manager”) to provide investment advisory services for Florida PRIME.

Florida PRIME is governed by Chapters 215 and 218, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 19-7 of the Florida Administrative Code (collectively, “Applicable Florida Law”).

***III. Roles and Responsibilities***

The Board of Trustees of the SBA (“Trustees”) consists of the Governor, as Chairman, the Chief Financial Officer, as Treasurer, and the Attorney General, as Secretary. The Trustees will annually certify that Florida PRIME is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, and that the management of Florida PRIME is in accord with best investment practices.

The Trustees delegate the administrative and investment authority to manage Florida PRIME to the Executive Director of the SBA, subject to Applicable Florida Law. The Trustees appoint an Investment Advisory Council. The Council will, at least annually, review this Policy and any proposed changes prior to its presentation to the Trustees and will undertake other duties set forth in Applicable Florida Law.

***IV. Amortized Cost Accounting***

In March 1997, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) issued Statement 31, titled “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools.” GASB 31 applies to Florida PRIME.

GASB 31 outlines the two options for accounting and reporting for money market investment pools as either “2a-7 like” or fluctuating net asset value (“NAV”). GASB 31 describes a “2a-7 like” pool as an “external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”).” Rule 2a-7 is the rule that permits money market funds to use amortized cost to maintain a constant NAV of \$1.00 per share, provided that such funds meet certain conditions.

In December 2015, GASB issued Statement 79, “Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants,” which delinks the accounting treatment of external investment pools from Rule 2a-7, and

establishes criteria for the use of amortized cost to value portfolio assets of an external pool. GASB 79 also made clear that rounding unit value up or down to the nearest penny to maintain a stable NAV of \$1.00 per share for issuances and redemptions of units is an operational decision for an external investment pool, rather than an accounting matter. GASB 79 also specifies, however, that seeking to maintain a stable price of \$1.00 per share is one of the criteria that an external investment pool must meet as a condition to valuing all portfolio assets at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes.

Florida PRIME will seek to operate in a manner consistent with the criteria and requirements in GASB 79, including diversification, credit quality and maturity conditions. Accordingly, it is thereby permitted to value portfolio assets at amortized cost method.

#### ***V. Investment Objective***

The primary investment objectives for Florida PRIME, in priority order, are safety, liquidity, and competitive returns with minimization of risks. Investment performance of Florida PRIME will be evaluated on a monthly basis against the Standard & Poor's U.S. AAA & AA Rated GIP All 30 Day Net Yield Index. While there is no assurance that Florida PRIME will achieve its investment objectives, it endeavors to do so by following the investment strategies described in this Policy.

#### ***VI. Investment Strategies & Specific Limitations***

The Investment Manager will invest Florida PRIME's assets in short-term, high-quality fixed income securities. All Florida PRIME assets (100 percent) will be U.S. dollar-denominated. To be considered high-quality, a security must be rated in the highest short-term rating category by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs"), or be deemed to be of comparable quality thereto by the Investment Manager, subject to Section 215.47(1)(j), Florida Statutes. The Investment Manager also may enter into special transactions for Florida PRIME, like repurchase agreements. Each repurchase agreement counterparty must have an explicit issuer or counterparty credit rating in the highest short-term rating category from Standard & Poor's. Certain of the fixed income securities in which Florida PRIME invests pay interest at a rate that is periodically adjusted ("Adjustable Rate Securities").

The Investment Manager will manage credit risk by purchasing only high quality securities. The Investment Manager will perform a credit analysis to develop a database of issuers and securities that meet the Investment Manager's standard for minimal credit risk. The Investment Manager monitors the credit risks of all Florida PRIME's portfolio securities on an ongoing basis by reviewing periodic financial data, issuer news and developments, and ratings of certain NRSROs. The Investment Manager will utilize a "new products" or similar committee to review and approve new security structures prior to an investment of Florida PRIME's assets in such securities. The Investment Manager will periodically consider and follow best practices in connection with minimal credit risk determinations (e.g., such as those described in Appendix I of the Investment Company Institute's 2009, *Report of the Money Market Working Group*).

The Investment Manager will manage interest rate risk by purchasing only short-term fixed income securities. The Investment Manager will target a dollar-weighted average maturity range for Florida PRIME based on its interest rate outlook. The Investment Manager will formulate its interest rate outlook by analyzing a variety of factors, such as current and expected U.S. economic growth; current and expected interest rates and inflation; and the Federal Reserve Board's monetary policy. The Investment Manager will generally shorten Florida PRIME's dollar-weighted average maturity when it expects interest rates to rise and extend Florida PRIME's dollar-weighted average maturity when it expects interest rates to fall. In order to meet the investment grade ratings criteria of Standard & Poor's for a pool, the remaining maturity of securities purchased by the Investment Manager shall not exceed 762 days for government floating rate notes/variable rate notes and will not exceed 397 days for all other securities; provided, however, that if not required by the ratings criteria of the applicable NRSRO that is providing

an investment grade rating to the pool and to the extent consistent with the portfolio criteria of GASB 79, longer term floating rate/variable rate notes that are U.S. government securities may be owned by Florida PRIME.

The Investment Manager will exercise reasonable care to maintain (i) a dollar weighted average maturity (“DWAM”) of 60 days or less; and (ii) a maximum weighted average life (WAL) within the range of 90-120 days, depending on the levels of exposure and ratings of certain Adjustable Rate Securities. The maximum WAL will depend upon the percentage exposures to government and non-government Adjustable Rate Securities, with sovereign (government) Adjustable Rate Securities rated AA- and higher allowed a 120-day limit, and non-sovereign (corporate) Adjustable Rate Securities (and sovereign Adjustable Rate Securities rated below AA-) restricted to a 90-day limit. The portfolio’s maximum WAL will be based on a weighted average of the percentage exposures to each type of floating-rate instrument.

For purposes of calculating DWAM, the maturity of an Adjustable Rate Security generally will be the period remaining until its next interest rate adjustment. For purposes of calculating WAL, the maturity of an Adjustable Rate Security will be its stated final maturity, without regard to interest rate adjustments; accordingly, the WAL limitation could serve to restrict Florida PRIME’s ability to invest in Adjustable Rate Securities.

The Investment Manager will exercise reasonable care to limit exposure to not more than 25% of Florida PRIME’s assets in a single industry sector, with the exception that the Investment Manager may invest more than 25% in the financial services industry sector, which includes banks, broker-dealers, and finance companies. This higher limit is in recognition of the large outstanding value of money fund instruments issued by financial services firms. Government securities are not considered to be an industry.

The Investment Manager will exercise reasonable care to not acquire a security, other than (i) a Daily Liquid Asset, if immediately after the acquisition Florida PRIME would have invested less than 10% of its total assets in Daily Liquid Assets; (ii) a Weekly Liquid Asset, if immediately after the acquisition Florida PRIME would have invested less than 30% of its total assets in Weekly Liquid Assets. Daily Liquid Assets include cash, direct obligations of the U.S. government and securities that convert to cash in one business day. Weekly Liquid Assets include cash, direct obligations of the U.S. government, certain government securities with remaining maturities of 60 business days or less and securities that convert to cash in five business days.

Florida PRIME shall seek to hold liquid assets sufficient to meet reasonably foreseeable redemptions, based upon knowledge of the expected cash needs of participants.

The Investment Manager will exercise reasonable care to not acquire securities that cannot be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business within five business days at approximately the value ascribed to them by Florida PRIME if, immediately after the acquisition, Florida PRIME would have invested more than 5% of its total assets in such securities.

In buying and selling portfolio securities for Florida PRIME, the Investment Manager will comply with (i) the diversification, maturity and credit quality criteria in GASB 79, (ii) the requirements imposed by any NRSRO that rates Florida PRIME to ensure that it maintains a AAAM rating (or the equivalent) and (iii) the investment limitations imposed by Section 215.47, Florida Statutes except to the extent, as permitted by Section 215.44(3), the trust instrument of Florida PRIME and this investment policy statement specifically authorize investments in addition to those authorized by Section 215.47.

The Investment Manager generally will comply with the following diversification limitations that are additional to those set forth in GASB 79. First, at least 50% of Florida PRIME assets will be invested in securities rated “A-1+” or those deemed to be of comparable credit quality thereto by the Investment Manager (i.e., so long as such deeming is consistent with the requirements of the NRSRO’s AAAM (or

equivalent) rating criteria), subject to Section 215.47(1)(j), Florida Statutes. The Investment Manager will document each instance in which a security is deemed to be of comparable credit quality and its basis for such a determination. Second, exposure to any single non-governmental issuer (other than a money market mutual fund) will not exceed 5% and exposure to any single money market mutual fund will not exceed 10% of Florida PRIME assets.

### ***VII. Portfolio Securities and Special Transactions***

The Investment Manager will purchase only fixed income securities for Florida PRIME, and may engage in special transactions, for any purpose that is consistent with Florida PRIME's investment objective.

Fixed income securities are securities that pay interest, dividends or distributions at a specified rate. The rate may be a fixed percentage of the principal or adjusted periodically. In addition, the issuer of a short-term fixed income security must repay the principal amount of the security, normally within a specified time. The fixed income securities in which Florida PRIME may invest include corporate debt securities, bank instruments, asset backed securities, U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. government agency securities, insurance contracts, municipal securities, foreign securities, mortgage backed securities, and shares of money market mutual funds. Florida PRIME is also permitted to buy such fixed income securities that require Florida PRIME to be a qualified institutional buyer as long as the securities held by Florida PRIME are in excess of \$100,000,000.

Special transactions are transactions into which Florida PRIME may enter, including, but not limited to, repurchase agreements and delayed delivery transactions.

For a more detailed description of Florida PRIME's portfolio securities and special transactions, please see "Additional Information Regarding Florida PRIME's Principal Securities" at Appendix A.

### ***VIII. Risks Associated with Florida PRIME***

An investment in Florida PRIME is subject to certain risks. Any investor in Florida PRIME should specifically consider, among other things, the following principal risks before making a decision to purchase shares of Florida PRIME.

#### ***Risk that Florida PRIME will not Maintain a Stable Net Asset Value***

Although the Investment Manager attempts to manage Florida PRIME such that it maintains a stable NAV of \$1.00 per share, there is no guarantee that it will be able to do so. Florida PRIME is not registered under the 1940 Act or regulated by the SEC.

#### ***Interest Rate Risks***

The prices of the fixed income securities in which Florida PRIME will invest rise and fall in response to changes in the interest rates paid by similar securities. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed income securities fall. However, market factors, such as demand for particular fixed income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed income securities to fall while the price of other securities rise or remain unchanged. Interest rate changes have a greater effect on the price of fixed income securities with longer maturities.

#### ***Credit Risks***

Credit risk is the possibility that an issuer of a fixed income security held by Florida PRIME will default on the security by failing to pay interest or principal when due. If an issuer defaults, Florida PRIME will lose money.

### *Liquidity Risks*

Trading opportunities are more limited for fixed income securities that are not widely held. These features make it more difficult to sell or buy securities at a favorable price or time. Consequently, Florida PRIME may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on Florida PRIME's performance.

### *Concentration Risks*

A substantial part of Florida PRIME may be comprised of securities issued by companies in the financial services industry, companies with similar characteristics, or securities credit enhanced by banks or companies with similar characteristics. As a result, Florida PRIME may be more susceptible to any economic, business, or political risks or other developments that generally affect finance companies. Developments affecting companies in the financial services industry or companies with similar characteristics might include changes in interest rates, changes in the economic cycle affecting credit losses and regulatory changes.

### *Risks of Foreign Investing*

Foreign securities pose additional risks because foreign economic or political conditions may be less favorable than those of the United States. Securities in foreign markets also may be subject to taxation policies that reduce returns for U.S. investors.

### *Call Risks*

If a fixed income security is called, Florida PRIME may have to reinvest the proceeds in other fixed income securities with lower interest rates, higher credit risks or other less favorable characteristics.

### *Prepayment Risks*

Unlike traditional fixed income securities, which pay a fixed rate of interest until maturity (when the entire principal amount is due), payments on asset-backed securities include both interest and a partial payment of principal. Partial payment of principal may be comprised of scheduled principal payments as well as unscheduled payments from voluntary prepayment, refinancing, or foreclosure of the underlying loans. If Florida PRIME receives unscheduled prepayments, it may have to reinvest the proceeds in other fixed income securities with lower interest rates, higher credit risks or other less favorable characteristics.

### *Risks Associated with Amortized Cost Method of Valuation*

Florida PRIME will use the amortized cost method to determine the value of its portfolio securities. Under this method, portfolio securities are valued at the acquisition cost as adjusted for amortization of premium or accumulation of discount rather than at current market value. Accordingly, neither the amount of daily income nor the NAV is affected by any unrealized appreciation or depreciation of the portfolio. In periods of declining interest rates, the indicated daily yield on shares computed by dividing the annualized daily income on Florida PRIME's portfolio by the NAV, as computed above, may tend to be higher than a similar computation made by using a method of valuation based on market prices and estimates. In periods of rising interest rates, the opposite may be true.

#### *Changing Distribution Level Risk*

There is no guarantee that Florida PRIME will provide a certain level of income or that any such income will exceed the rate of inflation. Further, Florida PRIME's yield will vary. A low interest rate environment may prevent Florida PRIME from providing a positive yield or paying expenses out of current income.

Throughout this section, it shall be understood that actions described as being taken by Florida PRIME refer to actions taken by the Investment Manager on behalf of Florida PRIME.

For additional information regarding Florida PRIME's principal securities and associated risks, please see Appendix A.

#### ***IX. Controls and Escalation Procedures***

Section 218.409(2), Florida Statutes requires this Policy to document a system of internal controls designed to prevent the loss of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by employees and officers of the board or a professional money management firm. The controls include formal escalation reporting guidelines for all employees to address material impacts on Florida PRIME that require reporting and action.

The SBA has engaged BNY Mellon ("Custodian") to provide asset safekeeping, custody, fund accounting and performance measurement services to Florida PRIME. The Custodian will mark to market the portfolio holdings of Florida PRIME on a daily basis and will daily communicate both amortized cost price and mark to market price, so that the SBA and the Investment Manager can monitor the deviations between the amortized cost price and market price. By contractual agreement, the Investment Manager will reconcile accounting and performance measurement reports with the Custodian on at least a monthly basis, under the supervision of the SBA.

The NRSRO that rates Florida PRIME will perform regular independent surveillance of Florida PRIME. The SBA and an independent investment consultant will regularly monitor the Investment Manager with respect to performance and organizational factors according to SBA manager monitoring policies.

The SBA and third parties used to materially implement Florida PRIME will maintain internal control, fraud and ethics policies and procedures designed to prevent the loss of public funds.

The Executive Director will develop policies and procedures to:

- Identify, monitor and control/mitigate key investment and operational risks.
- Maintain an appropriate and effective risk management and compliance program that identifies, evaluates and manages risks within business units and at the enterprise level.
- Maintain an appropriate and effective control environment for SBA investment and operational responsibilities.

- Approve risk allocations and limits, including total fund and asset class risk budgets.

The Executive Director will appoint a Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, whose selection, compensation and termination will be affirmed by the Board, to assist in the execution of the responsibilities enumerated in the preceding list. For day-to-day executive and administrative purposes, the Chief Risk and Compliance Officer will proactively work with the Executive Director and designees to ensure that issues are promptly and thoroughly addressed by management. On at least a quarterly basis, the Chief Risk and Compliance Officer will provide reports to the Investment Advisory Council, Audit Committee and Board, and is authorized to directly access these bodies at any time as appropriate to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of risk management and compliance functions.

Pursuant to written SBA policy, the Executive Director will organize an Investment Oversight Group to regularly review, document and formally escalate compliance exceptions and events that may have a material impact on Florida PRIME. The Investment Oversight Group will meet as necessary based on the occurrence and resolution of compliance exceptions or upon the occurrence of a material event. Minutes of any meeting held by the Investment Oversight Group and a listing of meeting participants shall be timely posted on the Florida PRIME website.

The SBA and the Investment Manager have an affirmative duty to immediately disclose any material impact on Florida PRIME to the participants, including, but not limited to:

1. When the deviation between the market value and amortized cost of Florida PRIME exceeds 0.25%, according to pricing information provided by the Custodian, the Investment Manager will establish a formal action plan. The Investment Oversight Group will review the formal action plan and prepare a recommendation for the Executive Director's consideration.
2. When the deviation between the market value and amortized cost of Florida PRIME exceeds 0.50%, according to pricing information provided by the Custodian, the Executive Director will promptly consider what action, if any, will be initiated. Where the Executive Director believes the extent of any deviation from Florida PRIME's amortized cost price per share may result in material dilution or other unfair results to investors or existing shareholders, he will cause Florida PRIME to take such action as he deems appropriate to eliminate or reduce to the extent reasonably practicable such dilution or unfair results.
3. The Investment Manager will perform daily compliance monitoring to ensure that investment practices comply with the requirements of this Policy, according to documented compliance procedures. The Investment Manager will provide regular compliance reports and will communicate compliance exceptions within 24 hours of identification to the Investment Oversight Group. Additionally, the Investment Oversight Group will periodically conduct independent compliance reviews.
4. In the event that a security receives a credit rating downgrade and ceases to be in the highest rating category, or the Investment Manager determines that the security is no longer of comparable quality to the highest short-term rating category (in either case, a "Downgrade"), the Investment Manager will reassess whether the security continues to present minimal credit risk and will cause Florida PRIME to take any actions determined by the Investment Manager to be in the best interest of Florida PRIME; provided however, that the Investment Manager will not be required to make such reassessments if Florida PRIME disposes of the security (or the security matures) within five business days of the Downgrade.
5. In the event that a security no longer meets the criteria for purchase due to default, event of insolvency, a determination that the security no longer presents minimal credit risks, or other material event ("Affected Security"), the Investment Manager must dispose of the security as

soon as practical, consistent with achieving an orderly disposition of the security, by sale, exercise of a demand feature or otherwise, and the requirements of GASB 79. An Affected Security may be held only if the Executive Director has determined, based upon a recommendation from the Investment Manager and the Investment Oversight Group, that it would not be in the best interest of Florida PRIME to dispose of the security taking into account market conditions that may affect an orderly disposition.

6. The Investment Manager will monthly stress test Florida PRIME and at least quarterly report the results of the stress tests to the Investment Oversight Group. Stress tests must be conducted for at least the following events, or combinations of events (i) a change in short-term interest rates; (ii) an increase in net shareholder redemptions; (iii) downgrades or defaults; and (iv) changes between a benchmark overnight interest rate and the interest rates on securities held by Florida PRIME.

The Investment Manager will at least annually provide the Investment Oversight Group with: (i) their documented compliance procedures; (ii) an assessment of Florida PRIME's ability to withstand events reasonably likely to occur in the coming year and (iii) their list of NRSROs utilized as a component of the credit risk monitoring process.

The Executive Director's delegated authority as described in this section is intended to provide him with sufficient authority and operating flexibility to make professional investment decisions in response to changing market and economic conditions. Nonetheless, the Trustees will at least monthly review and approve management summaries of material impacts on Florida PRIME, any actions or escalations taken thereon, and carry out such duties and make such determinations as are otherwise necessary under applicable law, regulation or rule.

Pursuant to Florida law, the Auditor General will conduct an annual financial audit of Florida PRIME, which will include testing for compliance with this Policy.

#### ***X. Deposits and Withdrawals***

Investors should refer to the separate Florida PRIME Operating Procedures for detailed descriptions regarding how to make deposits in and withdrawals from Florida PRIME, including (1) any fees and limitations that may be imposed with respect thereto; and (2) reports provided to participants.

#### ***XI. Management Reporting***

The Executive Director will be responsible for providing the formal periodic reports to the Trustees, legislative committees and other entities:

1. An annual report on the SBA and its investment portfolios, including that of Florida PRIME.
2. A monthly report on performance and investment actions taken.
3. Special reports pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.



**Appendix A**  
**Additional Information Regarding Florida PRIME's Principal Securities**

Throughout this appendix it shall be understood that actions described as being taken by Florida PRIME refer to actions taken by the Investment Manager on behalf of Florida PRIME.

**FIXED INCOME SECURITIES**

**Corporate Debt Securities**

Corporate debt securities are fixed income securities issued by businesses. Notes, bonds, debentures and commercial paper are the most prevalent types of corporate debt securities. Florida PRIME also may purchase interests in bank loans to companies.

**COMMERCIAL PAPER**

Commercial paper is an issuer's obligation with a maturity of generally less than 270 days. Companies typically issue commercial paper to pay for current expenditures. Most issuers constantly reissue their commercial paper and use the proceeds (or bank loans) to repay maturing paper. If the issuer cannot continue to obtain liquidity in this fashion, its commercial paper may default.

**DEMAND INSTRUMENTS**

Demand instruments are corporate debt securities that the issuer must repay upon demand. Other demand instruments require a third party, such as a dealer or bank, to repurchase the security for its face value upon demand. Florida PRIME treats demand instruments as short-term securities, even though their stated maturity may extend beyond one year.

**Bank Instruments**

Bank instruments are unsecured interest bearing deposits with banks. Bank instruments include, but are not limited to, bank accounts, time deposits, certificates of deposit and banker's acceptances. Yankee instruments are denominated in U.S. dollars and issued by U.S. branches of foreign banks. Eurodollar instruments are denominated in U.S. dollars and issued by non-U.S. branches of U.S. or foreign banks.

Florida PRIME will not invest in instruments of domestic and foreign banks and savings and loans unless they have capital, surplus, and undivided profits of over \$100,000,000, or if the principal amount of the instrument is insured by the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Association Insurance Fund which are administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. These instruments may include Eurodollar Certificates of Deposit, Yankee Certificates of Deposit, and Euro-dollar Time Deposits.

Florida PRIME shall further limit its investments in bank instruments consistent with the requirements of GASB 79.

**Asset Backed Securities**

Asset backed securities are payable from pools of obligations, most of which involve consumer or commercial debts. However, almost any type of fixed income assets (including other fixed income securities) may be used to create an asset backed security. Asset backed securities may take the form of commercial paper, notes or pass-through certificates.

## **Government Securities**

Government security means any security issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States, or by a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an instrumentality of the Government of the United States pursuant to authority granted by the Congress of the United States; or any certificate of deposit for any of the foregoing.

### **U.S. Treasury Securities**

U.S. Treasury securities are direct obligations of the federal government of the United States. U.S. Treasury securities are generally regarded as having the lowest credit risks.

### **Agency Securities**

Agency securities are issued or guaranteed by a federal agency or other government sponsored entity (GSE) acting under federal authority. Some GSE securities are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. These include securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association, Small Business Administration, Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation, Farmer's Home Administration, Federal Financing Bank, General Services Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Export-Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Other GSE securities receive support through federal subsidies, loans or other benefits. For example, the U.S. Treasury is authorized to purchase specified amounts of securities issued by (or otherwise make funds available to) the Federal Home Loan Bank System, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, Student Loan Marketing Association, and Tennessee Valley Authority in support of such obligations.

A few GSE securities have no explicit financial support, but are regarded as having implied support because the federal government sponsors their activities. These include securities issued by the Farm Credit System, Financing Corporation, and Resolution Funding Corporation.

Investors regard agency securities as having low credit risks, but not as low as Treasury securities. Florida PRIME treats mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by a GSE as if issued or guaranteed by a federal agency. Although such a guarantee protects against credit risks, it does not reduce market risks.

## **Insurance Contracts**

Insurance contracts include guaranteed investment contracts, funding agreements and annuities. Florida PRIME treats these contracts as fixed income securities.

## **Municipal Securities**

Municipal securities are issued by states, counties, cities and other political subdivisions and authorities.

## **Foreign Securities**

Foreign securities are U.S. dollar-denominated securities of issuers based outside the United States. Florida PRIME considers an issuer to be based outside the United States if:

- it is organized under the laws of, or has a principal office located in, another country;
- the principal trading market for its securities is in another country; or

- it (or its subsidiaries) derived in its most current fiscal year at least 50% of its total assets, capitalization, gross revenue or profit from goods produced, services performed or sales made in another country.

### **Mortgage Backed Securities**

Mortgage backed securities represent interests in pools of mortgages. The mortgages that comprise a pool normally have similar interest rates, maturities and other terms. Mortgages may have fixed or adjustable interest rates. Interests in pools of adjustable rate mortgages are known as ARMs.

### **Zero Coupon Securities**

Certain of the fixed income securities in which Florida PRIME invests are zero coupon securities. Zero coupon securities do not pay interest or principal until final maturity, unlike debt securities that provide periodic payments of interest (referred to as a "coupon payment"). Investors buy zero coupon securities at a price below the amount payable at maturity. The difference between the purchase price and the amount paid at maturity represents interest on the zero coupon security. Investors must wait until maturity to receive interest and principal, which increases the interest rate and credit risks of a zero coupon security.

### **Callable Securities**

Certain of the fixed income securities in which Florida PRIME invests are callable at the option of the issuer. Callable securities are subject to reinvestment risks.

### **144A Securities**

The SBA has determined that Florida PRIME constitutes (i) an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(7) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), as long as Florida PRIME has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000, (ii) a "qualified purchaser" as defined in Section 2(a)(51)(A)(iv) of the 1940 Act, as long as Florida PRIME in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis not less than \$25,000,000 in investments, and (iii) a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144(a)(1) promulgated under the Securities Act, as long as Florida PRIME in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$100,000,000 in securities.

### **Money Market Mutual Funds**

Florida PRIME may invest in shares of registered investment companies that are money market mutual funds, including those that are affiliated with the Investment Manager, as an efficient means of implementing its investment strategies and/or managing its uninvested cash. These other money market mutual funds are managed independently of Florida PRIME and incur additional fees and/or expenses that would, therefore, be borne indirectly by Florida PRIME in connection with such investment. However, the Investment Manager believes that the benefits and efficiencies of this approach should outweigh the potential additional fees and/or expenses. The Investment Manager must obtain prior written consent of the SBA to invest Florida PRIME in money market mutual funds that are "affiliated persons" of the Investment Manager.

### **SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS**

The Investment Manager on behalf of Florida PRIME may engage in the following special transactions.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

A repurchase agreement is a transaction in which Florida PRIME buys a security from a dealer or bank and agrees to sell the security back at a mutually agreed-upon time and price. The repurchase price exceeds the sale price, reflecting Florida PRIME's return on the transaction. This return is unrelated to the interest rate on the underlying security. Florida PRIME will enter into repurchase agreements only with banks and other recognized financial institutions, such as securities dealers, deemed creditworthy by the Investment Manager. The securities that are subject to the repurchase transactions are limited to securities in which Florida PRIME would be permitted to invest, except that such securities may have a maturity longer than would otherwise be permitted for Florida PRIME to own.

Florida PRIME's custodian or subcustodian will take possession of the securities subject to repurchase agreements. The Investment Manager or subcustodian will monitor the value of the underlying security each day to ensure that the value of the security always equals or exceeds the repurchase price.

Repurchase agreements are subject to credit risks.

### **Delayed Delivery Transactions**

Delayed delivery transactions, including when-issued transactions, are arrangements in which Florida PRIME buys securities for a set price, with payment and delivery of the securities scheduled for a future time. During the period between purchase and settlement, no payment is made by Florida PRIME to the issuer and no interest accrues to Florida PRIME. Florida PRIME records the transaction when it agrees to buy the securities and reflects their value in determining the price of its units. Settlement dates may not be more than seven business days after entering into these transactions; nonetheless, the market values of the securities bought may vary from the purchase prices. Therefore, delayed delivery transactions create interest rate risks for Florida PRIME. Delayed delivery transactions also involve credit risks in the event of a counterparty default.

### **Asset Coverage**

In order to secure its obligations in connection with special transactions, Florida PRIME will either own the underlying assets, enter into an offsetting transaction or set aside readily marketable securities with a value that equals or exceeds Florida PRIME's obligations. Unless Florida PRIME has other readily marketable assets to set aside, it cannot trade assets used to secure such obligations without terminating a special transaction. This may cause Florida PRIME to miss favorable trading opportunities or to realize losses on special transactions.