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SBCERA NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL “MEDIUM PUBLIC PLAN OF THE YEAR” BY INDUSTRY LEADERS

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (February 8, 2008)– The [Money Management Letter](#), a leading investment industry publication, nominated San Bernardino County Employees’ Retirement Association (SBCERA) for “Medium Public Plan of the Year”. SBCERA was honored with the prestigious “Small Plan of the Year Award” in 2005 (for 2004 performance).

SBCERA achieved superior investment returns in 2007, adding an additional \$1 billion to the retirement fund, an increase of almost 20%. Recently, SBCERA was awarded the Excellence in Governance and Fiduciary Services for superior oversight of the now \$6.3 billion pension plan. Furthermore, SBCERA’s accomplishments were acknowledged in a California State Senate Resolution authored by State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod in December.

“To have grown into a medium-sized plan in so short a time and to be acknowledged once again for our tremendous growth and fiduciary excellence is an honor,” said SBCERA Board of Trustees Chairman Marvin Reiter.

Money Management Letter's 7th Annual Public Pension Fund Awards for Excellence will be held on March 2, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa. To honor this year's leaders in the public pension fund and investment management communities, *Money Management Letter*, in collaboration with [Institutional Investor News](#) and the [Information Management Network](#), will recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding performance in 2007.

The criterion for the Medium Public Plan award is for pension plans exceeding \$5 billion in assets, but less than \$10 billion. The award also evaluates investment performance, innovation, asset allocation and problem solving. Opinions will be solicited from the industry; however, both the nominees and winners are selected exclusively by the editorial staff of *Money Management Letter* based on its industry-wide due diligence.

The awards are not a popularity contest, nor are they tied to any form of advertising or subscription. According to San Bernardino County Treasurer and SBCERA Investment Committee Chairman Dick Larsen, “We’re recognized for our sound management and excellent staff decisions over the last few years that have resulted in the protection and growth of our members’ assets.”

The San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) provides its members and their beneficiaries with retirement and related benefits and services which they have earned, commensurate with their years of service and compensation. The Board of Retirement's responsibilities and functions are governed by the applicable provisions of the California Government Code, along with the bylaws and regulations of SBCERA. It is the responsibility of those charged with administration of the Association to diversify the investments of the system so as to minimize the risk of loss and to maximize the rate of return.

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