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## State Treasury Makes it Easier to Claim Your Money

New options on Treasurer's Office website will speed-up the claims process

**Madison** – Wisconsin residents who find they may have unclaimed property held by the State can now claim it much more quickly thanks to changes made by to our website by State Treasury Staff.

“Rather than wait for claim forms to be mailed out from our office, visitors to our website will be able to search their names, print a claim form, fill it out and mail it in,” State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass said. “This not only saves time, but saves money on mailing and paper costs. This is a major component of all the upgrades we are putting in place before the end of the year to make the office more efficient.”

Earlier this year, the State Treasurer's Office implemented a “fast tracking” program that made it easier to claim \$750 or less of forgotten money. By December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Office hopes to become “paperless”, scanning claims into the computer system once they are received. This will also help speed up the claims process.

As of late last week, the Office had processed 29,710 claims – already breaking a record with a little more than 2 months left in the year. So far in 2010, the Office has returned \$24,416,023 to residents; that's an average of nearly \$2,500,000 a month returned to Wisconsinites. In 2009, Treasury Staff returned \$26,801,064.

To look for your name in the unclaimed property databases and to print out a claim form for yourself, visit [www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov](http://www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov) and click on the “Badger Bucks” logo.

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