

## **EARNEST Partners Continues TARP Work with the United States Treasury**

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EARNEST Partners is pleased to continue working with the United States Department of the Treasury in an engagement that began in March 2009. Per that agreement, EARNEST Partners serves as an asset manager to the portfolio of SBA 7(a) loans that the Treasury has purchased under the Unlocking Credit for Small Businesses Program as a part of the U.S. Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

EARNEST Partners CEO Paul Viera commented “That EARNEST Partners was chosen to work with the United States Treasury Department to support the debt market for small businesses reflects positively on our firm’s long experience in trading and managing these assets. We are honored to be a part of the Treasury’s efforts to rebuild economic stability in the United States; and will continue to work diligently to aptly manage Small Business Administration Loan Pool assets on its behalf.”

### About EARNEST Partners

EARNEST Partners is an independent, employee-owned asset management firm currently advising on more than \$17 billion in assets for clients around the world. EARNEST Partners manages portfolios for more than 300 clients including corporations, government pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, jointly-trusted plans, endowments and foundations. The firm also manages the EARNEST Partners Fixed Income Trust (EPFTX) and is the sole subadvisor of the Hancock Horizon Diversified International Fund, the Touchstone Large Cap Relative Value Fund and the Harbor Small Cap Value Fund. EARNEST Partners is headquartered in Atlanta, GA with offices in Beijing and Hong Kong.

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