

Three Federated Fixed Income Funds Earn Top Lipper Fund Awards

- **Federated U.S. Government Securities Fund: 2-5 Years, Federated Income Trust and Federated U.S. Government Bond Fund each named top fund for consistent return in its respective category**

(PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 3, 2009) – Federated Investors, Inc. (NYSE: FII), one of the nation’s largest investment managers, today announced that three of its fixed income mutual funds received Lipper Fund Awards recognizing their category-leading performance. Lipper, a leading global provider of mutual fund research and analysis, based the awards on the calculation of consistent return for three-, five- and 10-year periods ending Dec. 31, 2008.

“The Lipper awards attest to Federated’s commitment to providing consistent long-term returns to our bond-fund shareholders,” said John B. Fisher, president and chief executive officer, Federated Investment Advisory Companies. “Congratulations to the teams of fixed income portfolio managers, analysts and traders whose dedication, skill and talent enabled the funds to earn Lipper awards.” The following earned Lipper awards:

- Federated U.S. Government Securities Fund: 2-5 Years (FIGTX) Institutional Shares earned recognition as Best Short-Intermediate U.S. Government Fund over Three Years. Federated U.S. Government Securities Fund: 2-5 Years invests in short-to-intermediate U.S. Treasury and government agency securities. The fund was selected as the top product from 46 short-intermediate U.S. government funds. The fund has \$955 million in assets and is managed by Donald T. Ellenberger.
- Federated Income Trust (FICMX) Institutional Shares earned recognition as Best U.S. Mortgage Fund over Ten Years. The fund invests in U.S. government securities – primarily mortgage-backed securities. The fund was selected as the top product from 51 U.S. mortgage funds. The fund has \$552 million in assets and is managed by Todd A. Abraham.
- Federated U.S. Government Bond Fund (FEDBX) earned the Lipper Fund Award as Best General U.S. Government Fund over Ten Years. The fund was selected as the top product from 72 U.S. government funds. This is the fourth consecutive year that the fund earned an award for its risk-adjusted performance. The fund invests in longer-term U.S. Treasury and government agency securities. With more than \$78 million in assets, the fund is managed by Liam O’Connell.

Federated Investors, Inc. is one of the largest investment management firms in the United States, managing \$407 billion in assets as of Dec. 31, 2008. With 158 funds and various separately managed accounts, Federated provides comprehensive investment management worldwide to nearly 5,400 institutions and intermediaries including corporations, government entities, insurance companies, foundations and endowments, banks and broker/dealers.

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Lipper Ratings for Consistent Return reflect funds' historical risk-adjusted returns, adjusted for volatility, relative to peers. Ratings for Consistent Return are computed for all Lipper classifications with five or more distinct portfolios and span both equity and fixed income funds (e.g., large-cap core, general U.S. Treasury, etc.). Classification averages are calculated with all eligible share classes for each eligible classification. The calculation periods extend over 36, 60, and 120 months. The highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value within each eligible classification determines the fund classification winner over three, five, or ten years.

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Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.

The value of some mortgage-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates, and although the securities are generally supported by some form of government or private insurance, there is no assurance that private guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

For more complete information, visit FederatedInvestors.com or contact your investment professional for prospectuses. You should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before you invest. Information about these and other important subjects is in the fund's prospectus, which you should read carefully before investing.

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