

SALOMON BROTHERS MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC  
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**VOTE NOW ON YOUR WHITE PROXY CARD**

**SALOMON BROTHERS MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC.**

**125 Broad Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**New York, New York 10004**

October 13, 2005

Dear Shareholder:

The Special Meeting of Shareholders of Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund Inc. (the Fund) is just days away. **Your vote is extremely important.** We are writing to you once again because the continuity and stability of your Fund's investment program may very well depend on the outcome of the vote.

Your Fund's Board of Directors, including all the Independent Directors, recommends that you vote **FOR** approval of a new management agreement with the Fund's current investment adviser, Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc (SBAM). Karpus Management Inc. d/b/a Karpus Investment Management (Karpus) has initiated a proxy contest in order to pursue its own short-term interests and goals, and may have contacted you in an effort to seek your vote.

**ISS, THE LEADING INDEPENDENT PROXY VOTING ADVISORY FIRM, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE NEW MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), the nation's leading independent proxy voting advisory firm, has issued a Report recommending that shareholders vote **FOR** the new management agreement. ISS made its recommendation after considering both your Fund's and Karpus' positions. In its Report, ISS stated: SBAM has performed well as investment advisor, leading to strong returns for shareholders over the years. The [B]oard is also carefully monitoring any discount, but it will not seek the discount's elimination at the expense of long-term shareholders. A vote against this proposal may create significant uncertainty for the [F]und and its shareholders. ISS does not believe that this is the proper means to narrow the discount. Furthermore, the [F]und's closed-end structure is a fundamental component of the [F]und's investment objective and is critical to its successful implementation. The Report concluded that,

. . . ISS believes that long-term investors, presumably the majority of shareholders, can still benefit from this [F]und's overall performance. ISS's voting analyses and recommendations are relied upon by more than 1,500 institutional investment funds, mutual funds and fiduciaries.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING THEIR SHARES IN A  
BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

Your broker can vote your shares held in a brokerage account **ONLY** if you give instructions to do so. If you give no instructions, your shares cannot be voted on this proposal at the Special Meeting.

Give your broker instructions simply by signing and dating the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card, and returning it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or follow the instructions for phone or Internet voting on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. You do not have to contact your broker directly. We urge you to act today, and vote **FOR** the new management agreement on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card.

**By voting now FOR the new management agreement, you will help ensure the continuity of your Fund's investment program.**

Your Fund's existing management agreement will automatically terminate upon the consummation of the sale by Citigroup Inc. of its asset management business to Legg Mason, Inc. (the Transaction). Consummation of the Transaction is expected to occur whether or not the new management agreement is approved by the Fund's shareholders. If the new management agreement is not approved by shareholders of the Fund, the Fund will face considerable uncertainty and its ability to pursue its investment objectives may be disrupted for an indefinite period following consummation of the Transaction. Your Fund's Board has carefully evaluated the new management agreement. After consideration of all factors which it determined to be relevant to its deliberations, the Board approved the new management agreement. The Board recommends that you vote FOR approval of the new management agreement. The ISS Report supports that recommendation.

Your Board is not ignoring the discount from net asset value at which the Fund's shares have traded. The Board has considered and, following consummation of the Transaction, intends to continue to consider ways to address effectively any discount in light of the investment goals of all the Fund's shareholders not just Karpus.

**VOTE NOW IN FAVOR OF THE NEW MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, and regardless of the number of shares you own, your Board urges you to vote **FOR** the new management agreement on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card now. Time is running short, so please vote today. Your Board strongly urges you to discard and not sign any green proxy card that may be sent to you by Karpus. If you have already signed a green proxy card, you can easily rescind your vote by voting the **WHITE** proxy card or by following the instructions for phone and Internet voting on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card.

We thank you for your continued trust and support. If you need any assistance, or have any questions regarding the Fund's proposal or how to vote your shares, please call our proxy solicitor, Georgeson Shareholder Communications Inc., at 1-888-293-6728.

Sincerely,

R. Jay Gerken

Chairman

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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE ACT TODAY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE IN VOTING YOUR SHARES, PLEASE CALL:

17 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10004

**(888) 293-6728 (Toll Free)**

Banks and Brokerage Firms please call:

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