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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-22265

Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

620 Eighth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

10018 (Zip code)

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Stamford, CT 06902 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (888)777-0102

Date of fiscal year November 30

end:

Date of reporting period: May 31, 2013

ITEM 1.	REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.		
The Semi-Annual Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.			

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Semi-Annual Report May 31, 2013
WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL DEFINED OPPORTUNITY TRUST INC. (MTT)
INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED ◆ NO BANK GUARANTEE ◆ MAY LOSE VALUE
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Fund objectives

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high current income exempt from federal income tax* and then to liquidate on or about April 30, 2021 and distribute all of the Fund's net assets to shareholders. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek total return. There can be no assurance the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

* Certain investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT), and state and local taxes will apply. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Please consult your personal tax or legal adviser.

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Letter from the chairman

Dear Shareholder,
We are pleased to provide the semi-annual report of Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. for the six-month reporting period ended May 31, 2013. Please read on for Fund performance information and a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund s reporting period.
I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, succeeding R. Jay Gerken, as he embarks upon his retirement. Jay has most recently served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund and other funds in the Legg Mason complex. On behalf of all our shareholders and the Fund s Board of Directors, I would like to thank Jay for his vision and guidance, and wish him all the best.
I am honored to have been appointed to my new role with the Fund. During my 23 year career in the financial industry, I have seen it evolve and expand. Despite these changes, keeping an unwavering focus on our shareholders and their needs remains paramount. This was a consistent focus of Jay s, and I look forward to following his lead in the years to come.
As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, www.lmcef.com. Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:
• Fund prices and performance,
Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and
• A host of educational resources.
We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.
Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Fuller

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

June 28, 2013

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Economic review

The U.S. economy continued to grow over the six months ended May 31, 2013 (the reporting period), but the pace was far from robust. Looking back, U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) igrowth, as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce, was 1.3% in the second quarter of 2012. Economic growth accelerated to 3.1% in the third quarter, partially due to increased private inventory investment, higher federal government spending and moderating imports. However, economic activity sharply moderated in the fourth quarter, with GDP expanding an anemic 0.4%. This was driven by a reversal of the above factors, as private inventory investment and federal government spending weakened. Economic growth then improved, as the U.S. Department of Commerce s final reading for first quarter 2013 GDP growth, released after the reporting period ended, was 1.8%. Accelerating growth was due, in part, to strengthening consumer spending, which rose 2.6% during the first quarter, versus a 1.8% increase during the previous quarter.

While there was some improvement in the U.S. job market, unemployment remained elevated throughout the reporting period. When the period began, unemployment, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, was 7.8%. The unemployment rate fluctuated between 7.8% and 7.9% through January 2013. Unemployment then fell to 7.7% in February, 7.6% in March and 7.5% in April, before edging up to 7.6% in May. In an encouraging sign, the number of longer-term unemployed has declined in recent months. In February 2013, more than 40% of the people without a job had been out of work for more than six months. This fell to 37.3% in May 2013.

Meanwhile, the housing market brightened, as sales generally improved and home prices continued to rebound. According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), existing-home sales rose 4.2% on a seasonally adjusted basis in May 2013 versus the previous month and were 12.9% higher than in May 2012. In addition, the NAR reported that the median existing-home price for all housing types was \$208,000 in May 2013, up 15.4% from May 2012. This marked the fifteenth consecutive month that home prices rose compared to the same period a year earlier. While the inventory of homes available for sale rose 3.3% in May 2013 to a 5.1 month supply at the current sales pace, it was 10.1% lower than in May 2012.

While manufacturing activity was weak in many international developed countries, it was generally positive in the U.S. Based on the Institute for Supply Management s Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) ii, the U.S. manufacturing sector expanded during the first five months of the reporting period. However, manufacturing then experienced a setback, falling from 50.7 in April 2013 to 49.0 in May (a reading below 50 indicates a contraction, whereas a reading above 50 indicates an expansion). During May, 10 of the 18 industries within the PMI expanded, versus 14 expanding the prior month.

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Market review
Q. How did the Federal Reserve Board (Fed)iii respond to the economic environment?
A. The Fed took a number of actions as it sought to meet its dual mandate of fostering maximum employment and price stability. As has been the case since December 2008, the Fed kept the federal funds rateiv at a historically low range between zero and 0.25%. At its September 2012 meeting, prior to the beginning of the reporting period, the Fed announced a third round of quantitative easing (QE3), which involves purchasing \$40 billion each month of agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) on an open-end basis. In addition, the Fed further extended the duration that it expects to keep the federal funds rate on hold, until at least mid-2015. At its meeting in December, the Fed announced that it would continue purchasing \$40 billion per month of agency MBS, as well as initially purchasing \$45 billion a month of longer-term Treasuries. The Fed also said that it would keep the federal funds rate on holdas long as the unemployment rate remains above 6.5%, inflation between one and two years ahead is projected to be no more than a half percentage point above the Committee s 2.0% longer-run goal, and longer-term inflation expectations continue to be well anchored. At its meeting that ended on June 19, 2013, after the reporting period ended, the Fed did not make any material changes to its official policy statement. However, in a press conference following the meeting, Fed Chairman Bernanke saidthe Committee currently anticipates that it would be appropriate to moderate the monthly pace of purchases later this year; and if the subsequent data remain broadly aligned with our current expectations for the economy, we would continue to reduce the pace of purchases in measured steps through the first half of next year, ending purchases around midyear.
Q. Did Treasury yields trend higher or lower during the six months ended May 31, 2013?
A. Both short- and long-term Treasury yields moved higher during the reporting period. When the period began, the yield on the two-year Treasury was 0.25%. It fell as low as 0.20% on April 29, 2013 and was as high as 0.30% on several occasions, including at the end of the period. The yield on the ten-year Treasury began the period at 1.62%. Ten-year Treasuries hit a low of 1.59% in December 2012 and peaked at 2.16% at the end of the period.
Q. What factors impacted the spread sectors (non-Treasuries) during the reporting period?
A. The spread sectors experienced periods of volatility during the period given a number of macro issues, including the European sovereign debt crisis, mixed economic data and concerns related to the U.S. fiscal cliff and sequestration. However, the majority of spread sectors modestly outperformed equal-durationy Treasuries given generally solid demand from investors looking to generate incremental yield in the low interest rate environment.
Q. How did the municipal bond market perform versus the taxable bond market over the reporting period?

A. The municipal bond market performed largely in line with its taxable bond counterpart during the six months ended May 31, 2013. Over that period, the Barclays Municipal Bond Indexvi and the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Indexvii fell 1.09% and 1.05%, respectively. The municipal bond market was weak in December 2012, due to concerns about the future tax-favored status for municipal securities. The municipal bond market then rallied over three of the next four months as investor demand was generally solid, tax revenues improved and default rates remained low. However, the municipal bond market again weakened in May, along with the overall fixed-income market, as interest rates moved sharply higher.

Performance review

For the six months ended May 31, 2013, Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. returned -0.16% based on its net asset value (NAV) viii and -9.44% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Funds unmanaged benchmark, the Barclays Municipal Bond Index, returned -1.09% for the same period. The Lipper General and Insured Municipal Debt (Unleveraged) Closed-End Funds

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Category Averageix returned -0.24% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund s NAV.

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During this six-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.50 per share, which may have included a return of capital. The performance table shows the Fund s six-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of May 31, 2013. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Performance Snapshot as of May 31, 2013 (unaudited)

Price Per Share \$22.95 (NAV) \$21.93 (Market Price) 6-Month Total Return* -0.16% -9.44%

All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Performance figures for periods shorter than one year represent cumulative figures and are not annualized.

* Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Returns reflect the deduction of all Fund expenses, including management fees, operating expenses, and other Fund expenses. Returns do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares.

Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at NAV.

Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, in additional shares in accordance with the Fund s Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Looking for additional information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol MTT and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XMTTX on most financial websites. *Barron s* and the *Wall Street Journal s* Monday edition both carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found on most major financial websites as well as www.lmcef.com.

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund s current NAV, market price and other information.

As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets.
Sincerely,
Kenneth D. Fuller
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
June 28, 2013
RISKS: The Fund s investments are subject to credit risk, inflation risk and interest rate risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of the fixed-income securities held by the Fund. The Fund may invest in lower rated high-yield bonds which are subject to greater credit risk (risk of default) than higher-rated obligations. Municipal securities purchased by the Fund may be adversely affected by changes in the financial condition of municipal issuers and insurers, regulatory and political developments, uncertainties and public perceptions, and other factors. The Fund may use derivatives, such as options and futures, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in securities that have the economic effects of leverage which can increase the risk and volatility of the Fund. Shares of closed-end exchange-traded funds may trade at a discount or premium to their original offering price and often trade at a discount to their NAV.
All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no
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Investment commentary (cont d)

deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

- i Gross domestic product (GDP) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- ii The Institute for Supply Management s PMI is based on a survey of purchasing executives who buy the raw materials for manufacturing at more than 350 companies. It offers an early reading on the health of the manufacturing sector.
- iii The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) is responsible for the formulation of policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- iv The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.
- Duration is the measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to an interest rate change of 100 basis points. Calculation is based on the weighted average of the present values for all cash flows.
- vi The Barclays Municipal Bond Index is a market value weighted index of investment grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more.
- vii The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- viii Net asset value (NAV) is calculated by subtracting total liabilities and outstanding preferred stock (if any) from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is the Fund s market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund s shares.
- ix Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the six-month period ended May 31, 2013, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 6 funds in the Fund s Lipper category.

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Fund at a glance (unaudited)	
Investment breakdown (%) as a percent of total in	nvestments
The bar graph above represents the composition of derivatives, such as futures contracts. The Fund is act at anytime.	of the Fund s investments as of May 31, 2013 and November 30, 2012 and does not include tively managed. As a result, the composition of the Fund s investments is subject to change
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Spread duration (una	nudited)
Economic Exposure	May 31, 2013
hold non-Treasury sec security with positive s	ares the sensitivity to changes in spreads. The spread over Treasuries is the annual risk-premium demanded by investors to urities. Spread duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in spreads. For a spread duration, an increase in spreads would result in a price decline and a decline in spreads would result in a price ghlights the market sector exposure of the Fund s portfolio and the exposure relative to the selected benchmark as of the priod.
Benchmark MTT	Barclays Municipal Bond Index Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.
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Effective duration (un	naudited)	
Interest Rate Exposu	re May 31, 2013	
from a 100 basis points decline and a decline in	asures the sensitivity to changes in relevant interest rates. Effective duration is quantified as the % change in ps change in interest rates. For a security with positive effective duration, an increase in interest rates would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the interest rate exposure of the Fund so that sectors as of the end of the reporting period.	sult in a price
Benchmark MTT	Barclays Municipal Bond Index Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.	_
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Schedule of investments (unaudited)

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		Maturity	Face	
Security	Rate	Date	Amount	Value
Municipal Bonds 98.6%				
Arizona 3.5%				
Salt Verde, AZ, Financial Corp. Gas Revenue	5.000%	12/1/32	\$8,610,000	\$ 9,630,629
California 1.9%				
California Statewide CDA, Student Housing Revenue, Provident				
Group-Pomona Properties LLC	5.600	1/15/36	800,000	792,856
Lower Tule River, CA, Irrigation District Revenue, COP	5.000	8/1/40	2,110,000	2,151,820
M-S-R Energy Authority, CA, Gas Revenue	6.125	11/1/29	2,000,000	2,439,660
Total California				5,384,336
Colorado 2.6%				
Public Authority for Colorado Energy, Natural Gas Purchase				
Revenue	6.125	11/15/23	6,000,000	7,227,720
Florida 3.4%				