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Audit of the Federal Financing Bank's Fiscal Years 2009 and 2008 Financial Statements

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OFFICE OF
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY GEITHNER

FROM: Eric M. Thorson
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Audit of the Federal Financing Bank's Fiscal Years 2009 and 2008 Financial Statements

I am pleased to transmit the attached audited Federal Financing Bank's (FFB) financial statements for fiscal years 2009 and 2008, as required by the Government Corporation Control Act.

DISCUSSION:

Under a contract monitored by the Office of Inspector General, KPMG LLP, an independent certified public accounting firm, performed an audit of the financial statements of FFB as of September 30, 2009 and 2008 and for the years then ended. The contract required that the audit be performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards; applicable provisions of Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, as amended; and the *GAO/PCIE Financial Audit Manual*.

The following reports, prepared by KPMG LLP, are incorporated in the attachment:

- Independent Auditors' Report on Financial Statements;
- Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting;
and
- Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and Other Matters.

In its audit, KPMG LLP found:

- the financial statements were fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles;
- no matters involving internal control and its operations that are considered material weaknesses; and
- no instances of reportable noncompliance with laws and regulations tested.

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KPMG LLP also issued a management letter dated November 9, 2009, discussing a matter involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that was identified during the audit but was not required to be included in the auditors' reports.

In connection with the contract, we reviewed KPMG LLP's reports and related documentation and inquired of its representatives. Our review, as differentiated from an audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, was not intended to enable us to express, and we do not express, an opinion on the financial statements or conclusions about the effectiveness of internal control or compliance with laws and regulations. KPMG LLP is responsible for the attached auditors' reports dated November 9, 2009, and the conclusions expressed in the reports. However, our review disclosed no instances where KPMG LLP did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 622-1090, or a member of your staff may contact Marla A. Freedman, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 927-5400.

Attachment

cc: Richard Gregg
Vice President, FFB



FEDERAL FINANCING BANK

Financial Statements

September 30, 2009 and 2008

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

FEDERAL FINANCING BANK

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FEDERAL FINANCING BANK

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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Introduction

The Federal Financing Bank (the Bank) is a government corporation under the general supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Congress created the Bank in 1973, at the request of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury). The Bank actively borrows from Treasury and lends to Federal agencies and private borrowers that have Federal guarantees. The Bank also has a debt obligation to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

Mission

The mission of the Bank is to reduce the costs of Federal and federally assisted borrowings, to coordinate such borrowings with the Government's overall fiscal policy, and to ensure that such borrowings are done in ways that least disrupt private markets. To accomplish this mission, the Bank exercises its broad statutory authority to purchase obligations issued, sold, or guaranteed by Federal agencies.

Objectives

The Bank was formed to be the vehicle through which Federal agencies finance programs involving the sale or placement of credit market instruments, including agency securities, guaranteed obligations, participation agreements, and the sale of assets. This principle is applied in a manner consistent with the Federal Financing Bank Act of 1973 (12 U.S.C. 2281 et seq.) and its legislative history. Guaranteed programs entailing large numbers of relatively small loans in which local origination and servicing are an integral part of the program are excluded.

The Bank makes funds available to Federal agencies and to guaranteed borrowers in accordance with program requirements. The Bank is capable of providing a lending rate for any amount required and for nearly any maturity. The rates charged by the Bank for terms such as prepayment provisions, forward interest rate commitments, and pass-through of service charges are applied consistently for all borrowers.

The lending policy of the Bank is flexible enough to preclude the need for any accumulation of pools of funds by agencies. This does not exclude the maintenance of liquidity reserves for those agencies that have such a need. In no case will funds provided by the Bank be invested in private credit instruments or be used to speculate in the market for public securities.

Organizational Structure

The Bank is subject to the general supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Board of Directors is comprised of the incumbents of the following Treasury offices: the Secretary of the Treasury, who as provided by law, is the Chairman; the Deputy Secretary; the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance; the General Counsel; and the Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

The officers are incumbents of the following Treasury offices (corresponding Bank positions are in parentheses): the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance (President); the General Counsel (General Counsel); the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets (Vice President); the Fiscal Assistant Secretary (Vice President); the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Government Financial Policy (Vice President and Treasurer); and the Director, Office of Federal Lending (Secretary and Chief Financial Officer). A delegation by the Bank President authorizes any Bank Vice President, in consultation with any other Bank officer, to exercise the powers of the Presidency.

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The staff of the Bank is organized into three units: loan administration, accounting, and computer support. The loan administration and accounting managers and the Chief Information Officer (CIO) report to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The loan administration manager is responsible for the loan administration unit, which includes the duties and responsibilities associated with credit analysis, loan origination, loan structuring, and customer service. The accounting manager heads a team of professionals responsible for loan disbursements, repayments, accounting, and financial reporting. The CIO is responsible for a team of information systems professionals and contractors that conduct in-house software development and maintain the Bank's Oracle-based, mission-critical enterprise application. That application provides systems support for the loan administration and accounting functions.

Loan Programs Activity

Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 created a loan guarantee program to be administered by the Department of Energy (DOE) for innovative technologies. The Bank provides financing commitments for the loan guarantee programs by entering into a Program Financing Agreement with the DOE. The Bank provided funding for \$21,380 thousand of the DOE commitments during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2009. Congress has authorized \$42,500,000 thousand of loan guarantees for the Title XVII loan guarantee program.

The Secretary of Energy is authorized to issue loans under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, as amended by section 129 of Division A of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009, through the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. Under the program, the Secretary of Energy may make loans to finance automobile and automobile part manufacturers for the cost of reequipping, expanding, or establishing manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce advanced technology vehicles or qualified components, and for associated engineering integration costs. In fiscal year 2009, the Bank entered into a note purchase agreement that commits the Bank to purchase two notes issued by the Ford Motor Company backed by the full faith and credit of the United States by the Secretary of Energy. The maximum principal amount of the notes is \$5,937,000 thousand with \$886,300 thousand funded in fiscal year 2009.

In fiscal year 2009, the Bank entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Education in which the Bank, in its role as liquidity supplier to the student loan conduit program, may advance funds to the student loan conduit. The Bank is committed to fund up to \$60,000,000 thousand to the Straight-A Funding, LLC, which provides liquidity support to the Department of Education's Asset-Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) conduit program. The ABCP is intended to provide support to those lenders that make federally guaranteed loans to students.

Title IV, the Home Ownership Preservation Entity (HOPE) Fund for Homeowners Act of 2008, of the Housing and Recovery Act of 2008, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue HOPE bonds without any limitations as to the purchaser of the issuance. Due to the cost of issuing special purpose bonds to the public, the Secretary of the Treasury has decided to issue the HOPE bonds to the Bank. The total outstanding HOPE bonds may not exceed \$300,000,000 thousand. The purchase of HOPE bonds is consistent with the core mission of the Bank.

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Under a provision in the 1987 enabling legislation for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Cushion of Credit Payments Program (cushion of credit), the Bank receives considerably less interest each year on certain RUS loans that it holds than it is contractually entitled to receive. This provision, however, did not reduce the amount of interest the Bank owed on its corresponding loans from Treasury. The shortfall in interest received by the Bank has resulted in substantial deficits in the past. The cumulative losses from interest credits taken by the RUS, beyond losses that were extinguished by appropriation in a previous year, totaled \$2,318,061 thousand through September 30, 2009. The interest shortfall is recorded on the statement of operations and changes in net position as legislatively mandated interest credit (contra-revenue to interest on loans). In September 2008, the Bank prepaid all corresponding loans owed to Treasury that financed the RUS loans affected by the cushion of credit.

Section 774 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006, also known as the Final Maturity Extension Authority, amended the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 by adding a new section permanently authorizing maturity extensions for RUS-guaranteed Bank loans. The Final Maturity Extension Authority allows borrowers of loans made by the Bank and guaranteed by RUS to request an extension of the final maturity of the outstanding principal balance of their RUS-guaranteed Bank loans. In 2008, as authorized under the Final Maturity Extension Authority, the Bank extended the final maturity date for two borrowers that participated in the new program, the Oglethorpe Power Association and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, commonly known as Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, and the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 included provisions that have acted as prohibitions and disincentives against the Bank financing of certain loans that are 100 percent guaranteed by Federal agencies.

Section 6102 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 reinstated the direct loan program for the RUS Electric Program, eliminating the borrower's right to have loans financed by the Bank. Eventually, RUS anticipates financing new electric loans through the direct loan program instead of financing the loans through the Bank.

Impact of Economic Conditions

Current economic conditions have had an impact on programs that borrow from the Bank. Certain programs have borrowed more than they anticipated, which has increased the amount of loans outstanding from the Bank. Additionally, new legislation passed by Congress has changed and will change the Bank's asset holdings.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is an independent establishment of the executive branch of the U.S. Government, which borrows from the Bank to finance its capital improvements and defray operating expenses. The USPS's deficit grew in fiscal year 2009 due to a decline in mail volume, higher retiree health benefit costs, cost of living adjustments, and higher fuel prices. The USPS deficit is closely monitored by the Bank. On September 30, 2009, the Congress passed legislation that allows the USPS to reduce its required payments to the Retiree Health Benefits Fund by \$4,000,000 thousand in 2009 to supplement the USPS's cash flows. Since Congress has taken effective action to assist USPS, the Bank does not anticipate the USPS to default on its loans from the Bank.

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Financial Highlights

Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Position Highlights

The following is a synopsis of the financial performance of the Bank for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. Interest on loans of \$2,002,157 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 increased compared to the interest on loans of \$1,941,407 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 primarily due to the increase in the loan portfolio. The legislatively mandated interest credits reduced interest income by \$201,087 thousand and \$97,998 thousand for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and are related to RUS "cushion of credit" loans. Revenue from servicing loans of \$2,475 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 decreased from \$3,328 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 due to the maturity of the loans being serviced.

Interest on borrowings of \$1,354,593 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 increased from the interest on borrowings of \$1,237,371 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 primarily due to the increase in the loan portfolio. After the administrative expenses of \$6,354 thousand, net income of \$444,247 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 decreased from the net income of \$603,696 thousand for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

Statements of Financial Position Highlights

Funds with U.S. Treasury (cash equivalents) amounted to \$786,370 thousand at September 30, 2009, which represents an increase from the September 30, 2008 balance of \$744,393 thousand. The increase is due to the net income for fiscal year 2009.

The loan portfolio (loans receivable) increased \$23,087,983 thousand from \$38,476,868 thousand at September 30, 2008 to \$61,564,851 thousand at September 30, 2009. The change is primarily the result of a \$3,000,000 thousand increase in short-term loans to the U. S. Postal Service, and new short-term loans of \$17,274,901 thousand to the National Credit Union Administration's Central Liquidity Fund. The Bank's net position increased to \$3,347,933 thousand at September 30, 2009 from \$2,903,686 thousand at September 30, 2008 primarily as a result of positive earnings.

All of the loans in the Bank's portfolio are federally guaranteed, except for those of the USPS. The Bank does not maintain a reserve for loan losses as no future credit-related losses are expected.

The Bank increased its borrowings by \$23,164,106 thousand to finance the increased lending activities. In June 2009, the Bank made repayments to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund administered by the Office of Personnel Management for \$2,078,760 thousand in accordance with the debt maturity schedule.

Performance Highlights

During fiscal year 2009, the Bank processed 1,010 new loan requests. The interest rate was set or reset on 1,808 loans in fiscal year 2009 for new loans and maturity extensions. The Bank processed 34 prepayments and 26,653 loan payments in fiscal year 2009.

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Management Controls

The Bank completed an in-depth testing of its internal accounting and administrative control procedures in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-123, *Management's Responsibility for Internal Control*, in July 2009. Additionally, in fiscal year 2006, a private contractor performed a certification and accreditation of the Bank's enterprise management system, known as the Loan Management Control System, which is effective for three years.

Accordingly, we believe that the Bank's systems of internal accounting and administrative controls fully comply with the requirements for agency internal accounting and administrative control systems, providing reasonable assurance that they are achieving the intended objectives.



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Independent Auditors' Report on Financial Statements

Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury and
the Board of Directors, Federal Financing Bank:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Federal Financing Bank (the Bank) as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of operations and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements"). These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, as amended. Those standards and OMB Bulletin No. 07-04 require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federal Financing Bank as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis and other supplementary information included in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required as part of the financial statements. This information has not been subjected to auditing procedures and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.



In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our reports dated November 9, 2009, on our consideration of the Bank's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and other matters. The purpose of those reports is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. Those reports are an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audits.

KPMG LLP

November 9, 2009

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Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2009 and 2008

(Dollars in thousands)

Assets	2009	2008
Funds with U.S. Treasury	\$ 786,370	744,393
Investments held to maturity (fair value of \$492,062 and \$29,542, notes 3 and 6)	492,037	29,535
Loans receivable (notes 4, 6, and 9)	61,564,851	38,476,868
Accrued interest receivable	226,591	182,884
Advances to others	269	92
Total assets	<u>\$ 63,070,118</u>	<u>39,433,772</u>
Liabilities and Net Position		
Liabilities:		
Borrowings:		
Principal amount	\$ 59,259,551	36,036,419
Plus unamortized premium	228,927	287,953
Total borrowings (notes 5, 6, and 8)	59,488,478	36,324,372
Accrued interest payable	233,647	205,534
Other liabilities	60	180
Total liabilities	59,722,185	36,530,086
Loan commitments (note 10)		
Net position (note 7)	3,347,933	2,903,686
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 63,070,118</u>	<u>39,433,772</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Position

Years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008

(Dollars in thousands)

	2009	2008
Revenues:		
Interest on loans	\$ 2,002,157	1,941,407
Less legislatively mandated interest credit	(201,087)	(97,998)
Net interest on loans	1,801,070	1,843,409
Interest on investments	1,649	43
Revenue from servicing loans	2,475	3,328
Total revenue	1,805,194	1,846,780
Expenses:		
Interest on borrowings	1,354,593	1,237,371
Administrative expenses	6,354	5,713
Total expenses	1,360,947	1,243,084
Net income	\$ 444,247	603,696
Net position:		
Beginning of year	\$ 2,903,686	2,365,037
Net income	444,247	603,696
Loss on extinguishment of borrowings treated as capital transaction (note 8)	—	(65,047)
End of year (note 7)	\$ 3,347,933	2,903,686

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008

(Dollars in thousands)

	2009	2008
Cash flows from operations:		
Net income	\$ 444,247	603,696
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:		
Amortization of premium on borrowings	(59,026)	(60,158)
Capitalization of interest receivable	(210)	(111)
Capitalization of interest payable	172,466	83,022
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable	(43,707)	269,046
Decrease (increase) in advances to others	(177)	566
(Decrease) increase in accrued interest payable	28,113	(132,995)
(Decrease) increase in other liabilities	(120)	31
Net cash provided by operations	541,586	763,097
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment purchases	(462,502)	(29,535)
Loan disbursements	(213,610,805)	(95,961,408)
Loan collections	190,523,032	91,476,773
Net cash used in investing activities	(23,550,275)	(4,514,170)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings	214,113,300	95,990,943
Repayments of borrowings	(191,062,634)	(91,723,591)
Net cash provided by financing activities	23,050,666	4,267,352
Net increase in cash	41,977	516,279
Funds with U.S. Treasury – beginning of the year	744,393	228,114
Funds with U.S. Treasury – end of the year	\$ 786,370	744,393
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest paid (net of amount capitalized)	\$ 1,212,739	1,344,743
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Loss on early extinguishment of borrowings treated as capital transaction (note 8)	\$ —	(65,047)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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(Dollars in thousands)

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Federal Financing Bank (the Bank) was created by the Federal Financing Bank Act of 1973 (12 USC 2281, the Act) as an instrumentality of the U. S. Government and a body corporate under the general supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury (the Secretary). The budget and audit provisions of the Government Corporation Control Act are applicable to the Bank in the same manner as they are applied to other wholly owned government corporations.

The Bank was established by Congress at the request of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), in order “to assure coordination of Federal and federally assisted borrowing programs with the overall economic and fiscal policies of the U. S. Government, to reduce the cost of Federal and federally assisted borrowing from the public, and to assure that such borrowings are financed in a manner least disruptive of private financial markets and institutions.” The Bank was given broad statutory authority to finance obligations issued, sold, or guaranteed by Federal agencies so that the Bank could meet these debt management objectives.

The Bank is authorized to issue obligations to the public in amounts not to exceed \$15,000,000 with the approval of the Secretary. Additionally, the Bank is authorized to issue obligations in unlimited amounts to the Secretary and, at the discretion of the Secretary, may agree to purchase any such obligations.

(a) *Basis of Presentation*

The Bank has historically prepared its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), based on standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the private-sector standards-setting body. In October 1999, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) designated the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) as the standards-setting body for the establishment of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with respect to the financial statements of Federal government entities. The FASAB has indicated that financial statements prepared based upon standards promulgated by the FASB may also be regarded as in accordance with GAAP for those Federal entities, such as the Bank, that have issued financial statements based upon FASB standards in the past. Accordingly, consistent with historical reporting, the Bank’s financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting and financial reporting standards promulgated by the FASB.

(b) *Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The Bank recognizes loans when they are issued and related repayments when they are received. The Bank recognizes investments when they are made and investment redemptions when the proceeds are received. The Bank recognizes borrowings when they are received and repayments when they are made. In addition, the Bank recognizes interest on loans, interest on investments, and revenue from servicing loans when they are earned and recognizes interest on borrowings and expenses when they are incurred.

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(c) ***Funds with U.S. Treasury***

As a government corporation, the Bank maintains a Fund Balance with Treasury (fund account 20X4521) and does not hold cash. For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, the funds with Treasury are considered cash.

(d) ***Investments***

The Bank's investments consist of investments in U. S. Treasury securities for the Home Ownership Preservation Entity (HOPE) Fund. The securities are categorized as held to maturity, because the Bank has the ability and intent to hold the securities until maturity. The securities are recorded at par value.

(e) ***Loans Receivable***

The Bank issues loans to Federal agencies for their own use or to issue loans to private sector borrowers, whose loans are guaranteed by the Federal agencies. When a Federal agency has to honor its guarantee because a private sector borrower defaults, the Federal agency must obtain an appropriation or use other resources to pay the Bank. Loan principal and interest are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, except for loans to the U.S. Postal Service. The Bank has not incurred and does not expect to incur any credit-related losses on its loans.

(f) ***Interest on Loans***

The Bank's general policy is to capture the liquidity premium between Treasury securities and the private sector lending rates, and to charge a rate that reflects the risk inherent in a borrower or transaction, when such a rate will accomplish a broader goal. The income resulting from the interest spread covers the administrative expenses of the Bank, and any surplus is transferred to the Treasury's General Fund. Under amendments to the Federal Credit Reform Act, effective October 1, 1998, while the Bank is permitted to charge a spread on new lending arrangements with government-guaranteed borrowers, the margin is not retained by the Bank, but rather is retained by the loan guarantor. In the event that this results in the Bank being unable to fund its administrative expenses related to these loans, the Federal Credit Reform Act, as amended, states that the Bank may require reimbursement from loan guarantors.

(g) ***Capitalized Interest***

In accordance with their loan agreements with the Bank, the General Services Administration (GSA), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), and Veteran Administration Transitional Housing (VATH) have the option of deferring payments of interest on their loans until future periods. When GSA, HBCU, or VATH elect, in advance, to defer interest payments, the accrued interest is recorded as capitalized interest receivable and added to the respective loan balance by the Bank. The Bank correspondingly capitalizes the interest payable on its related borrowings.

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(h) Premium on Borrowings

The Bank amortizes the premium on borrowings using the effective-interest method. The amortization is recorded as part of interest on borrowings on the statements of operations and changes in net position.

(i) Legislatively Mandated Interest Credit

In prior years, the Bank purchased certificates of beneficial ownership (i.e., loans reported as loans receivable on the statement of financial position) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Services (RUS). RUS used the funds received from the Bank to issue loans to nonfederal entities, specifically private utility companies. In 1987, Congress passed legislation (i.e., 7 USC Sec. 940c – Cushion of Credit Payments Program) that required RUS to develop and promote a program to encourage private utility companies to voluntarily make deposits into cushion of credit accounts established within RUS. The legislation also indicated that private utility companies may reduce the balance of their cushion of credit account only if the reduction is used to make scheduled payments on loans received from RUS. In accordance with the legislation, the private utility companies accrue interest at the higher of 5% per annum or the weighted average rate of the certificates of beneficial ownership on cash deposited into the cushion of credit accounts with RUS. The legislation also indicated that RUS shall receive an interest credit from the Bank equal to the amount of interest RUS pays to the private utility companies. The Bank records the interest credit in the period the cost is incurred as a legislatively mandated interest credit (contra-revenue to interest on loans) in the statements of operations and changes in net position.

(j) Revenue from Servicing Loans

The Bank charges certain RUS borrowers a loan service fee that is reported as revenue from servicing loans on the statements of operations and changes in net position. The Bank's loan servicing fee is equal to one-eighth of one percent more than the contractual interest rate with Treasury.

(k) Administrative Expenses

The Bank is subject to the general supervision and direction of the Secretary. As provided by law, the Secretary acts as chairman of the board of directors. Employees of Treasury's Departmental Offices perform the Bank's management and accounting functions; its legal counsel is the General Counsel of the Treasury. The Bank reimburses Treasury for the facilities and services it provides. The amounts of such reimbursements are reported as administrative expenses in the statements of operations and changes in net position.

(l) Net Position

The Bank can borrow from Treasury to meet its immediate cash needs and can also seek appropriations from Congress to make up for accumulated losses that will not be met by income.

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(m) *Loan Commitments*

The Bank recognizes loan commitments when the Bank and the other parties fully execute the promissory notes and reduces loan commitments when the Bank issues loans or when the commitments expire. Most obligations of the Bank give a borrower the contractual right to a loan or loans immediately or at some point in the future. The Bank limits the time available for a loan under an obligation, where applicable.

(n) *Management's Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(o) *Tax-Exempt Status*

The Bank is exempt from tax in accordance with Section 11(a) of the Federal Financing Bank Act of 1973 (12 USC 2281).

(p) *Related Parties*

The Bank conducts most of its financial transactions with other Federal entities, and therefore, the financial statement balances that represent transactions with other Federal entities include all assets; liabilities, except borrowings from the public of \$10 as of September 30, 2009 and 2008; revenues; and expenses.

(2) *New Accounting Pronouncements*

Effective September 15, 2009, the Bank adopted FASB issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. SFAS No. 168 establishes the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as the sole source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by nonpublic entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP (the GAAP hierarchy).

Effective October 1, 2008, the Bank adopted FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (precodification FASB SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, as amended). FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP, and expands disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. FASB ASC 820 also requires that the valuation techniques used to measure fair value maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs in accordance with the following fair value: quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements), significant other observable inputs (Level 2 measurements), and significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The fair value measurement is assigned an overall input level based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

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Implementation of FASB ASC 820 did not affect the Bank's financial statement amounts in fiscal year 2009, as these amounts were not required to be reported at fair value. However, the Bank elected to include the fair value hierarchy disclosures established under FASB ASC 820 in the fair value note disclosure required by FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments* (precodification FASB SFAS No.107, *Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*). The expanded disclosures are included in note 6.

The optional provisions of FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*, (precodification FASB SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*) became effective for fiscal year 2009. These optional provisions give the Bank the irrevocable option to report most financial assets and liabilities at fair value on an instrument-by-instrument basis, with changes in fair value reported in earnings. The Bank elected to not measure at fair value the Bank's financial assets and liabilities under the optional provisions of the FASB ASC that became effective in fiscal year 2009.

Effective June 15, 2009, the Bank adopted FASB ASC 855, *Subsequent Events* (precodification FASB SFAS No. 165, *Subsequent Events*). FASB ASC 855 establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. FASB ASC 855 defines the period after the balance sheet date during which management shall evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure, the circumstances under which an organization shall recognize events occurring after the balance sheet date and the disclosures that an organization shall make about those events or transactions. FASB ASC 855 defines two types of subsequent events. The first type consists of events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements (i.e., nonrecognized event).

Management evaluated all events and transactions that occurred after September 30, 2009 through November 9, 2009, the date we issued these financial statements.

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(3) Investments Held to Maturity (the HOPE bond transaction)

The Secretary is authorized to issue up to \$300,000,000 HOPE bonds under the HOPE for Homeowners Act of 2008 and the Bank will purchase the HOPE bonds issued by the Secretary. The Bank purchased \$462,502 in bonds at par value in fiscal year 2009 and one bond at par value of \$29,535 in fiscal year 2008, with floating interest rate to be reset quarterly. The interest rate is 0.183% and 1.6% as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The bonds have 30-year maturity dates starting on August 27, 2038 and ending on July 15, 2039. The HOPE bonds are reported as investments held to maturity, and the related interest receivable is reported as accrued interest receivable in the Bank's statements of financial position.

The carrying amount, unrealized holding gains, and fair value of the HOPE bonds at September 30, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

September 30, 2009	Carrying amount	Unrealized holding gains	Fair value
Investments held to maturity			
U.S. Treasury Nonmarketable Securities –			
HOPE Bonds	\$ 492,037	25	492,062
Total	\$ 492,037	25	492,062
September 30, 2008	Carrying amount	Unrealized holding gains	Fair value
Investments held to maturity			
U.S. Treasury Nonmarketable Securities –			
HOPE Bonds	\$ 29,535	7	29,542
Total	\$ 29,535	7	29,542

The Bank borrowed funds from Treasury at the same terms to purchase the HOPE bonds.

(4) Loans Receivable

Loans receivable represent the outstanding balances for loans to agencies. The Bank has the ability and intends to hold loans receivable until maturity or payoff. At September 30, 2009, the Bank had outstanding loans receivable of \$61,564,851, with interest rates ranging from 0.030% to 16.183%, and maturity dates from October 1, 2009 to July 17, 2045. At September 30, 2008, the Bank had outstanding loans receivable of \$38,476,868, with interest rates ranging from 0.155% to 16.183%, and maturity dates from October 1, 2008 to July 17, 2045.

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Loans receivable at September 30, 2009 and 2008, consist of the following:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture	\$ 25,391,164	22,693,499
Credit Liquidity Fund, National Credit Union Administration	18,384,062	1,109,161
U.S. Postal Service	10,200,000	7,200,000
Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture certificates of beneficial ownership	3,047,025	3,632,550
General Services Administration	2,037,215	2,097,771
Department of Energy	907,680	-
Low Rent Public Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development	586,977	691,412
Foreign Military Sales, Department of Defense	545,376	680,365
Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Department of Education	453,298	338,466
Ship Leasing, Department of Defense, Navy	-	16,623
Small Business Administration	5,379	10,046
Veteran Administration Transitional Housing Program	4,889	4,940
Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation	1,786	2,035
Total loans receivable	<u>\$ 61,564,851</u>	<u>38,476,868</u>

The loans receivable due within one year are \$25,709,953 and \$9,611,426 as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

(5) Borrowings

Under the FFB Act, the Bank may, with the approval of the Secretary, borrow without limit from the Treasury. Repayments on Treasury borrowings match the terms and conditions of corresponding loans made by the Bank and bear interest at the respective rate as determined by the Secretary. The Bank's borrowings are repayable on demand. At September 30, 2009, the Bank had Treasury borrowings of \$47,338,301, with interest rates ranging from 0.020% to 10.83%, and maturity dates from October 1, 2009 to July 17, 2045. At September 30, 2008, the Bank had Treasury borrowings of \$22,036,409, with interest rates ranging from 0.030% to 13.759%, and maturity dates from October 1, 2008 to July 17, 2045.

Additionally, at September 30, 2009 and 2008, the Bank had borrowings of \$11,921,240 and \$14,000,000 and an associated unamortized premium of \$228,927 and \$287,953, respectively, from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSR&DF), which is administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). At September 30, 2009 these borrowings are at stated interest rates ranging from 4.625% to 5.250%, effective interest rate of 4.125%, and with maturity dates ranging from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2019. At September 30, 2008, these borrowings were at stated interest rates ranging from 4.625% to 5.625%, effective interest rate of 4.125%, and with maturity dates ranging from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2019. Borrowings from the public amounted to \$10 at September 30, 2009 and 2008.

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The scheduled principal repayments below reflect maturities of the Bank's borrowings and do not necessarily match the maturities of assets in the Bank's loan portfolio. Scheduled principal repayments of borrowings as of September 30, 2009 are as follows:

<u>Repayment date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2010	\$ 27,267,765
2011	1,880,198
2012	2,218,084
2013	1,538,622
2014	1,870,898
2015 and thereafter	<u>24,483,984</u>
Total principal payments	59,259,551
Plus unamortized premium	<u>228,927</u>
Total borrowings	<u>\$ 59,488,478</u>

(6) Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Interest Rate Volatility

(a) Fair Value Hierarchy

The accounting standards establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Bank has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement in its entirety falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The Bank does not hold any financial instruments that are measured at fair market value on a recurring basis or for which the fair value option has been elected at September 30, 2009.

All the fair values shown in this note are performed using Level 2 inputs at September 30, 2009. The Bank's fair value measurements maximize the use of observable inputs and do not use significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

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The financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009 do not include any nonrecurring fair value measurements relating to assets or liabilities for which the Bank has adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 820.

(b) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Bank's financial instruments at September 30, 2009 and 2008. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

	2009		2008	
	Carrying amount	Fair value (Level 2 inputs)	Carrying amount	Fair value
Financial assets:				
Investments held to maturity	\$ 492,037	492,062	29,535	29,542
Loans receivable	61,564,851	65,765,105	38,476,868	42,265,527
Financial liabilities:				
Borrowings	\$ 59,488,478	61,626,247	36,324,372	37,817,803

The carrying amounts shown in the table are included in the statements of financial position under the indicated captions.

The fair values of the financial instruments shown in the above table as of September 30, 2009 represent management's best estimates of the amounts that would be received to sell those assets or that would be paid to transfer those liabilities in an orderly transaction between market participants at that date. Those fair value measurements maximize the use of observable inputs.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

Funds with U.S. Treasury: The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the liquid nature of the funds with Treasury.

Loans Receivable and Investments: The fair value is determined using discounted cash flow analyses based on contractual repayment terms. The Bank's loans receivable and interest are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, except for loans to the U.S. Postal Service. As such, the Bank's assets are the equivalent of Treasury securities. The discount rates used in the loans receivable and investment analysis are based on interest rates currently being offered by the Bank on loans of similar maturity and other characteristics. The Bank obtains the discount rates from the daily Treasury New Issue Curve (TNIC), which is created daily with an interest rate for each day from 1 month to 30 years, based on the bid yields that

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day for Treasury securities traded in the public markets. The TNIC yields represent Treasury's best estimate of its own cost of borrowing for any given term on that business day.

Borrowings: The fair value is determined using discounted cash flow analyses based on contractual repayment terms. The discount rates used in the borrowings analysis are based on interest rates of current borrowings from Treasury using similar maturity and other characteristics. The Bank obtains the discount rates from the daily TNIC.

Advances to Others, Accrued Interest Receivable, Accrued Interest Payable, and Other Liabilities: The carrying amount of advances to others, accrued interest receivable, accrued interest payable, and other liabilities approximate fair value as they represent the amounts expected to be realized or paid and are current assets and liabilities.

(c) ***Interest Rate Volatility***

The fair value of the Bank's loans receivable, investments, and borrowings changes in response to the interest rate volatility that results from the current economic conditions, market perception, and expectations. However, because the interest rates and maturities of loans receivable, investments, and borrowings are very similar, the fair market values of both assets and liabilities increase or decrease in the same direction and in similar amounts.

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(7) Net Position

At September 30, 2009 and 2008, the net position includes the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Transfers to Treasury	\$ (1,682,847)	(1,682,847)
Cumulative results of operations and gains/losses on early extinguishment of borrowings treated as capital transactions	<u>5,030,780</u>	<u>4,586,533</u>
Net position	<u>\$ 3,347,933</u>	<u>2,903,686</u>

Included in the net position activity is income the Bank earned prior to fiscal year 2000 that the Bank transferred to Treasury.

(8) Loss on Extinguishment of Borrowings Treated as Capital Transactions

The Bank did not make any early repayment of debt in fiscal year 2009. In 2008, the Bank made early repayments to the Treasury totaling \$1,069,358, resulting in a net loss of \$65,047. The repayment represents a capital transaction, and the loss with Treasury is reported as a loss on extinguishment of borrowings treated as capital transaction on the statements of operations and changes in net position.

(9) Capitalized Interest

Capitalized interest receivable was approximately \$12,479 and \$21,709, and the related capitalized interest payable was \$231,154 and \$78,572 as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Capitalized interest receivable and payable are reported as part of the loans receivable and borrowing balances, respectively, on the statements of financial position.

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(10) Loan Commitments

The Bank makes loan commitments to extend credit to Federal program agencies based on the loan agreements executed between the parties. The loan commitments are not reported on the statements of financial position and generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. Since many of the loan commitments are expected to expire without being completely drawn upon, the total loan commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Bank uses the same credit policies in making loan commitments as it does for loans receivable reported on the statements of financial position. The Bank funds the loan commitments with its borrowing authority from the Secretary. There is no exposure or credit risk related to these commitments.

The contract amounts and remaining loan commitments by program agency as of September 30, 2009, are as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contract amounts</u>	<u>Remaining loan commitments</u>
Department of Education – FFEL Conduit	\$ 60,000,000	60,000,000
National Credit Union Administration – CLF	25,000,000	14,997,000
Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture	18,328,219	8,158,221
U.S. Postal Service	15,000,000	8,000,000
Department of Energy	6,472,000	5,564,320
Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Department of Education	505,560	214,490
General Services Administration	203,200	19,754
Total commitments	<u>\$ 125,508,979</u>	<u>96,953,785</u>

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In prior years, the Federal Financing Bank (Bank) purchased certificates of beneficial ownership (i.e., loans reported as loans receivable on the statement of financial position) from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a component of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. RUS used the funds received from the Bank to issue loans to nonfederal entities, specifically private utility companies. In 1987, Congress passed legislation (i.e., 7 USC Sec. 940c – Cushion of Credit Payments Program) that required RUS to develop and promote a program to encourage private utility companies to voluntarily make deposits into cushion of credit accounts established within RUS. The legislation also indicated that a private utility company may reduce the balance of its cushion of credit account only if the reduction is used to make scheduled payments on loans received from RUS. In accordance with the legislation, the private utility companies accrue interest at a rate of 5% per annum or the weighted average rate of the certificates of beneficial ownership on cash deposited into the cushion of credit accounts with RUS. The legislation also indicated that RUS shall receive an interest credit from the Bank equal to the amount of interest RUS pays to the private utility companies. The Bank records the interest credit in the period the cost is incurred as a legislatively mandated interest credit (contra-revenue to interest on loans) in the statements of operations and changes in net position. As of September 30, 2009, the outstanding principal balance of the 13 RUS loans subject to the certificates of beneficial ownership (CBO) legislation totaled \$3,047,025, with interest rates ranging from 7.755% to 15.325%, and maturity dates ranging from 2010 to 2021. In October 1998, the Bank received an appropriation that off-set the RUS-CBO interest credits by \$917,699.

The interest credits that the Bank has provided RUS-CBO through September 30, 2009 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Interest credits</u>
1988–2004	\$ 1,442,460
2005	244,420
2006	234,266
2007	97,830
2008	97,998
2009	<u>201,087</u>
Total interest credits	2,318,061
Less appropriation	<u>(917,699)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,400,362</u>



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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury and
the Board of Directors, Federal Financing Bank:

We have audited the statements of financial position of the Federal Financing Bank (the Bank) as of September 30, 2009 and 2008 and the related statements of operations and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements"), and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2009.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, as amended. Those standards and OMB Bulletin No. 07-04 require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Bank is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control. In planning and performing our fiscal year 2009 audit, we considered the Bank's internal control over financial reporting by obtaining an understanding of the design effectiveness of the Bank's internal control, determining whether internal controls had been placed in operation, assessing control risk, and performing tests of controls as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. To achieve this purpose, we did not test all internal controls relevant to operating objectives as broadly defined by the *Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982*. The objective of our audit was not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

In our fiscal year 2009 audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



We noted a certain additional matter that we have reported to Bank management in a separate letter dated November 9, 2009.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Bank's management, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General, OMB, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and the U.S. Congress and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and Other Matters

Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury and
the Board of Directors, Federal Financing Bank:

We have audited the statements of financial position of the Federal Financing Bank (the Bank) as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of operations and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements"), and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2009.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, as amended. Those standards and OMB Bulletin No. 07-04 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Bank is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to the Bank. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Bank's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Bank's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the financial statement amounts, and certain provisions of other laws and regulations specified in OMB Bulletin No. 07-04. We limited our tests of compliance to the provisions described in the preceding sentence, and we did not test compliance with all laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to the Bank. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests of compliance described in the preceding paragraph of this report disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported herein under *Government Auditing Standards* or OMB Bulletin No. 07-04.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Bank's management, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General, OMB, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and the U.S. Congress and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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