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## **FDIC TO BROADCAST PUBLIC FORUM ON PRIVACY LIVE VIA INTERNET**

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) this Thursday will broadcast a public forum on privacy of consumer financial information in an electronic age in real-time via the Internet. The event, hosted by the FDIC, will be held on March 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The Clinton Administration's point person on privacy, Peter Swire of the Office of Management and Budget, will discuss the future of privacy law.

The forum-"Is It Any of Your Business? Consumer Information, Privacy, and the Financial Services Industry"-will consist of three panels made up from consumer advocates, government policy makers, Congressional staff, bankers and policy analysts. It should run until approximately 1:00 p.m.

To access the webcast in real-time via the Internet, the FDIC has established a direct link from its home page at [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov). Viewers must use either RealPlayer 7 or Windows Media Player. Both can be installed on computers. To install RealPlayer, go to <http://www.real.com/player/?src=downloadr>, and to <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/default.aspx> to install Windows Media Player.

An archive of the webcast will be available for viewing approximately one week after the forum. More information on the archive will be provided on the FDIC's home page. Once on-line, the archive can be viewed directly by going to [www.fdic.gov/news/conferences/index.html](http://www.fdic.gov/news/conferences/index.html).

To attend in person, space is limited to the first 300 registrants, except for members of the media. The forum will take place at the L. William Seidman Center Auditorium, 3501 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. To register, call David E. Wright at (202) 898-3960.



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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