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FDIC MEETS WITH POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF HEARTLAND FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The FDIC announced that agency officials met today with representatives of 63 potential purchasers of Heartland Federal Savings and Loan Association, Ponca City, Oklahoma, in preparation for returning the institution to the private sector.

Heartland Federal, a federally chartered mutual savings association, was formed to acquire substantially all of the assets, secured liabilities and deposit liabilities of Frontier Federal Savings and Loan Association, Ponca City, Oklahoma. Frontier Federal was closed on August 31, 1988, by the former Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLBB) as part of a plan to consolidate and stabilize 14 insolvent Oklahoma thrifts. Heartland Federal is provided financial assistance under an agreement that was entered into at the time of its inception with the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC). That assistance agreement now is administered by the FDIC as manager of the FSLIC Resolution Fund (FRF), which was established in 1989 to oversee certain contracts and responsibilities of the former FSLIC.

The meeting today in Oklahoma City included representatives from banks, savings associations and other interested parties. At the meeting, FDIC officials provided information on the financial condition of Heartland Federal and the agency's terms for selling the institution.

Since it was formed, Heartland Federal has operated under a board of directors and others managers from the private sector approved by the government. Until Heartland Federal is sold by the FDIC, the institution's

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day-to-day operations will continue to be administered by its current management.

The FDIC is structuring the sale of Heartland Federal to realize its value for the benefit of the FRF. The FDIC expects to announce a sale of Heartland Federal within the next three to four months.

Heartland Federal currently has about \$886 million in assets and \$739 million in deposits. It operates 15 full-service offices in Oklahoma, including locations in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

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