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## FDIC TO ISSUE MONTHLY LIST OF BANKS EXAMINED FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

The FDIC has announced that, starting today, it will issue a monthly list of FDIC-supervised banks that have been evaluated for compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA).

The CRA is a 1977 law intended to encourage insured banks and thrifts to meet local credit needs, including those of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound operations. In 1989, as part of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (FIRREA), Congress mandated the public disclosure of an evaluation and rating for each bank that undergoes a CRA examination on or after July 1, 1990. Today's list includes banks evaluated from that date through November 30, 1990.

The four federal bank and thrift regulatory agencies recently agreed to make lists available at least quarterly of the institutions examined for CRA compliance under the new disclosure requirements. The FDIC has decided to issue lists on a monthly basis for banks under its supervision. The FDIC has regulatory responsibility for approximately 7,500 state-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System.

Each list will contain the names and head office locations (city and state) of banks recently examined for CRA compliance whose evaluations became publicly available during the month. A copy of an individual bank's CRA evaluation is available directly from the bank, which is required by law to make the material available upon request, or from the FDIC's Office of Corporate Communications, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429.

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Each bank is required to make its most current CRA evaluation available to the public within 30 business days of its receipt from the FDIC. At a minimum, each institution also must place the material in a public file located at the head office and an office in each community that the bank designates as part of its lending territory. The institution also can place in the public file its response to the FDIC's evaluation, if it chooses to do so.

Interested parties are encouraged to obtain the evaluations directly from the institutions whenever possible, particularly if they wish to review the bank's response to its evaluation, if any, or the bank's outline of its lending territory.

The typical CRA evaluation will have approximately five pages of facts and FDIC conclusions, the latter including one of four ratings: "outstanding," "satisfactory," "needs to improve" or "substantial noncompliance."

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