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Comptroller Hawke Addresses Conference on Credit Rating and Scoring Models

WASHINGTON -- Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke, Jr. spoke today at a conference on Credit Rating and Scoring Models that is being sponsored by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The full text of the speech can be found on the news release page of the OCC's Internet site at: <u>http://www.occ.treas.gov/04RELLST.HTM</u>.

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