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## **Kay Kowitt Named Deputy Comptroller for Western District**

WASHINGTON—The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency announced today that Kay E. Kowitt has been named Deputy Comptroller for the Western District. In her new assignment, Ms. Kowitt will report directly to Timothy W. Long, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Mid-Size/Community Banks.

"The Western District has a large geographic area, 12 field offices, 7 satellite offices and a portfolio of 426 banks with \$71 billion in assets," said Mr. Long. "Ms. Kowitt possesses the necessary bank examiner and management experience to guide the Western District in the challenging years ahead."

Ms. Kowitt has been a bank examiner with the OCC for 22 years. Since 1997, Ms. Kowitt served as Mid-Size/Community Bank liaison and more recently in the additional capacity as Senior Advisor to the Senior Deputy Comptroller for Mid-Size/Community Banks. In these positions, she has played an important role in the formulation of major bank supervision operational and policy initiatives and their subsequent agency-wide implementation.

She has also served as a field examiner in Portland, Oregon, special supervision analyst in the Western District Office and field manager of the San Francisco duty station.

Ms. Kowitt is a graduate of the University of Oregon, with a degree in Management.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,200 national banks and 52 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 54 percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe and sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.