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## **OCC Updates Large Bank Supervision Guidance**

WASHINGTON -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency today issued a revised version of the Large Bank Supervision booklet, updating the guidance and procedures used in supervising large and complex mid-sized national banks.

The revised guidance and procedures also pertain to foreign-owned U.S. branches and agencies, plus the international operations of both mid-sized and large banks.

The major revisions to the Large Bank Supervision booklet include:

- Revising minimum examination standards that examiners use when reviewing internal and external audit functions.
- Incorporating the principles of functional supervision set forth in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999.
- Integrating the information technology assessment into the safety and soundness examination process.

The revised booklet is part of the *Comptroller's Handbook* series and replaces the Large Bank Supervision booklet dated July 1998.

The Large Bank Supervision booklet is available on the OCC Web site: <a href="www.occ.treas.gov">www.occ.treas.gov</a>. To order additional copies of the booklet, send a request and \$15 for each booklet to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, P.O. Box 70004, Chicago, IL 60673-0004. Copies of the booklet can also be ordered on-line via the OCC's Web site.

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