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The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) will sponsor a National Housing Forum on Monday, December 11, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The event will bring together leading experts to discuss critical housing finance issues affecting financial institutions, housing market participants, consumers and regulators.

WHO:

Confirmed speakers for the event include Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Michael Oxley, House Financial Services Committee Ranking Member Barney Frank, OTS Director John Reich, and Federal Housing Authority Commissioner Brian Montgomery. Other speakers include Allen Sinai, President, Decision Economics; John Taylor, President and CEO, National Community Reinvestment Coalition; and Lewis Ranieri, President & CEO, Ranieri & Company and other key representatives from the financial services industry.

WHAT:

Panel discussions topics include:

- *Outlook for the US Housing Market and Potential Impact on Banks and Thrifts,*
- *Challenges and Emerging Risks in the Home Mortgage Business;*
- *Critical Consumer Protection Issues in Housing Finance, and*
- *Mortgage Fraud*

WHERE:

*The National Press Club
529 14th St, NW
Washington, DC 20545*

To attend:

Reporters interested in attending should RSVP to the OTS Public Affairs Office at 202-906-6677, or katie.fitzgerald@ots.treas.gov. Space is limited.

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The Office of Thrift Supervision, an office of the Department of the Treasury, regulates and supervises the nation's thrift industry. OTS's mission is to ensure the safety and soundness of, and compliance with consumer protection laws by, thrift institutions, and to support their role as home mortgage lenders and providers of other community credit and financial services. OTS also oversees the activities and operations of thrift holding companies that own or control thrift institutions. Copies of OTS news releases and other documents are available at the OTS web page at www.ots.treas.gov.