



Comptroller of the Currency
Administrator of National Banks

Washington, DC 20219

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Dear Directors:

I am pleased to announce that the OCC will offer again this year a comprehensive series of workshops designed to assist national community bank directors with the many challenges facing them. Thousands of directors have attended our workshops over the years, and the feedback has been most complimentary. These workshops are a useful tool for community bank directors to advance their professional education. As before, we are offering sessions throughout the country. Any location on the schedule is open to all directors.

We continue to offer our one-day workshops on credit risk and compliance risk. Additionally, we revised our risk assessment workshop and retitled it, "Directors: Where is the Risk in Your Bank?" This revised program now includes more interactive exercises to make it a more focused and comprehensive learning experience. Directors who attended the previous workshop will benefit from this revised program as well.

Finally, we scheduled for 2008 three sessions of, "A New Director's Challenge: Mastering the Basics." This workshop, held for the first time last year, received outstanding feedback from participants. It is a three-day program geared toward national bank directors with fewer than three years of experience, or to those who would like to review the basics. Directors of newly chartered national community banks will find this program particularly useful.

Each workshop is limited to 50 participants, affording plenty of time for interaction. Each registered director will receive a pre-course reading package, course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, a CD of one of our popular OCC telephone seminars, and other supervisory materials. Most important, the instructor cadre consists of some of the OCC's most expert professionals, who will contribute their experience to each program.

If you have any questions on the workshops, please see the enclosed brochures, contact your local Assistant Deputy Comptroller, or call 336-644-8914.

I encourage you to make one or more of these outstanding educational offerings part of your director program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Dugan".

John C. Dugan
Comptroller of the Currency

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