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TO: ALL LOAN GUARANTY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

SUBJ: DIRECT DEPOSIT ENROLLMENT FOR LOAN GUARANTY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

1. **U.S. TREASURY REQUIRES DIRECT DEPOSIT.** The U.S. Treasury requires that government agencies enroll vendors in the Direct Deposit Program.

Beginning January 2, 1999, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as the primary medium of federal payments for claims and services. Currently, Loan Guaranty program participant enrollment in EFT is about 15% nationwide. Direct deposit is highly recommended as a way to expedite receipt of payments from VA.

⇒ **FASTER PAYMENT.** Vendors that sign up for direct deposit may expect to receive payment three (3) to seven (7) business days sooner than vendors that do not sign up.

2. **WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO.**

- ⇒ If you are not currently enrolled in the Direct Deposit Program, sign up for direct deposit by July 31, 2001.
- ⇒ Complete the individual or company information portion of the enclosed direct deposit enrollment form and submit it to your financial institution. You can also print a copy of the enrollment form from our web site <http://www.vahouston.com/default1.htm>.
- ⇒ Have your financial institution complete their portion of the form and mail or fax it to VA's Financial Services Center at:

P.O. Box 149971
Austin TX 78714-8971
Attn: Vendorizing Unit
Fax Number: (512) 460-5221

DO NOT BRING OR MAIL YOUR ENROLLMENT FORM TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE.

If you have questions on the Direct Deposit Program, contact the Financial Services Center directly at their toll free phone number 1.877.353.9791.

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Enclosures