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TREASURY OFFERS 13-WEEK AND 26-WEEK BILLS

The Treasury will auction two series of Treasury bills totaling approximately \$17,000 million to refund \$16,555 million of publicly held securities maturing February 24, 2000, and to raise about \$445 million of new cash.

In addition to the public holdings, Federal Reserve Banks for their own accounts hold \$7,998 million of the maturing bills, which may be refunded at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders. Amounts issued to these accounts will be in addition to the offering amount.

The maturing bills held by the public include \$3,859 million held by Federal Reserve Banks as agents for foreign and international monetary authorities. Up to \$3,000 million of these securities may be refunded within the offering amount in each of the auctions of 13-week bills and 26-week bills at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders. Additional amounts may be issued in each auction for such accounts to the extent that the amount of new bids exceeds \$3,000 million.

TreasuryDirect customers requested that we reinvest their maturing holdings of approximately \$938 million into the 13-week bill and \$785 million into the 26-week bill.

This offering of Treasury securities is governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Uniform Offering Circular for the Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds (31 CFR Part 356, as amended).

Details about each of the new securities are given in the attached offering highlights.

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Attachment

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS OF BILLS TO BE ISSUED FEBRUARY 24, 2000

## February 17, 2000

Offering Amount	.\$9,000 million	\$8,000 million
Description of Offering:		
Term and type of security	.91-day bill	182-day bill
CUSIP number	.912795 DX 6	912795 EX 5
Auction date	.February 22, 2000	February 22, 2000
Issue date	.February 24, 2000	February 24, 2000
Maturity date	. May 25, 2000	August 24, 2000
Original issue date	. May 27, 1999	February 24, 2000
Currently outstanding	. \$26,944 million	
Minimum bid amount and multiples	.\$1,000	\$1,000

The following rules apply to all securities mentioned above:

## Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids ...... Accepted in full up to \$1,000,000 at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive bids.

- Competitive bids ...... (1) Must be expressed as a discount rate with three decimals in increments of .005%, e.g., 7.100%, 7.105%.
  - (2) Net long position for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all discount rates, and the net long position is \$1 billion or greater.
  - (3) Net long position must be determined as of one half-hour prior to the closing time for receipt of competitive tenders.

Maximum Recognized Bid

Receipt of Tenders:

Noncompetitive tenders ..... Prior to 12:00 noon Eastern Standard time on auction day Competitive tenders ..... Prior to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard time on auction day

<u>Payment Terms</u>: By charge to a funds account at a Federal Reserve Bank on issue date, or payment of full par amount with tender. *TreasuryDirect* customers can use the Pay Direct feature which authorizes a charge to their account of record at their financial institution on issue date.