

TREASURY



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TREASURY OFFERS 13-WEEK AND 26-WEEK BILLS

The Treasury will auction two series of Treasury bills totaling approximately \$16,000 million to refund \$13,392 million of publicly held securities maturing December 17, 1998, and to raise about \$2,608 million of new cash.

In addition to the public holdings, Federal Reserve Banks for their own accounts hold \$7,169 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 \$2,196 million held by Federal Reserve Banks as agents for foreign and international monetary authorities, which may be refunded within the offering amount at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders. Additional amounts may be issued for such accounts if the aggregate amount of new bids exceeds the aggregate amount of maturing bills.

The bill auctions will be conducted in the single-price auction format. All competitive and noncompetitive awards will be at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders.

Tenders for the bills will be received at Federal Reserve Banks and Branches and at the Bureau of the Public Debt, Washington, D.C. This offering of Treasury securities is governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Uniform Offering Circular (31 CFR Part 356, as amended) for the sale and issue by the Treasury to the public of marketable Treasury bills, notes, and bonds.

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

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Attachment

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS OF BILLS
TO BE ISSUED DECEMBER 17, 1998

December 10, 1998

<u>Offering Amount</u>	\$8,000 million	\$8,000 million
<u>Description of Offering:</u>		
Term and type of security	91-day bill	182-day bill
CUSIP number	912795 BE 0	912795 BQ 3
Auction date	December 14, 1998	December 14, 1998
Issue date	December 17, 1998	December 17, 1998
Maturity date	March 18, 1999	June 17, 1999
Original issue date	September 17, 1998	December 17, 1998
Currently outstanding	\$11,388 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

at a Single Yield 35% of public offering

Maximum Award 35% of public offering

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

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

