

TREASURY



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TREASURY OFFERS 13-WEEK AND 26-WEEK BILLS

The Treasury will auction two series of Treasury bills totaling approximately \$15,000 million to refund \$15,285 million of publicly held securities maturing February 25, 1999, and to pay down about \$285 million.

In addition to the public holdings, Federal Reserve Banks for their own accounts hold \$7,688 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 \$3,019 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.

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 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

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS OF BILLS
TO BE ISSUED FEBRUARY 25, 1999

February 18, 1999

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| <u>Offering Amount</u> | \$7,500 million | \$7,500 million |
| <u>Description of Offering:</u> | | |
| Term and type of security | 91-day bill | 182-day bill |
| CUSIP number | 912795 BX 8 | 912795 CL 3 |
| Auction date | February 22, 1999 | February 22, 1999 |
| Issue date | February 25, 1999 | February 25, 1999 |
| Maturity date | May 27, 1999 | August 26, 1999 |
| Original issue date | May 28, 1998 | February 25, 1999 |
| Currently outstanding | \$27,158 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. *TreasuryDirect* customers can use the Pay Direct feature which authorizes a charge to their account of record at their financial institution on issue date.