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TREASURY OFFERS 19-YEAR 6-MONTH 2% TREASURY INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES (TIPS)

The Treasury will auction \$7,000 million of 19-year 6-month 2% Treasury inflation-protected securities to raise new cash.

The Federal Reserve System holds \$8,489 million of the Treasury notes maturing on July 31, 2006, in the System Open Market Account (SOMA). This amount may be refunded at the highest yield of accepted competitive tenders either in this auction, the 2-year Treasury note auction to be held July 26, 2006, or the 5-year Treasury note auction to be held July 27, 2006. Amounts awarded to SOMA will be in addition to the offering amount.

Up to \$1,000 million in noncompetitive bids from Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) accounts bidding through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be included within the offering amount of the auction. These noncompetitive bids will have a limit of \$100 million per account and will be accepted in the order of smallest to largest, up to the aggregate award limit of \$1,000 million.

Treasury Direct customers have scheduled purchases of approximately \$4 million into the 19-year 6-month 2% Treasury inflation-protected security.

The auction will be conducted in the single-price auction format. All competitive and noncompetitive awards will be at the highest yield of accepted competitive tenders. The allocation percentage applied to bids awarded at the highest yield will be rounded up to the next hundredth of a whole percentage point, e.g., 17.13%.

The securities being offered today are eligible for the STRIPS program.

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).

For original issue discount (OID), IRS regulations permit reopenings of Treasury inflation-protected securities without regard to OID rules, provided that the reopenings occur not more than one year after the original securities were first issued to the public. Therefore, the OID limit does not apply to this auction.

Details about the security are given in the attached offering highlights.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC OF 19-YEAR 6-MONTH 2% TREASURY INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED JULY 31, 2006

July 20, 2006

Offering Amount Maximum Award (35% of Offering Amount) Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Yield NLP Reporting Threshold NLP Exclusion Amount	\$2,450 million \$2,450 million \$2,450 million
Description of Offering:	
Term and type of security	
	protected securities (reopening)
Series	
CUSIP number	
Auction date	
Issue date	
Dated date	
Original dated date	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Maturity date	_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Interest rate	
Amounts outstanding	·
Adjusted amounts currently outstanding	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Real yield	
Interest payment dates	January 15 and July 15
Minimum bid amount and multiples	
Accrued interest	\$0.86957 per \$1,000 (from July 15 to
	July 31, 2006)
Adjusted accrued interest payable by investor	\$0.88705 per \$1,000
Premium or discount	Determined at auction
STRIPS Information:	
Minimum amount required	. \$1,000
Corpus CUSIP number	. 912803 CW 1
TIIN conversion factor per \$1,000	. 5.038356504
Submission of Bids:	

Noncompetitive bids:

Accepted in full up to \$5 million at the highest accepted yield.

Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) bids:

Noncompetitive bids submitted through the Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts. Accepted in order of size from smallest to largest with no more than \$100 million awarded per account. The total noncompetitive amount awarded to Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts will not exceed \$1,000 million. A single bid that would cause the limit to be exceeded will be partially accepted in the amount that brings the aggregate award total to the \$1,000 million limit. However, if there are two or more bids of equal amounts that would cause the limit to be exceeded, each will be prorated to avoid exceeding the limit. Competitive bids:

- Must be expressed as a real yield with three decimals, e.g., 3.123%. (1)
- Net long position (NLP) for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all yields, and the net long position equals or exceeds the NLP reporting threshold stated above.
- (3) Net long position must be determined as of one-half hour prior to the closing time for receipt of competitive tenders.
- (4) Competitive bids from Treasury Direct customers are <u>not</u> allowed.

Receipt of Tenders:

Noncompetitive tenders: Prior to 12:00 noon eastern daylight saving time on auction day. Competitive tenders: Prior to 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight saving time on auction day.

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