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TREASURY OFFERS 4-YEAR 6-MONTH 2-3/8% TREASURY INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES (TIPS)

The Treasury will auction \$7,000 million of 4-year 6-month 2-3/8% Treasury inflation-protected securities to raise new cash.

The Federal Reserve System holds \$7,087 million of the Treasury notes maturing on October 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 October 24, 2006, or the 5-year Treasury note auction to be held October 26, 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 \$6 million into the 4-year 6-month 2-3/8% 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).

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

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Attachment

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC OF

4-YEAR 6-MONTH 2-3/8% TREASURY INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED OCTOBER 31, 2006

October 19, 2006

	October	19,	2006
Offering Amount		-	
Maximum Award (35% of Offering Amount)\$2,450 million			
Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Yield\$2,450 million			
NLP Reporting Threshold\$2,450 million			
NLP Exclusion Amount\$3,700 million			
Description of Offering:			
Term and type of security4-year 6-month T	reasury inflation-		
protected secu	rities (reopening)		
Series			
CUSIP number			
Auction dateOctober 23, 2006			
Issue dateOctober 31, 2006			
Dated dateOctober 15, 2006			
Original dated dateApril 15, 2006			
Maturity dateApril 15, 2011			
Interest rate2-3/8%			
Currently outstanding\$10,998 million			
Adjusted currently outstanding\$11,289 million			
Real yieldDetermined at au	ction		
Interest payment dates	ober 15		
Minimum bid amount and multiples\$1,000			
Accrued interest\$1.04396 per \$1,	000 (from October	15 t	0
October 31, 2006	5)		
Adjusted accrued interest payable by investor\$1.07237 per \$1,	000		
Premium or discountDetermined at au	ction		
STRIPS Information:			
Minimum amount required\$1,000			
Corpus CUSIP number			

Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids:

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

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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:

- (1) Must be expressed as a real yield with three decimals, e.g., 3.123%.
- (2) 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 not 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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