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TREASURY OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT 1

Term and Type of Security 181-Day Bill 26-Week Bill Security Description Offering Amount \$27,000,000,000 Currently Outstanding \$0 **CUSIP** Number 912795M65 Auction Date December 22, 2008 Original Issue Date December 26, 2008 December 26, 2008 Issue Date Maturity Date June 25, 2009 Maximum Award \$9,450,000,000 Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Rate \$9,450,000,000 NLP Reporting Threshold \$9,450,000,000 **NLP Exclusion Amount** Scheduled Purchases in Treasury Direct \$718,000,000

Minimum Bid Amount and Multiples \$100 Competitive Bid Rate Increments ² 0.005% Maximum Noncompetitive Award \$5,000,000 Eligible for Holding in Treasury Direct Yes Eligible for Holding in Legacy Treasury Direct Yes Estimated Amount of Maturing Bills Held by the Public \$112,015,000,000 December 26, 2008 Maturing Date **SOMA Holdings Maturing** \$3,782,000,000 SOMA Amounts Included in Offering Amount No FIMA Amounts Included in Offering Amount³ Yes

Noncompetitive Closing Time 11:00 a.m. ET Competitive Closing Time 11:30 a.m. ET

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), and this offering announcement. Treasury bills will be issued at a discount or at par.

²Must be expressed as a discount rate with three decimals in increments of 0.005%, e.g., 7.100%, 7.105%.

³FIMA up to \$1,000 million in noncompetitive bids from Foreign and International Monetary Authority not to exceed \$100 million per account.