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OVERSIGHT BOARD REVIEWS IRS PROGRESS

(Washington, DC) The IRS Oversight Board met April 2-3, 2002 to discuss issues related to IRS operations. The Board heard presentations on the status of:

- This year's tax filing season, led by John Dalrymple, IRS Commissioner, Wage and Investment Operating Division.
- IRS Fiscal Years 2002-2004 budgets, led by Todd Grams, IRS Financial Officer.
- The executive search for candidates to serve as IRS Commissioner. The term of IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti ends in November, 2002.
- The IRS Chief Counsel Office, led by B. John Williams, IRS Chief Counsel.
- The IRS's computer modernization initiative, led by John Reece, IRS Chief Information Officer, Fred Forman, Associate Commissioner of Business Systems Modernization, Peter Boykin, President and Chief Operating Officer, and Paul Cofoni, President, Federal Sector, Computer Sciences Corporation.

The IRS Oversight Board also discussed IRS progress in addressing issues raised by members of the tax community at the Board's January public meeting. These included improving service in the IRS Employer Identification Number system, tax practitioner hotline, Offers in Compromise program, and Customer Authorization File program.

IRS Oversight Board committees reported their work on modernization, the IRS's critical pay program, and progress in developing and implementing IRS performance measures systems.

The Board's next meeting will be held June 3-4, 2002 in Washington, DC.