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TREASURY OFFERS 4-WEEK, 13-WEEK, AND 26-WEEK BILLS

The Treasury will auction three series of Treasury bills totaling \$39,000 million to refund an estimated \$45,124 million of publicly held Treasury bills maturing December 27, 2001, and to pay down approximately \$6,124 million.

Tenders for 4-week Treasury bills to be held on the book-entry records of *TreasuryDirect* will not be accepted.

The Federal Reserve System holds \$11,693 million of the Treasury bills maturing on December 27, 2001, in the System Open Market Account (SOMA). This amount may be refunded at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders in these auctions. 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 each auction. These noncompetitive bids will have a limit of \$200 million per account and will be accepted in the order of smallest to largest, up to the aggregate award limit of \$1,000 million.

Note that for the 4-week bill auction the noncompetitive closing time will be 11:00 a.m. and the competitive closing time will be 11:30 a.m. eastern standard time. The noncompetitive and competitive closing times for the 13-week and 26-week bill auctions will be the normal 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. eastern standard time, respectively.

TreasuryDirect customers have requested that we reinvest their maturing holdings of approximately \$992 million into the 13-week bill and \$617 million into the 26-week bill.

The allocation percentage applied to bids awarded at the highest discount rate will be rounded up to the next hundredth of a whole percentage point, e.g., 17.13%.

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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HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS OF BILLS
TO BE ISSUED DECEMBER 27, 2001

December 20, 2001

<u>Offering Amount</u>	\$10,000 million	\$14,000 million	\$15,000 million
<u>Public Offering</u>	\$10,000 million	\$14,000 million	\$15,000 million
<u>NLP Exclusion Amount</u>	\$ 9,700 million	\$ 4,200 million	None

Description of Offering:

Term and type of security	28-day bill	91-day bill	182-day bill
CUSIP number	912795 JD 4	912795 JM 4	912795 KA 8
Auction date	December 26, 2001	December 26, 2001	December 26, 2001
Issue date	December 27, 2001	December 27, 2001	December 27, 2001
Maturity date	January 24, 2002	March 28, 2002	June 27, 2002
Original issue date	July 26, 2001	September 27, 2001	December 27, 2001
Currently outstanding	\$38,069 million	\$16,514 million	---
Minimum bid amount and multiples	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

The following rules apply to all securities mentioned above:

Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids: Accepted in full up to \$1 million at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive bids.

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 \$200 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 discount rate with three decimals in increments of .005%, e.g., 7.100%, 7.105%.
- (2) Net long position (NLP) 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 Rate35% of public offering

Maximum Award35% of public offering

Receipt of Tenders:

4-week bill:

Noncompetitive tenders.....Prior to 11:00 a.m. eastern standard time on auction day

Competitive tenders.....Prior to 11:30 a.m. eastern standard time on auction day

13-week and 26-week bills:

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.