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OFHEO SUBMITS ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Armando Falcon, Jr., Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO), safety and soundness regulator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the Enterprises), today released OFHEO's <u>Annual Report to Congress</u>. OFHEO is required by the 1992 Act to submit an Annual Report to Congress.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REPORT INCLUDE:

- 1. Year in Review.
- 2. An informative chapter on the history and development of the secondary mortgage market.
- 3. Results and conclusions of OFHEO's annual examinations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for 2002.
- 4. An overview of the stress test and capital classifications during 2002 of the Enterprises.
- 5. An independent, unqualified audit opinion of OFHEO for the fifth consecutive year.
- 6. Historical data tables.
- 7. Two legislative recommendations: Remove OFHEO from the appropriations process and give OFHEO receivership authority in the event an Enterprise is not viable.

The <u>annual report</u> is available on OFHEO's web site: www.ofheo.gov

OFHEO's mission is to promote housing and a strong national housing finance system by ensuring the safety and soundness of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.