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Barry Wides Becomes Deputy Comptroller of the Currency for Community Affairs

Washington – The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) announced today that Barry Wides has been appointed Deputy Comptroller for Community Affairs. Mr. Wides has been acting in this capacity since April 2004.

Mr. Wides will head the headquarters and district operations of Community Affairs. Community Affairs will provide data and support to OCC compliance examiners, expert consultation to national banks and outreach to their community partners. In addition, Community Affairs will continue to administer part 24 public welfare investment authority as well as policy development, research and publications on community development issues.

During Julie Williams' tenure as Acting Comptroller, Mr. Wides will report to Acting Chief Counsel Daniel Stipano.

As Acting Deputy Comptroller, Mr. Wides implemented the Community Development "Insights" publication series and sponsored the OCC's "Financing Minority Business" Web and telephone seminar for bankers.

Mr. Wides was Director of Community Development at the OCC from 1999 to 2004. Prior to joining the OCC in 1999, he was director of Affordable Lending Sales Management at Freddie Mac. He previously served as deputy director of the Resolution Trust Corporation's Affordable Housing Program. Mr. Wides began his career as a Presidential Management Intern and budget examiner for housing and community development programs at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Wides is a certified public accountant and holds a BS in accounting and an MBA from Indiana University.

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