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OCC Releases CRA Evaluations For 44 National Banks

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) today released a list of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance evaluations that became public during the period of October 15 through November 14, 2002. The list contains only national banks and insured federal branches of foreign banks that have received ratings. The possible ratings are outstanding, satisfactory, needs to improve, and substantial noncompliance.

Of the 44 evaluations made public this month, 9 were **outstanding**, 35 were **satisfactory**. None were **needs to improve**. None were **substantial noncompliance**. Evaluations are available from links on <http://www.occ.treas.gov/cra/Nov02.htm>. The OCC's World Wide Web site (<http://www.occ.treas.gov>) also offers access to a searchable list of all public CRA evaluations (<http://www.occ.treas.gov/cra/crasrch.htm>). Paper copies of the actual evaluations may be obtained by e-mail request to FOIA-PA@occ.treas.gov or from: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Washington, DC 20219. When requests are made electronically, remember to include your postal mail address. Facsimile requests may be sent to (202) 874-4448.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,100 national banks and 52 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 55percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe and sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.