

TREASURY



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TREASURY TO AUCTION \$12,000 MILLION OF 2-YEAR NOTES

The Treasury will auction \$12,000 million of 2-year notes to refund \$27,053 million of publicly held securities maturing February 29, 2000, and to pay down about \$15,053 million.

In addition to the public holdings, Federal Reserve Banks hold \$3,219 million of the maturing securities for their own accounts, which may be refunded by issuing an additional amount of the new security.

The maturing securities held by the public include \$2,381 million held by Federal Reserve Banks as agents for foreign and international monetary authorities. Amounts bid for these accounts by Federal Reserve Banks will be added to the offering.

TreasuryDirect customers requested that we reinvest their maturing holdings of approximately \$636 million into the 2-year note.

The auction will be conducted in the single-price auction format. All competitive and noncompetitive awards will be at the highest yield of accepted competitive tenders.

The notes being offered today are eligible for the STRIPS program.

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 the new security are given in the attached offering highlights.

If the auction of 2-year notes to be held Wednesday, February 23, 2000, results in a yield in a range of 6.250 percent through and including 6.374 percent, the 2-year notes will be considered an additional issue of the outstanding 6-1/4% 5-year notes of Series D-2002 (CUSIP No. 9128272L5) originally issued February 28, 1997. The additional issue of the notes would have the same CUSIP number as the outstanding notes, which are currently outstanding in the amount of \$13,800 million.

If the auction results in the issuance of an additional amount of the Series D-2002 notes rather than a new 2-year note, it will be noted on the Treasury auction results press release. In the event of a reopening, all amounts outstanding for CUSIP No. 9128272L5, including the 5-year notes issued February 28, 1997, would be eligible for the STRIPS program.

Attachment

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC OF
2-YEAR NOTES TO BE ISSUED FEBRUARY 29, 2000

February 16, 2000

Offering Amount..... \$12,000 million

Description of Offering:

Term and type of security..... 2-year notes
Series..... S-2002
CUSIP number..... 912827 6A 5
Auction date..... February 23, 2000
Issue date..... February 29, 2000
Dated date..... February 29, 2000
Maturity date..... February 28, 2002
Interest rate..... Determined based on the highest
accepted competitive bid
Yield..... Determined at auction
Interest payment dates..... August 31 and February 28
Minimum bid amount and multiples..... \$1,000
Accrued interest payable by investor..... None
Premium or discount..... Determined at auction

STRIPS Information:

Minimum amount required..... Determined at auction
Corpus CUSIP number 912820 EN 3
Due date(s) and CUSIP number(s)
for additional TINT(s)..... Not applicable

Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids: Accepted in full up to \$5,000,000 at the highest
accepted yield.

Competitive bids:

- (1) Must be expressed as a yield with three decimals, e.g., 7.123%.
- (2) Net long position for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all yields, and the net long position is \$2 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 Yield..... 35% of public offering

Maximum Award..... 35% of public offering

Receipt of Tenders:

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.