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Acting Comptroller Establishes Position of Deputy Comptroller for
Community Affairs

WASHINGTON -- Acting Comptroller of the Currency Julie L. Williams announced today that she has established a senior-level position to advise top management on community development and community relations programs as well as minority and urban affairs issues.

The new Deputy Comptroller for Community Affairs will be responsible for the agency's contacts with national and regional community leaders and with consumer and community organizations and will manage the agency's community development, community relations and minority and urban affairs divisions.

"Ensuring that banks serve their communities has been one of the top priorities of the OCC for the past five years," said Ms. Williams. "I decided to create this new position to make sure that community affairs issues do, in fact, receive the attention of senior management at the OCC, day in and day out. I also wanted to ensure more effective coordination between the community development, community relations and minority and urban affairs divisions."

The new position complements several other senior-level posts that focus on community development and community affairs, including the Deputy Comptroller for Compliance Operations, which directs the agency's compliance examiners, and the Deputy Comptroller for Community and Consumer Policy, which has responsibility for examination policy development.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,600 national banks and 66 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 58 percent 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.