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TREASURY OFFERS 2-YEAR NOTES AND 5-YEAR NOTES

The Treasury will auction \$22,000 million of 2-year notes and \$14,000 million of 5-year notes to refund \$26,005 million of publicly held securities maturing on March 31, 2006, and to raise approximately \$9,995 million of new cash.

In addition to the public holdings, Federal Reserve Banks, for their own accounts, hold \$8,334 million of the maturing securities, which may be refunded by issuing additional amounts of the new securities.

Up to \$1,000 million in noncompetitive bids from Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) accounts bidding through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be included within the offering amount of each auction. These noncompetitive bids will have a limit of \$100 million per account and will be accepted in the order of smallest to largest, up to the aggregate award limit of \$1,000 million.

Treasury Direct customers have scheduled purchases of approximately \$655 million into the 2-year note and \$69 million into the 5-year note.

The auctions being announced today 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 allocation percentage applied to bids awarded at the highest yield will be rounded up to the next hundredth of a whole percentage point, e.g., 17.13%.

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 notes are given in the attached offering highlights.

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Attachment

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS TO THE PUBLIC OF  
2-YEAR NOTES AND 5-YEAR NOTES TO BE ISSUED MARCH 31, 2006

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<u>Offering Amount</u> .....	\$22,000 million	\$14,000 million
<u>Maximum Award (35% of Offering Amount)</u> ....	\$ 7,700 million	\$ 4,900 million
<u>Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Yield</u> ..	\$ 7,700 million	\$ 4,900 million
<u>NLP Reporting Threshold</u> .....	\$ 7,700 million	\$ 4,900 million
<u>Description of Offering:</u>		
Term and type of security.....	2-year notes	5-year notes
Series.....	T-2008	F-2011
CUSIP number.....	912828 EZ 9	912828 FA 3
Auction date.....	March 27, 2006	March 29, 2006
Issue date.....	March 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Dated date.....	March 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Maturity date.....	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2011
Interest rate.....	Determined based on the highest accepted competitive bid	Determined based on the highest accepted competitive bid
Yield.....	Determined at auction	Determined at auction
Interest payment dates.....	September 30 and March 31	September 30 and March 31
Minimum bid amount and multiples.....	\$1,000	\$1,000
Accrued interest payable by investor.....	None	None
Premium or discount.....	Determined at auction	Determined at auction

STRIPS Information:

Minimum amount required.....	\$1,000	\$1,000
Corpus CUSIP number.....	912820 MW 4	912820 MX 2
Due date(s) and CUSIP number(s) for additional TINT(s) .....	March 31, 2008 - 912833 5K 2	See chart below

5-year due dates and CUSIP numbers for additional TINTs

	2008	2009	2010	2011
March 31	---	912833 5M 8	912833 5P 1	912833 5R 7
September 30	912833 5L 0	912833 5N 6	912833 5Q 9	---

The following rules apply to all securities mentioned above:

Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids:

Accepted in full up to \$5 million at the highest accepted yield.

Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) bids:

Noncompetitive bids submitted through the Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts. Accepted in order of size from smallest to largest with no more than \$100 million awarded per account. The total noncompetitive amount awarded to Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts will not exceed \$1,000 million. A single bid that would cause the limit to be exceeded will be partially accepted in the amount that brings the aggregate award total to the \$1,000 million limit. However, if there are two or more bids of equal amounts that would cause the limit to be exceeded, each will be prorated to avoid exceeding the limit.

Competitive bids:

- (1) Must be expressed as a yield with three decimals, e.g., 7.123%.
- (2) Net long position (NLP) for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all yields, and the net long position equals or exceeds the NLP reporting threshold stated above.
- (3) Net long position must be determined as of one-half hour prior to the closing time for receipt of competitive tenders.
- (4) Competitive bids from Treasury Direct customers are not allowed.

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