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TREASURY OFFERS 4-WEEK, 13-WEEK, AND 26-WEEK BILLS

The Treasury will auction three series of Treasury bills totaling \$54,000 million to refund an estimated \$44,296 million of publicly held Treasury bills maturing May 22, 2003, and to raise new cash of approximately \$9,704 million.

The announcement of the 13-week and 26-week offerings, originally scheduled for May 15, 2003, was postponed on that date.

Tenders for 4-week Treasury bills to be held on the book-entry records of *TreasuryDirect* will not be accepted.

The Federal Reserve System holds \$15,283 million of the Treasury bills maturing on May 22, 2003, in the System Open Market Account (SOMA). This amount may be refunded at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders in these auctions. Amounts awarded to SOMA will be in addition to the offering amount.

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.

Please note that the auctions of the 13-week and 26-week bills will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, and the auction of the 4-week bills will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2003.

*TreasuryDirect* customers have requested that we reinvest their maturing holdings of approximately \$1,058 million into the 13-week bill and \$762 million into the 26-week bill.

The allocation percentage applied to bids awarded at the highest discount rate will be rounded up to the next hundredth of a whole percentage point, e.g., 17.13%.

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 each of the new securities are given in the attached offering highlights.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS OF BILLS  
TO BE ISSUED MAY 22, 2003

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<u>Offering Amount</u> .....	\$22,000 million	\$16,000 million	\$16,000 million
<u>Maximum Award (35% of Offering Amount)</u> .....	\$ 7,700 million	\$ 5,600 million	\$ 5,600 million
<u>Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Rate</u> ....	\$ 7,700 million	\$ 5,600 million	\$ 5,600 million
<u>NLP Reporting Threshold</u> .....	\$ 7,700 million	\$ 5,600 million	\$ 5,600 million
<u>NLP Exclusion Amount</u> .....	\$11,400 million	\$ 5,300 million	None

Description of Offering:

Term and type of security .....	28-day bill	91-day bill	182-day bill
CUSIP number .....	912795 MS 7	912795 NJ 6	912795 NX 5
Auction date .....	May 21, 2003	May 20, 2003	May 20, 2003
Issue date .....	May 22, 2003	May 22, 2003	May 22, 2003
Maturity date .....	June 19, 2003	August 21, 2003	November 20, 2003
Original issue date .....	December 19, 2002	February 20, 2003	May 22, 2003
Currently outstanding .....	\$43,455 million	\$21,672 million	---
Minimum bid amount and multiples .....	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

The following rules apply to all securities mentioned above:

Submission of Bids:

**Noncompetitive bids:** Accepted in full up to \$1 million at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive bids.

**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 discount rate with three decimals in increments of .005%, e.g., 7.100%, 7.105%.
- (2) Net long position (NLP) for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all discount rates, 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.

Receipt of Tenders:

4-week bill:

Noncompetitive tenders. Prior to 12:00 noon eastern daylight saving time on May 21, 2003

Competitive tenders.... Prior to 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight saving time on May 21, 2003

13-week and 26-week bills:

Noncompetitive tenders. Prior to 12:00 noon eastern daylight saving time on May 20, 2003

Competitive tenders.... Prior to 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight saving time on May 20, 2003

**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.