MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
FROM: Montrice G. Yakimov, Managing Director
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SUBJECT: Community Reinvestment Act:
2010 Interagency Questions and Answers

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Federal Reserve Board (FRB), and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (collectively, “the Agencies”) interpret their respective Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rules through a set of “Interagency Questions and Answers” (Q&As). The Q&As, which are supplemented periodically, provide guidance for use by agency staff, financial institutions, and the public.

On January 6, 2009, the Agencies proposed for comment one new Q&A and two revised Q&As. In response, the Agencies received comments from 19 different parties, including financial institutions and trade associations, community development advocates/organizations, and other interested parties. The Agencies have now finalized these Q&As with minor clarifications that reflect the comments received and made conforming revisions to an existing Q&A.

Highlights include:

- A new Q&A that provides examples of how an institution that provides community services can determine that these services are targeted to low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals when the institution does not know the actual income of the individuals served.

- A revised Q&A that allows an activity that provides affordable housing targeted to LMI individuals to receive positive CRA consideration on a pro rata basis, even where it does not have a primary purpose of community development.

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Link: 2010 Q&As

1 The Q&As were previously updated and revised on January 6, 2009. See 74 FR 498.
2 See 74 FR at 504-06.