To: The Chief Executive Officer of Each U.S Branch and Agency of a Foreign Bank Located in the Second Federal Reserve District

The following report forms and instructions for the March 31, 2013 reporting date have been posted to the Federal Reserve Board's website at www.federalreserve.gov under "Reporting Forms":

- Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002); and
- Supplemental Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002s)
- The Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 019)

There are no changes to the FFIEC 002, FFIEC 002S and FFIEC 019 reporting forms and instructions. However, Supplemental instructions concerning reporting issues are provided in this letter in Attachment 1.

“Purchased” Loans Originated By Others

When acquiring loans originated by others, institutions should consider whether the transaction should be accounted for as a purchase of the loans or as a secured borrowing in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 860, Transfers and Servicing (formerly FASB Statement No. 140, “Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities,” as amended). For the transaction to qualify for sale accounting:

- First, unless the transfer is of an entire financial asset, the transferred portion of the financial asset must meet the definition of a participating interest.
Second, the transfer must meet all of the conditions set forth in Subtopic 860-10 to demonstrate that the transferor has surrendered control over the transferred financial assets.

For example, some institutions have entered into various residential mortgage loan purchase programs. These programs often function like traditional warehouse lines of credit; however, in some cases, the mortgage loan transfers are legally structured as purchases by the institution rather than as pledges of collateral to secure the funding. Under these programs, an institution provides funding to a mortgage loan originator while simultaneously obtaining an interest in the mortgage loans subject to a takeout commitment. A takeout commitment is a written commitment from an approved investor (generally, an unrelated third party) to purchase one or more mortgage loans from the originator.

Although the facts and circumstances of each program must be carefully evaluated to determine the appropriate accounting, an institution should generally account for a mortgage purchase program with continuing involvement by the originator, including takeout commitments, as a secured borrowing with pledge of collateral, i.e., a loan to the originator secured by the residential mortgage loans, rather than a purchase of mortgage loans.

When loans obtained in a mortgage purchase program do not qualify for sale accounting, the financing provided to the originator (if not held for trading purposes) should be reported in FFIEC 002 Report Schedule C, item 3, “Loans to other financial institutions,” and on the balance sheet in Schedule RAL, item 1.e, “Loans and leases, net of unearned income.”

**Indemnification Assets and Accounting Standards Update No. 2012-06**

In October 2012, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2012-06, “Subsequent Accounting for an Indemnification Asset Recognized at the Acquisition Date as a Result of a Government-Assisted Acquisition of an institution,” to address the subsequent measurement of an indemnification asset recognized in an acquisition of a financial institution that includes a loss-sharing agreement. This ASU amends ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations (formerly FASB Statement No. 141 (revised 2007),”Business Combinations”), which includes guidance applicable to government-assisted acquisitions of failed institutions.

Under the ASU, when an institution experiences a change in the cash flows expected to be collected on a loss-sharing indemnification asset because of a change in the cash flows expected to be collected on the assets covered by the loss-sharing agreement, the institution should account for the change in the measurement of the indemnification asset on the same basis as the change in the assets subject to indemnification. Any amortization of changes in the value of the indemnification asset should be limited to the lesser of the term of the indemnification agreement and the remaining life of the indemnified assets.
The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2012. For institutions with a calendar year fiscal year, the ASU takes effect January 1, 2013. Early adoption of the ASU is permitted. The ASU’s provisions should be applied prospectively to any new indemnification assets acquired after the date of adoption and to indemnification assets existing as of the date of adoption arising from a government-assisted acquisition of an institution. To the extent the guidance in the ASU differs from a branch or agency’s existing accounting policies and practices for subsequent measurement of an indemnification asset recognized in an acquisition of a financial institution, the branch or agency will be expected to apply the ASU for FFIEC 002 reporting purposes in accordance with the standard’s effective date and transition provisions, which are outlined above. To the extent that a branch or agency’s existing accounting policies and practices are consistent with guidance in the ASU, the branch or agency should continue to follow its existing policies and practices.

For additional information, institutions should refer to ASU 2012-06, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

**Reporting of Specific Reserves**

Once a loan is written-down through a specific reserve or charge-off, a new cost basis for the asset is established. Changing this cost basis by re-booking or writing-up the loan is not permitted. Under Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 310-10-35-37, after the initial measurement of impairment, if there is a significant change in the amount or timing of an impaired loan’s expected future cash flow, the change should be applied by adjusting the valuation allowance.

On the FFIEC 002, loans that are written down through the application of a specific reserve are treated in an identical manner as loans that are partially or wholly charged-off. Therefore, recoveries on loans for which there is a specific reserve should be accounted for on a cash basis by reducing the expense account (i.e. the provision for loan losses) for the amount of the recovery, and reported as part of the calculation for profit or loss, in Schedule M, Part I, Line 2.a, “Gross due from/to head office of parent bank”.

**Goodwill Impairment Testing**

In September 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-08, “Testing Goodwill for Impairment,” to address concerns about the cost and complexity of the
existing goodwill impairment test in ASC Topic 350, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (formerly FASB Statement No. 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets”).

Under ASU 2011-08, a holding company has the option of first assessing qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step qualitative goodwill impairment test described in ASC Topic 350, but may choose to bypass the qualitative assessment in any period and proceed directly to the two-step goodwill impairment test. The ASU includes examples of events and circumstances that a holding company should consider in evaluating whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount.

See this quarter’s Call Report (FFIEC-031/041) Instruction book for a new Glossary entry for “Goodwill” that summarizes the impairment testing requirements for goodwill.

**Accounting for Loan Participations**

Amendments to ASC Topic 860, Transfers and Servicing, resulting from Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-16 (formerly FASB Statement No. 166, “Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets”) modified the criteria that must be met in order for a transfer of a portion of a financial asset, such as a loan participation, to qualify for sale accounting. These changes apply to transfers of loan participations on or after the effective date of amended ASC Topic 860 (January 1, 2010, for branches and agencies with a calendar year fiscal year), including advances under lines of credit that are transferred on or after the effective date even if the line of credit agreements were entered into before the effective date. Branches and agencies with a calendar year fiscal year must account for transfers of loan participations on or after January 1, 2010, in accordance with amended ASC Topic 860. In general, loan participations transferred before the effective date of amended ASC Topic 860 are not affected by this new accounting standard.

The Glossary entry for “Transfers of Financial Assets” in the FFIEC 002 instructions incorporates the provisions of amended ASC Topic 860 and addresses related reporting issues, including a discussion of the reporting treatment of loan participations in accordance with amended ASC Topic 860. In particular, the Glossary entry discusses the reporting of transfers of loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA). It describes the SBA’s longstanding requirement obligating the transferor of the guaranteed portion of an SBA loan at a premium to refund the premium to the transferee if the loan is repaid within 90 days of the transfer. The Glossary entry notes that this premium refund obligation is a form of recourse, which causes the transferred guaranteed portion of the loan to not meet the definition of a "participating interest" for this 90-day period. As a result, the transfer must be accounted for as a secured borrowing during this period. Thereafter, assuming the transferred guaranteed portion and the retained unguaranteed portion of the SBA loan now meet the definition of a
"participating interest," the transfer of the guaranteed portion can be accounted for as a sale if all of the conditions for sale accounting in amended ASC Topic 860 are met.

Branches and agencies should note that the SBA recently eliminated its premium refund requirement for transfers of guaranteed portions of SBA loans at a premium effective for loan transfers settled on or after February 15, 2011. The elimination of this obligation removes the key factor preventing the guaranteed and unguaranteed portions of an SBA loan from meeting the definition of a “participating interest” in a transfer of the guaranteed portion at a premium. With the elimination of this obligation from transfers at a premium on or after February 15, 2011, the transferred guaranteed portion and the retained unguaranteed portion of the SBA loan should now normally meet the definition of a “participating interest” on the transfer date. Assuming that is the case, the transfer of the guaranteed portion of an SBA loan should now be able to be accounted for as a sale on the transfer date, with immediate recognition of any gain or loss on the sale in earnings, if all of the conditions for sale accounting set forth in ASC Topic 860 are met.

Troubled Debt Restructurings and Current Market Interest Rates

Many institutions are restructuring or modifying the terms of loans through workout programs, renewals, extensions, or other means to provide payment relief for those borrowers who have suffered deterioration in their financial condition. Such loan restructurings may include, but are not limited to, reductions in principal or accrued interest, reductions in interest rates, and extensions of the maturity date. Modifications may be executed at the original contractual interest rate on the loan, a current market interest rate, or a below-market interest rate. Many of these loan modifications meet the definition of a troubled debt restructuring (TDR).

The TDR accounting and reporting standards are set forth in ASC Subtopic 310-40, Receivables - Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (formerly FASB Statement No. 15, "Accounting by Debtors and Creditors for Troubled Debt Restructurings," as amended). This guidance specifies that a restructuring of a debt constitutes a TDR if, at the date of restructuring, the creditor for economic or legal reasons related to a debtor’s financial difficulties grants a concession to the debtor that it would not otherwise consider. The creditor’s concession may include a restructuring of the terms of a debt to alleviate the burden of the debtor’s near-term cash requirements, such as a modification of terms to reduce or defer cash payments required of the debtor in the near future to help the debtor attempt to improve its financial condition and eventually be able to pay the creditor.
Because the stated interest rate charged the borrower after a loan restructuring may be greater than or equal to interest rates available in the marketplace for similar types of loans to nontroubled borrowers at the time of the restructuring, some institutions have concluded that these restructurings are not TDRs, which may not be the case. In making this determination, these institutions may not have considered all of the facts and circumstances associated with the loan modification besides the interest rate. An interest rate on a modified loan greater than or equal to those available in the marketplace for similar credits does not in and of itself preclude a modification from being designated as a TDR. Rather, when evaluating a loan modification to a borrower experiencing financial difficulties, an analysis of all facts and circumstances is necessary to determine whether the institution has made a concession to the borrower with respect to the market interest rate (or has made some other type of concession that could trigger TDR accounting and disclosure, for example, terms or conditions outside of the institution’s policies or common market practices) and, if so, how the modified or restructured loan should be reported.

Generally, a restructured loan yields a current market interest rate if the restructuring agreement specifies an interest rate greater than or equal to the rate that the institution was willing to accept at the time of the restructuring for a new loan with comparable risk. A restructured loan does not yield a market interest rate simply because the interest rate charged under the restructuring agreement has not been reduced. In addition, when a modification results in an increase (either temporary or permanent) in the contractual interest rate, the increased interest rate cannot be presumed to be an interest rate that is at or above market. Therefore, in determining whether a loan has been modified at a market interest rate, an institution should analyze the borrower’s current financial condition and compare the rate on the modified loan to rates the institution would charge customers with similar financial characteristics on similar types of loans. This determination requires the use of judgment and should include an analysis of credit history and scores, loan-to-value ratios or other collateral protection, the borrower’s ability to generate cash flow sufficient to meet the repayment terms, and other factors normally considered when underwriting and pricing loans.

Likewise, a change in the interest rate on a modified or restructured loan does not necessarily mean that the modification is a TDR. For example, a creditor may lower the interest rate to maintain a relationship with a debtor that can readily obtain funds from other sources. To be a TDR, the borrower must also be experiencing financial difficulties. The evaluation of whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties is based upon individual facts and circumstances and requires the use of judgment when determining if a modification of the borrower’s loan should be accounted for and reported as a TDR.

A branch or agency that restructures a loan to a borrower experiencing financial difficulties at a rate below a market interest rate has granted a concession to the borrower that result in the restructured loan being a TDR. (As noted above, other types of concessions could
also result in a TDR.) In the FFIEC 002 report, until a loan that is a TDR is paid in full or otherwise settled, sold, or charged off, the loan must be reported in the appropriate loan category in Schedule C, Part I, and in Schedule N, as necessary. In addition, a loan restructured in a TDR is an impaired loan. Thus, all TDRs must be measured for impairment in accordance with ASC Subtopic 310-10, Receivables – Overall (formerly FASB Statement No. 114, “Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan,” as amended).

**Troubled Debt Restructurings and Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-02**

In April 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-02, “A Creditor’s Determination of Whether a Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring,” to provide additional guidance to help creditors determine whether a concession has been granted to a borrower and whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties. The guidance is also intended to reduce diversity in practice in identifying and reporting TDRs. This ASU is effective for public companies for interim and annual periods beginning on or after June 15, 2011, and should be applied retrospectively to the beginning of the annual period of adoption for purposes of identifying TDRs. The measurement of impairment for any newly identified TDRs resulting from retrospective application will be applied prospectively in the first interim or annual period beginning on or after June 15, 2011. Nonpublic companies should apply the new guidance for annual periods ending after December 15, 2012, including interim periods within those annual periods. Early adoption of the ASU is permitted for both public and nonpublic entities, with nonpublic entities that adopt early subject to a retrospective identification requirement.

Branches and agencies are expected to continue to follow the accounting and reporting guidance on TDRs in the preceding section of these Supplemental Instructions and in the FFIEC 002 Instructions. To the extent the guidance in the ASU differs from a branch or agency’s existing accounting policies and practices for identifying TDRs, the branch or agency will be expected to apply the ASU for FFIEC 002 reporting purposes in accordance with the standard’s effective date and transition provisions, which are outlined above. To the extent that a branch or agency’s existing accounting policies and practices are consistent with guidance in the ASU, the branch or agency should continue to follow its existing policies and practices.

ASU 2011-02 reiterates that the two conditions mentioned in the preceding section on “Troubled Debt Restructurings and Current Market Interest Rates” must exist in order for a loan modification to be deemed a TDR: (1) a company must grant a concession to the borrower as part of the modification and (2) the borrower must be experiencing financial difficulties. The ASU explains that a company may determine that a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties if it is probable that the borrower will default on any of its debts in the foreseeable future. The borrower does not have to be in default at the time of the modification. Other possible factors that should be considered in evaluating whether a borrower is experiencing
financial difficulties is if the borrower has declared (or is in the process of declaring) bankruptcy, the creditor does not expect the borrower’s cash flows to be sufficient to service its debt under the existing terms, or there is substantial doubt about an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern.

Another important aspect of the ASU is that it prohibits financial institutions from using the effective interest rate test included in the TDR guidance for borrowers in ASC Subtopic 470-60, Debt – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Debtors, when determining whether the creditor has granted a concession as part of a loan modification. However, as explained in ASU 2011-02, if a borrower does not have access to funds at a market rate of interest for similar debt, the rate on the modified loan is considered to be a below-market rate and may be an indicator that the company has granted a concession to the borrower.

Furthermore, the ASU provides new guidance regarding insignificant delays in payment as part of loan modification. If, after analysis of all facts and circumstances, a creditor determines that a delay in payment is insignificant, the creditor has not granted a concession to the borrower. This determination requires judgment and should consider many factors, including, but not limited to, the amount of the delayed payments in relation to the loan’s unpaid principal or collateral value, the frequency of payments due on the loan, the original contractual maturity, and the original expected duration of the loan.

For additional information, branches and agencies should refer to ASU 2011-02, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

**Reporting Data for Term Deposits**

The Term Deposit Facility (TDF) is a program through which the Federal Reserve Banks offer interest-bearing term deposits to eligible institutions. A term deposit is a deposit with a specific maturity date. For FFIEC 002 reporting purposes, term deposits offered through the TDF should be treated as balances due from a Federal Reserve Bank. Accordingly, term deposits should be reported in Schedule RAL, Assets and Liabilities, Line 1.a., “Cash and balances due from depository institutions”, and in Schedule A, Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions, Line 5, “Balances due from Federal Reserve Banks”, on the FFIEC 002 report. The earnings on these term deposits should be reported in Schedule M, Due from/Due to Related Institutions in the U.S. and in Foreign Countries, Part I, Line 2.a, “Head office of parent bank”.

**Reporting Purchased Subordinated Securities in Schedule S**

In Schedule S, Servicing, Securitization, and Asset Sale Activities, Line 9, the Federal Reserve collects data on the maximum amount of branches and agencies’ credit exposures
arising from credit enhancements they provide to other institutions’ securitization structures, including those used in structured finance programs (other than asset-backed commercial paper programs, which are covered in Memorandum Line 1 of the schedule). The types of credit enhancements to be reported in Line 9 include purchased subordinated securities. Examples of purchased subordinated securities include, but are not limited to, the mezzanine and subordinate tranches of private-label mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations. A so-called senior tranche of a securitization or structured finance program is not a subordinated security provided it cannot absorb credit losses prior to another designated senior tranche. Branches and agencies should ensure they report in Schedule S, Line 9, the carrying value of their holdings of purchased subordinated securities issued in connection with other institutions’ securitization and structured finance transactions (other than asset-backed commercial paper programs). Holdings of purchased subordinated securities that serve as credit enhancements for asset-backed commercial paper programs should be reported in Memorandum Line 1 of Schedule S.

Prepaid Deposit Insurance Assessments

On November 12, 2009, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a final rule requiring insured depository institutions (except those that are exempted) to prepay an FDIC-determined estimate of their quarterly risk-based deposit insurance assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009, and for all of 2010, 2011, and 2012, on December 30, 2009. Each institution’s regular risk-based deposit insurance assessment for the third quarter of 2009, which is paid in arrears, was also payable on December 30, 2009. The original full amount of each institution’s prepaid assessment was included on its Quarterly Certified Statement Invoice for the third quarter 2009 Insurance Period, which was available on FDICconnect, the FDIC’s e-business portal, as of December 15, 2009.

The branch or agency should record the estimated expense for its regular quarterly risk-based assessment for each calendar quarter through a charge to expense during that quarter and a corresponding credit to its prepaid assessments asset (or to an accrued expense payable if it has no prepaid assessments asset). As a result of the interaction between the prepaid assessments and the regularly quarterly assessments, the amount of the prepaid assessments asset that a branch or agency should report as a prepaid expense in its March 31, 2013 FFIEC 002 report should be:

- The remaining balance of “Prepaid Assessments Credits” shown on the Summary Statement of Assessment Credits page of the bank subsidiary’s Quarterly Certified Statement Invoice for the October 1 through December 31, 2012, Insurance Period, which was available on FDICconnect as of March 15, 2013;
Less the estimated amount of the regular quarterly assessment for the first quarter of 2013 (which should have been accrued as a charge to expense during the first quarter of 2013). The quarterly assessment for the first quarter of 2013 should be estimated based on the provisions of the FDIC’s February 2011 final rule that redefined the deposit insurance assessment base for all insured institutions and revised the assessment system for large institutions. For further information on this final rule, see FDIC Financial Institution Letter FIL-8-2011 dated February 9, 2011, which can be accessed at: http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2011/fil11008.html

This prepaid expense asset should be reported in Schedule RAL, Line 1.h, “Other assets”. The year-to-date deposit insurance assessment expense for 2013 should be reported as a component of gross unremitted profits in Schedule M, Line 4, “Net due from head office and other related depository institutions”.


For further guidance on reporting regular quarterly deposit insurance assessments, refer to the Call Report Supplemental Instructions for September 30, 2009, at: http://www.ffiec.gov/PDF/FFIEC_forms/FFIEC031_041_suppinst_200909.pdf

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Reports Monitoring

Please note that the timeliness of receipt of each of these reports will be monitored and the submission of initial data via facsimile, even if prior to the deadline, does not constitute timely filing.

An original and one copy of the completed FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S report(s) (if applicable) must be returned to this Bank, by mail or messenger, no later than April 30, 2013. Any FFIEC 002/002S report received after 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2013 will be considered late unless postmarked by April 25, 2013 or sent overnight service by April 29, 2013.
An original and one copy of the completed FFIEC 019 report(s) (if applicable) must be returned to this Bank, by mail or messenger, no later than May 15, 2013. Any FFIEC 019 report received after 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2013 will be considered late unless postmarked by May 10, 2013 or sent overnight service by May 14, 2013.

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We will also continue to monitor the accuracy of the periodic regulatory reports submitted for the March 31, 2013 report date. The staff of this Reserve Bank will monitor whether branches and agencies are meeting their basic reporting requirements through the use of "validity edits."

Electronic Submission Option

Electronic submission of the FFIEC 002/002S reports is available to all branches and agencies. We encourage you to take advantage of this method of reporting submission. Vendors have developed a software package that provides the means to submit the FFIEC 002/002S electronically. Submitting reports electronically using the software package provides the following benefits:

- A timely and efficient alternative to sending the report forms by mail; and

- A printed report is generated that can serve as your institution's permanent record of the report.

For information on filing the FFIEC 002/002S report electronically, please contact Camelia Karp at (212) 720-6766.

Website

The FFIEC 002/002S and FFIEC 019 forms and instructions are available on the FFIEC website at [www.ffiec.gov/ffiec_reportforms.htm](http://www.ffiec.gov/ffiec_reportforms.htm). In addition, attached are validity edit checks for the FFIEC 002.
Questions regarding the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S reports should be directed to Camelia Karp, Senior Reports Analyst in the Regulatory Reports Division at (212) 720-6766, or Geraldine Bitton, Team Leader in the Division at (212) 720-8478.

Questions regarding the FFIEC 019 report should be directed to Olivier Toussaint, Reports Analyst in the International Reports Division at (212) 720-1572, or Brian Goodwin, Team Leader in the Division at (212) 720-8316.

Sincerely,

- Signed by Richard Roberts -

Richard Roberts
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Supplemental Instructions

Contingent liabilities are legally binding obligations, including financial guarantees insuring the timely payment of principal and interest on debt issuances. A legally binding commitment of the U.S. branch or agency of a foreign banking organization to ensure the timely payment of principal and interest on debt issuances, including debt issued by the foreign parent bank organization should be reported on Schedule L, Derivatives and Off-Balance-Sheet Items, “All other off-balance sheet contingency liabilities” (Line 7) or “Standby letters of credit” (Line 3) depending on the form of the guarantee or standby letter of credit. Only commitments and guarantees that are not legally binding should be excluded from the FFIEC 002.

Memorandum items 5.a and 5.b of Schedule O on the FFIEC 002 report collect data on the amount and number of noninterest-bearing transaction accounts of more than $250,000. Although the temporary unlimited deposit insurance on these account ended on December 31, 2012, the agencies are interested in monitoring the behavior of these deposit accounts following the change in insurance coverage. Accordingly, the agencies are continuing to collect these Memorandum items in the March 31, 2013 report and in future reports. The agencies will review this information and reconsider the collection at such time as the number of accounts and amount of deposits stabilizes.