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BSA and Compliance Hot Topics Workshops



Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in an upcoming series of Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and Compliance Hot Topics Workshops co-sponsored by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Western Independent Bankers Association, in collaboration with the Office of Thrift Supervision and other regulatory agencies. The one-day events are designed to help financial institutions strengthen their compliance with BSA and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) regulations by helping them understand the new BSA/AML examination procedures and requirements. We will also highlight current issues in other regulatory compliance areas such as fair lending, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Truth-in-Lending Act, and recent revisions to the Community Reinvestment Act. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission has indicated it will send a representative or provide handout materials on information security and consumer identity theft at each workshop.

The workshops will be held in eight West Region locations commencing August 25, 2005. Should you decide to attend the Honolulu event, please contact Community Affairs Liaison Jim Woods for registration and logistical information. Registration for the remaining workshops will be processed by the Western Independent Bankers Association. You may register online at the Western Independent Bankers (WIB) website: www.wib.org or FAX your registration form (available from that website) to the WIB at (415) 352-2314. A sample registration form for the Los Angeles workshop is enclosed for your information. The registration fee for these events is \$125 per person payable to the Western Independent Bankers. You are welcome to attend any workshop that meets your convenience.

Venues for the upcoming series of workshops are as follows:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 25, 2005	Phoenix, AZ
September 7, 2005	Salt Lake City, UT
September 8, 2005	Portland, OR
September 21, 2005	Sacramento, CA
September 27, 2005	Seattle, WA
September 28, 2005	Las Vegas, NV
September 29, 2005	Los Angeles, CA
November 30, 2005	Honolulu, HI

The workshops begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you have questions about the workshops, please contact Community Affairs Liaison Jim Woods at (650) 746-7040 or email him at: james.woods@ots.treas.gov.

I encourage you or a member of your institution to take advantage of this valuable training opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director

Enclosure (sample registration form)