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Office of Finance Announces S&P Ratings Action

Today, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S&P) announced that it affirmed both its long-term (AA+) and short-term (A-1+) counterparty credit ratings for the FHLBank of Seattle, and revised the outlook to negative.

This announcement does not affect the AAA/A-1+ ratings on the consolidated obligations of the Federal Home Loan Banks. These ratings are based on the Government-Sponsored Enterprise status of the FHLBank System, and its combined financial strength.

Please visit the S&P web site for additional information: (www.standardandpoors.com).

About the FHLBanks

The primary purpose of the FHLBanks is to ensure the flow of credit and other services for housing and community development to member financial institutions. This liquidity serves the public by enhancing the availability of residential mortgage and community investment funds. As cooperatives, the FHLBanks seek to maintain a balance between their public policy mission and their obligation to provide adequate returns on the capital supplied by members. The FHLBanks achieve this balance by delivering low-cost financing, providing members a viable alternative to the secondary mortgage market through their mortgage programs, and through the payment of dividends. Each FHLBank also helps members with other local housing and community development needs through self-funded affordable housing programs.

The FHLBanks have delivered innovation and service to the U.S. housing market for 78 years, and currently have over 8,000 members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana and U.S. Virgin Islands. Please contact Michael Ciota at 703-467-3608 (ciota@fhlb-of.com) for additional information.