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**BANKING SUPERVISION AND REGULATION:
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
EXAMINATION HANDBOOK**

To State Member Banks, Bank
Holding Companies, U.S. Branches
and Agencies of Foreign Banks,
and Others Concerned,
in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District

FFIEC Information Technology (IT) Examination Handbook (AD 03-3)

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) has updated its Web site at <http://www.ffiec.gov/guides.htm>, to include the FFIEC IT Handbook InfoBase application and revised Information Security Booklet, the first in a series of updates to the *1996 FFIEC Information Systems (IS) Examination Handbook*. The entire 1996 edition will be replaced throughout the remainder of 2003. The additional booklets will address business continuity planning, supervision of technology service providers, electronic banking, IT audit, payment systems, technology-related outsourcing, IT management, computer operations, and systems development and acquisition.

The FFIEC IT Handbook InfoBase application provides a Web-enabled electronic delivery channel for disseminating examiner documentation, work programs, related supervisory guidance, and references to additional booklet-specific resources. The InfoBase application also includes an overview presentation describing the interagency IT Handbook revision process as well as booklet-specific presentations. Each booklet will be accessible on-line in HTML and Adobe Acrobat PDF print formats, and will include Microsoft Word-compatible examiner work programs, booklet-related supervisory guidance, and other references supplementing the material contained within each of the booklets.

In addition to accessing the IT Handbook InfoBase application directly from the FFIEC Web site, the Supervision Manuals page on the Board's public Web site, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/supmanual/>, will also include a link to the FFIEC IT Handbook InfoBase application.

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Additional Information

All circulars and documents are available on the Internet through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Internet site, at <http://www.frbsf.org/banking/letters>. For additional information about FFIEC IT Handbook InfoBase application and the revised Information Security Booklet, please contact our Banking Supervision and Regulation Department at (415) 974-2995.