

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2006



First Quarter

- The Board of Governors approves Cash Recirculation Policy, which reduces “cross-shipping” by providing incentives for depository institutions to recirculate fit currency.
- Economic Research holds annual “Labor Markets and the Economy” macro conference.
- The Portland Branch successfully moves to a leased facility, following the consolidation of its check and cash operations to the Seattle Branch in late 2005.
- Construction begins for the new Seattle Branch building in Renton, Washington, which is slated for full occupancy in early 2008.
- 600 participants attend the biennial national inter-agency Community Reinvestment Act conference coordinated by Community Development.

Second Quarter

- The Cash Product Office announces the second phase of the Cash Infrastructure Initiative, which continues cash processing at the El Paso and Helena Branches and will establish a cash depot in Omaha, which will be serviced by the Kansas City Fed in 2008.
- The Center for Pacific Basin Studies co-sponsors the annual World Bank Institute Global Seminar for Senior Policymakers on “International Capital Flows, Monetary Policy, and Current Issues in International Finance” and sponsors the “Safe and Sound Banking” conference.
- Banking Supervision and Regulation launches AsiaSource—a website on frbsf.org that serves as the gateway to the Bank’s publicly available information on Asia.

Third Quarter

- The Bank sells the Portland Branch building, which served the region for 55 years.
- The Cash Product Office launches the Custodial Inventory program—a component of the Recirculation Policy that allows qualifying depository institutions to convert a portion of the cash balances in their vaults into reserve account balances that can be easily invested.
- Community Development contributes to the implementation of “Bank on San Francisco,” a program developed by the San Francisco mayor’s and treasurer’s offices to help San Franciscans with low incomes and credit problems open bank accounts as an alternative to costly check-cashing services.

Fourth Quarter

- The Center for the Study of Innovation and Productivity holds the “Financial Innovations and the Real Economy” conference.
- Public Information acquires a license to promote and implement the International Economic Summit program and curriculum throughout the Twelfth District—including providing teacher training and student materials directly to participating high schools.
- Substitute check volume from Check 21 legislation swells from close to 60,000 checks printed per month in January 2005 to over 18 million per month at year-end 2006.
- The Twelfth District’s check processing revenue from local accounts exceeds its annual target by \$10.8 million, or 26.4 percent.