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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### Office of Finance Announces First Quarter 2007 Preliminary Combined Operating Highlights

The FHLBanks Office of Finance is pleased to announce first quarter 2007 preliminary combined operating highlights for the Federal Home Loan Banks. These highlights have been prepared from unaudited quarterly financial information of each FHLBank and are subject to change. Current financial reports and other SEC filings for individual Banks can be obtained by searching the EDGAR database.

#### **Balance Sheet Highlights**

Combined total assets were \$1.020 trillion at March 31, 2007, a slight increase from the \$1.016 trillion at year-end 2006. Advances (secured loans to members) decreased 2.5% to \$624 billion and represented 61.2% of total assets. Investments rose 8.0% to \$292 billion, and member mortgage assets, at \$96 billion, were down 1.7% from year-end. The principal investments of the FHLBanks are mortgage-backed securities, overnight and term Federal funds sold, commercial paper and GSE securities.

#### **Operating and Capital Results**

Combined net income for the three months ended March 31, 2007 was \$621 million, a slight increase from the \$619 million recorded during the first quarter of 2006. Total combined capital declined to \$45 billion at quarter-end, a 0.5% decrease from December 31, 2006. FHLBank Affordable Housing Program contributions of \$70 million in the first quarter of 2007 were consistent with the same period one year ago.

#### **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, and providing members a viable alternative to the secondary mortgage market via the mortgage programs, while paying a dividend. The FHLBanks also help members with other local housing and community development needs through self-funded affordable housing programs.

The First Quarter 2007 Combined Financial Report for the FHLBanks is expected to be filed with the Federal Housing Finance Board and available on the Office of Finance web site on May 15, 2007.

In 2007, the FHLBanks celebrate 75 years of delivering innovation and service to the U.S. housing market, and currently have over 8,100 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 Mike Ciota at 703-467-3608 ([ciota@fhlb-of.com](mailto:ciota@fhlb-of.com)) for additional information.



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