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To the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York: March 20, 2012

The management of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Consolidated Statements of Condition as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, and Consolidated Statements of Changes in Capital for the years then ended (the consolidated financial statements). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles, policies, and practices established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as set forth in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Federal Reserve Banks (FAM)*, and, as such, include some amounts that are based on management judgments and estimates. To our knowledge, the financial statements are, in all material respects, fairly presented in conformity with the accounting principles, policies, and practices documented in the *FAM* and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation.

The management of the FRBNY is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the consolidated financial statements. The FRBNY's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with the *EAM*. The FRBNY's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the FRBNY's assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with *EAM* and that the FRBNY's receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of its management and directors; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the FRBNY's assets that could have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

Even effective internal control, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error, and therefore can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the preparation of reliable financial statements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The management of the FRBNY assessed its internal control over financial reporting based upon the criteria established in the *Internal Control–Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, we believe that the FRBNY maintained effective internal control over financial reporting.

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