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Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

February 21, 2007

Wayne Thorburn
Commissioner
Appraiser Licensing & Certification Board
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Dear Mr. Thorburn:

This letter responds to your January 19, 2007 letter, which will be treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Appraisal Subcommittee (“ASC”) rules thereunder. We received your letter on January 24, 2007.

You requested four items. The first item concerning the number of licensed and certified appraisers in each of the 50 States can be found on our Web site at <http://www.asc.gov/admin/appraisersummaryreport.aspx?id=15>. The fourth item requests the number and name of States that have received “warning letters.” That information also is available on the Web site at <http://www.asc.gov/Content/category5/page3.aspx?id=74>. When you go to that Web page, please use the search function to locate those letters.

The second and third items request the number and names of States where the appraiser licensing and certification function is carried out by a self-directed and self-funded entity, and where the licensing and regulatory function is carried out by an independent, stand-alone appraiser board. Please be advised that no such ASC records exist.

Finally, you ask for advice on where this information might be found if we do not have it, short of having to contact each Title XI jurisdiction. In that regard, you may wish to contact the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials, which may have that information available or may have a suggestion on how to obtain it.

Finally, you ask for further suggestions on how you might obtain additional financial resources to address your inability to close complaints in less than one year of their receipt. The ASC generally does not suggest specific changes in State operations to assure compliance with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, (“Title XI”). The ASC respects that each State is unique, and that a State’s steps to ensure compliance with Title XI must be tailored to fit the State’s regulatory system and philosophy and resources. The States are in a much better position than the ASC to make those determinations. To obtain further information on how State’s have obtained additional resources, we suggest that you consider contacting the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials.

If you consider any of the above to be an improper denial of your request, you may, under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(6) and 12 CFR part 1102, subpart D (which incorporates 12 CFR § 1101.4(b)(3)(iii)), appeal to the ASC’s Chairman, c/o Ben Henson, Executive Director, at the address on this letterhead. Any appeal should be filed with us in writing and should state the circumstances and reasons or arguments in support of the appeal and the date of the original

request and the date of this initial ruling. The appeal must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter and should be marked "Freedom of Information Appeal," "FOIA Appeal," or the like on the envelope.

Please contact us if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Ben Henson
Executive Director