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FHLBank System at 100 Roundtable: Membership/Collateral/Safety and Soundness

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To ensure the FHLBank System's safety and soundness and that members have a connection to the FHLBanks' mission, the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) sets forth the types of entities eligible for membership in a FHLBank, the requirements an entity must meet to become a member, and the types of eligible collateral.

- Should membership eligibility require a commitment to the mission of the FHLBanks? What specific eligibility criteria would be sufficient demonstration of that commitment?
- Should there be a common set of mission and safety-and-soundness eligibility criteria across all member types? If so, what should those common criteria be? If not, why not, and (when and) how should the criteria differ?
- Should members be required to meet eligibility criteria on an ongoing basis?
- Should membership be open only to entities that are subject to prudential regulation? If not, what specific measures or requirements would mitigate the risks of lending to entities not subject to prudential regulation (for example, enhanced collateral discounts, capital requirements, or other counterparty risk management practices)?
- What types of collateral should be accepted? What factors should be considered?
- Which types of entities (regardless of whether they are currently eligible) should be eligible for membership? Base your response on the principles you would use in responding to the questions above.

To submit in advance:

- What is the single most important change you would recommend to the membership eligibility requirements? If you believe no changes are needed, explain why not. What public policy purpose would be served by your recommendation? How would it affect the safety and soundness and mission achievement of the FHLBanks?
- What changes, if any, would you recommend to the collateral requirements?
- Other bullet points outlining the points you would like to discuss.