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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY ESTABLISHES OFFICE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN INCLUSION

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City announces the formation of its Office of Minority and Women Inclusion (OMWI), a requirement under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. The office will lead the Bank's ongoing work to promote diversity throughout its operations.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity to provide systematic reporting of our decades-long efforts in minority and women inclusion," said Thomas Hoenig, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Effective Nov. 1, 2010, the Bank appointed Donna Ward as senior vice president and director of OMWI. In this role, Ward will be responsible for the Bank's administrative functions, including recruiting and procurement. She formerly served as vice president of Human Resources at the Bank and has considerable experience in workforce recruiting and inclusion strategies.

In addition, the Bank encourages the participation of women- and minority-owned businesses in its procurement process. In its effort to obtain competitive, high-quality goods and services, the Bank seeks to identify and maintain a diverse group of potential suppliers. More information about the Bank's minority and women inclusion efforts, including supplier diversity, is available at www.KansasCityFed.org/diversity.

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