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Treasury Hires Investment Adviser Under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act

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Treasury hired the investment consultant for assistance as it evaluates potential asset managers and other vendors. The firms' duties also will include developing and maintaining investment policies and guidelines and assisting with the oversight of the portfolio's multiple asset managers. This oversight will include helping Treasury to determine asset allocations for each manager, evaluating the performance and costs, identifying conflicts of interest and identifying strategic investment and market issues impacting the overall portfolio.

The investment adviser also will conduct research on mortgage whole loan asset managers and on servicing organizations. Additionally, the firm will identify qualified minority- and women-owned businesses to provide services for the portfolio.

Treasury hired EnnisKnupp using a procurement contract under the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Treasury competitively solicited offers from six firms under compelling urgency to quickly establish the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Three firms made offers.

The contract will last for one year. More information on this contract is posted at www.fedbizopps.gov (Federal Business Opportunities website) and at <https://www.fpds.gov> (Federal Procurement Data System).

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