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Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection

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Ms. Mary E. Lange
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IBAT Education Foundation
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Dear Ms. Lange,

Thank you for your recent letter to Chairman Bair, which was received by the FDIC on May 3, 2007, regarding positive Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) consideration for contributions to the IBAT Education Foundation to build and support the Junior Achievement experiential center, in a low- to moderate-income area of Austin, Texas. In addition, you requested positive consideration for financial education classes taught by bankers as a part of the Junior Achievement curriculum across Texas.

As you are aware, the FDIC has taken an active role in developing a strategy for improving financial education in America. The Money Smart program, as referenced in your letter, is one initiative geared to helping adults outside the financial mainstream enhance their money skills and create positive banking relationships. Another initiative is the Alliance for Economic Inclusion (AEI), which seeks to establish broad-based coalitions of financial institutions, community-based organizations, and other partners in nine markets across the country to bring unbanked and underserved populations into the financial mainstream. The AEI identified Austin, Texas as one of the markets in which a significant number of unbanked and underserved individuals are located.

The FDIC will continue to provide banks with favorable CRA consideration when they invest in community development activities which revitalize low- and moderate-income areas, such as the Junior Achievement experiential center which you describe. Based on the information referenced in your letter, it appears the center will provide two important community services: financial education and job creation. Similarly, the FDIC recognizes the invaluable service provided when bankers, functioning as representatives of their institutions, provide financial education services to low- and moderate-income individuals. Where the Junior Achievement curriculum is taught in areas which include low- and moderate-income students, it certainly warrants positive CRA consideration.

Ms. Mary E. Lange

May 18, 2007

The FDIC commends your efforts to “build financially literate communities” as well as reaching your year-end fund raising goal. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Thompson", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Sandra L. Thompson

Director

Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection

cc: Mr. Randall S. James, Banking Commissioner